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The regular ECD Board Meeting meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 5:00pm in Meeting Room 1-3 (Rm 111), City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, CT.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Participation
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Minutes of the December 5, 2024 Regular Meeting
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. Communications
 - B. Economic Development/Grants/Marketing Report
- V. New Business
 - A. 273 Riverside Avenue Update
 - B. Revolving Loan Fund Program Update
 - C. 894 Middle Street Update
 - D. CDBG Year 51 Report
 - E. BOF Transfer Request
 - F. Strategic Plan

VI. New Business By Commissioners

VII. Old Business by Commissioners

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Industrial Committee

B. Budget Committee

C. City Council Member Report

IX. Adjournment

PER ORDER OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Jeff Caggiano
Mayor

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 5, 2024 5:00pm

Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 N. Main Street and on Zoom

ATTENDEES: Mayor Caggiano, Commissioner Schmelder, Council Member Dickau, Commissioners Mills, Goldwasser (Zoom), Hick, Provenzano, and Kearney-Gonzales

ABSENT: Commissioner Cowdell

STAFF PRESENT: Justin Malley - Executive Director, Dr. Dawn Leger - Grants Administrator (Zoom), and Dawn Nielsen - Marketing & Public Relations Specialist

GUESTS: Charlie Talmadge of Development Planning Solutions, LLC
Mike Goman and Brad Senft of Goman + York Property Advisors, LLC (Zoom)

I. Call to Order

Mayor Caggiano called the meeting to order at 5pm and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made, with the mayor welcoming new Board Member, Laquita Kearney-Gonzales.

II. Public Participation

There was no Public Participation.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of the November 7, 2024 Regular Meeting

Mayor Caggiano called for a motion to approve the Minutes from the November 7, 2024 Regular Meeting. The motion was made by Commissioner Schmelder and was seconded by Commissioner Mills. There were no changes, corrections or additions noted. The Minutes were passed into the record with one abstention by Commissioner Provenzano as she was absent at the November meeting.

Mayor Caggiano called for a motion to move Agenda Item **V. New Business C. Industrial Update** up for discussion at this time. The motion was made by Commissioner Hick and was seconded by Commissioner Provenzano. All were in favor, and Justin Malley invited Charlie Talmadge to begin the discussion on the FORCE Automation plan for Lot #3 in the Southeast Bristol Business Park (SEBBP).

Charlie Talmadge advised the Board of the aggressive timeline for the project, and a desired completion date of November 2025. Their team is completing the required paperwork and

presentations to the various city boards and commissions. Mr. Talmadge explained the unique work that FORCE Automation does, which encompasses building machines for other manufacturers using a unique, specific technology and equipment. FORCE Automation is also the only business sanctioned to teach the technology, which will bring students from all over the country to Bristol to acquire the learning.

Commissioner Schmelder asked Mr. Talmadge about his experience working with the city, specifically if it had been smooth or if it had become easier. Mr. Talmadge advised it had not. Commissioner Schmelder wanted this on the record, and encouraged the city to make the process more business friendly. Mayor Caggiano assured this was the city's goal as well. Some discussion continued, with concerns raised and comments made by Commissioner Mills and Provenzano, and Hick. Further offline discussion was encouraged, as well as looking at best practices both within Bristol and other Connecticut towns.

Justin Malley and Mr. Talmadge addressed the proposed building appearance for FORCE Automation, and the work being done to ensure that it meets the SEBBP Guidelines.

Justin Malley provided a brief update on Horizon Stone, Lot #2 in the SEBBP. They're moving forward, having received their 60-day approval to the minor changes to the SEBBP Guidelines. Additionally, in regard to Lot #6, the previously interested business was unable to provide the necessary information in the allotted time. Justin is now in discussions with a different, well-established manufacturer currently located outside of Bristol.

Mayor Caggiano called for a motion to move Agenda Item **V. New Business A. 894 Middle Street & Sessions Building Update** up for discussion at this time. The motion was made by Commissioner Schmelder and was seconded by Commissioner Mills. All were in favor, and Justin Malley invited Mike Goman and Brad Senft from Goman + York to provide an update on the two properties. Justin confirmed that the RFP for 894 Middle Street is out for bid, and the bids are due by the end of January 2025. He also noted a difference in the process for 894 Middle Street from the 273 Riverside Avenue (the Sessions Building) RFP.

Goman + York shared a brief presentation that included their firm's history, services, client groups, and their experience with similar assignments as 894 Middle Street and 273 Riverside Avenue. They noted that market and financial feasibility are central to making projects successful, with related data being crucial to a project's development. An overview of the RFP Process from preparation and bid reviews, recommendations and negotiations, and the development process timeline was provided. Mr. Goman advised of potential business options for the 894 Middle Street site based on the site's attributes and the market demand and sustainability.

Questions from the Board included hotels which are a viable option for this location, vs. apartment living which is not, how anticipated market changes will support activity for this area, and the Connecticut standards for remediation and how they're enforced for development. Dr.

Leger and Justin Malley confirmed the property is zoned for commercial industrial, but is safe for development such as a hotel.

Justin Malley advised that the city has received The Michaels Organization's financials for 273 Riverside Avenue, which will be reviewed with Goman + York and brought to the Downtown Committee and then to the full Board.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Communications

B. Economic Development/Grants/Marketing Report

Mayor Caggiano called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Schmelder made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Hick. All were in favor with no changes, questions or comments, and the Consent Agenda was accepted into the record.

V. New Business

B. 2025-2026 ECD Budget Preview

Justin Malley advised the Board that ECD staff has begun work on the 2025-2026 budget with a focus on efficiencies. The budget worksheet will be brought to the ECD Budget Committee in January.

D. Brownfields Update

Justin Malley highlighted Dr. Leger's success for securing a grant for 43 East Main Street in Forestville. The land is ideal for much-needed parking. The grant allows for continued assessment and remediation funding.

The ECD Staff continues to talk with the owner of the property formerly known as the Chic Miller property. Mayor Caggiano confirmed that Mr. Patel, the owner of the property, has yet to accept the \$1.1M interest free loan and will have two years from the time it is received to move forward with the property. If the owner doesn't move forward, the city will step in.

Justin Malley confirmed that 273 Riverside Avenue doesn't require utilities, which has eliminated the need for those expenditures.

E. Downtown Update

Mayor Caggiano advised that the development of a 28-unit, mixed use building in the former Mafaldes Plaza has been approved. He also added that the Post Office wants to stay where they are. The mayor has reached out to congressional contacts for input. This news narrows the city's focus, knowing that moving the Post Office isn't an option. There is conversation about the highly developmental land in the area by the new Wheeler Clinic building. The parking garage installation in that area is moving quickly. Center Square rentals for both residential and commercial tenants are doing well, and the foundation for the second building is in progress. It was also noted that RBI Cafe is newly opened across from Muzzy Field as of Thanksgiving Eve.

F. ARPA Update

Mayor Caggiano advised that December 31, 2024 is the deadline for the ARPA funds to be obligated. Funds will be rescinded as needed based on projects that haven't met the ARPA guidelines. The current plan is to reallocate those funds to backfill the money used for the Hope Street garage, and general downtown infrastructure, both of which are ECD Board projects. The ARPA fund spending deadline is in 2026.

G. 2025 ECD Board Meeting Calendar

Mayor Caggiano clarified the amended change for the September 2026 meeting to be held in Meeting Room 1-3 as Council Chambers is currently reserved for early voting on what would be the ECD meeting day. The motion was brought by Commissioner Mills and seconded by Commissioner Schmelder. All were in favor, and the amended 2025 meeting schedule was accepted into the record.

VI. New Business by Commissioners

Commissioner Schmelder expressed his appreciation to the Board and ECD staff for their support as he navigated recent and difficult health issues.

Commissioner Hick encouraged the support of all the new and existing area businesses in Bristol and Forestville. Mayor Caggiano encouraged the Board and the public to share and highlight their visits to various city businesses and events through social media posts, and among their social circles.

Justin Malley highlighted Dawn Nielsen's instrumental involvement with a recent social media influencer's visit of choice to Bristol. NatalieXTravels posted her visits to Iron Horse, Cafe Real, Creative Art Jam, and others. Dawn Nielsen added that the visit was made possible by the State of Connecticut's Western CT Tourism District. NatalieXTravels specifically requested to visit Bristol, the agency set it up, and Dawn contacted the businesses to help facilitate. Additional reels of the interactions will be posted shortly.

Justin Malley also spoke to Dr. Dawn Leger successfully submitted the Open Space Grant for the land known as The Hoppers, and it was completed on a tight deadline. There is a letter of intent from the State regarding the purchase of the land with a contribution from the city to maintain the property going forward. The mayor praised the efforts of all who assisted in these efforts.

VII. Old Business by Commissioners

There was no Old Business by Commissioners.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. City Council Member Report

There was no City Council Member Report.

IX. Adjournment

Mayor Caggiano called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Commissioner Mills which was seconded by Commissioner Hick. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 6:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Arsego
Recording Secretary

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Bristol ready to allocate remaining piece of \$27.8 mil federal COVID aid

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BRISTOL — A city task force is expected to recommend how to allocate Bristol's remaining American Rescue Plan Act funds at its meeting Monday, ahead of the deadline to use the federal COVID aid money by the end of the month.

Bristol Comptroller Diane Waldron said the city was awarded about \$27.8 million in ARPA funding in 2021.

So far, \$27,574,940.98 — 99.1% of the \$27,831,926 awarded ARPA funds — had been obligated and 71.5% or about \$19.89 million had been spent, Waldron said.

That leaves \$256,985.02 for the city to allocate. The city's ARPA Task Force is expected to recommend the final allocations at its Monday meeting, before the City Council meets on Tuesday.

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Pearl Harbor remembrance at American Legion

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BRISTOL — American Legion Post 2 will hold its annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony on Saturday with two local World War II veterans.

The event, held in conjunction with the World War II Legacy Foundation, will begin at 11 a.m. on Dec. 7, at the post at 22 Hooker Court — the same

time that Pearl Harbor was attacked by Japanese bombers in 1941.

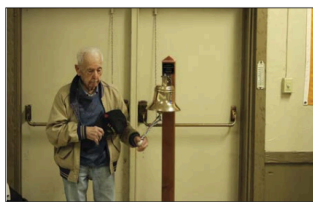
The public is invited to meet at the flagpole at the Legion.

Neal Supranovich, historian with American Legion Post 2, said the remembrance ceremony will be attended by two World War II veterans and long-time members of American Legion Post 2. Joe Caminiti, the last

known Iwo Jima survivor in Connecticut, and Dick Fitz, who was a member of the Navy Armed Guard during World War II, are planning to attend.

"Dick Fitz will say a prayer he said while at sea in the war," Supranovich said. "The names of the 19 who died in the Pearl Harbor attack from Connecticut will be read. The USS Kidd bell will be

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World War II veteran Joe Caminiti ringing the USS Kidd's bell.

HONORING LEGACY



Bristol Police Chief Mark Morello, Gabi Hamzy, Rania Hamzy, Donna Hamzy, Katie Scott-Hamzy, Deputy Chief Robert Osborne, Deputy Chief Matt Moskowitz, Lieutenant Eric Hanson - Photo submitted by Samantha Rajotte, scholarship and program officer with the Main Street Community Foundation

Hamzy Memorial Fund donates to cadet programs

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BRISTOL — The Sergeant Alex Hamzy Memorial Fund at the Main Street Community Foundation has awarded its first two grants, which will support the Bristol Police Department's youth

cadet program and the Northeast Regional Law Enforcement Educational Association's cadet training program.

The Bristol Police Department's youth cadet program and NERLEEA's cadet training program were each presented \$2,500 checks from the

Sergeant Alex Hamzy Memorial Fund.

Several members of Hamzy's family were present for the check presentations, which took place at the Bristol Police Department and the New Britain Police Department, for the NERLEEA grant. Samantha Rajotte,

scholarship and program officer with the Main Street Community Foundation said that presentation was attended by a couple members of their police force as well as New Britain Alderman Robert Smedley.

"Last week we had the pleasure of presenting two

grants from the Sergeant Alex Hamzy Memorial Fund at MSCF," Samantha Rajotte, scholarship and program officer with the Main Street Community Foundation, said. "They were awarded to organizations and programs that were close to

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Unveiling the expanded cancer care services at Bradley Memorial Campus of The Hospital of Central Connecticut.

Hartford HealthCare unveils new spaces for children's mental health and cancer treatment

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SOUTHINGTON — The Bradley Memorial Campus of The Hospital of Central Connecticut unveiled its expanded cancer care services on Wednesday, which Hartford HealthCare

said brings "cutting-edge" oncology treatments closer to home for Southington residents.

With half of the hospital's patients residing in Southington, the move to an expanded space on the third floor of the Bradley

Memorial Campus addresses the town's growing demand for high-quality, accessible cancer care, they said.

The move to the upper level expanded its footprint to approximately 8,000 square feet.

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Southington behavioral health center can serve kids

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feet, adding six new infusion rooms to increase the total from eight to 14 rooms.

The relocation also allows the medical oncology practice to move into a more spacious area, increasing the number of exam rooms from three to five, they said.

"This expansion enhances the experience for our patients and their families, especially our rapidly growing 65+ patient population," Gina L. Calder, president of The Hospital of Central Connecticut, said. "By improving the flow and function of our facilities, we are making care more convenient, efficient and comfortable."

HartfordHealthCare said the expansion was made possible by a \$177,179 grant from the Bradley Henry Barnes and Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust at the Main Street Community Foundation.

The system also announced that a \$70,000 grant from

the foundation allowed them to add a Child and Adolescent services space at the Behavioral Health Network at 98 Main St.

Previously, the center served only adults over 18. Now, they will now serve patients from 6-17 in the new, designated space, Hartford HealthCare communications manager Elizabeth Martino said.

"Access to quality mental health care is a necessity and these improvements will make a meaningful difference for individuals and families in Southington," said James O'Dea, senior vice president of the Behavioral Health Network. "Hartford HealthCare is committed to addressing the whole person — mind and body — and these expansions are a testament to that mission."

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City has spent 99% of its federal COVID aid money

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Waldron said the 15-member ARPA Task Force oversaw the obligation of the funds for applicable projects. The task force was composed of appointed members from the community who helped to determine how the funds should be distributed.

The Task Force selected UHY Advisors as its consultant to assist with eligibility review, reporting, and the project monitoring process.

Three subcommittees were formed to focus on the following priority areas: Nonprofit, Business Recovery, and City Use. Bristol businesses and nonprofits along with city departments were invited to apply for the funding which was then vetted by the ARPA Task Force. The task force then recommended which projects to fund.

"The City of Bristol utilized an innovative process to allow businesses and nonprofits to put forth transformative projects in vying for the City's allocation of ARPA funding," Mayor Jeff Caggiano said. "I am proud of how Bristol did it differently — through a competitive grant process — and as a result, many transformational projects have been funded which will have a lasting impact for generations to come. It has been a complicated process and great work by City staff to pull this off, but the extra effort was

worth it in the way of transformative projects."

The City of Bristol is in the process of putting together a series of short videos which will highlight some of the high-level projects funded by ARPA.

Some notable ARPA-funded projects include:

- \$6.7 million for the City of Bristol Hope Street Public Parking Garage to build a public parking garage to serve downtown Bristol
- \$2.4 million to BristolWORKS! to help with start-up costs to open and operate a workforce development training center
- \$1.5 million to the Bristol Adult Resource Center (BARC) for expansion and an administrative office relocation buildout
- \$1.25 million to the ELCC Wallace Barnes Accessible Nature Trail to build an ADA-accessible nature trail at the Barnes Nature Center
- \$1.1 million to Bristol Health for upgrading the Emergency Department HVAC at Bristol Hospital
- \$360,000 to Rowley Spring & Stamping for new capital and equipment to expand the business
- \$275,000 to the Bristol Child Development

Center for building improvements and new playgrounds

- \$250,000 to Shepard Meadows Learning Center to help build a new barn and Learning Center
- \$350,000 for the Prudence Crandall Center to support the development of a Community Outreach and Services Office in Bristol
- \$50,000 to Wheeler Health for the Bristol Family Health and Wellness Center on Hope Street
- \$235,000 to the Bristol Bazaar to help with start-up costs to open year-round makers market
- \$268,866 to the Pine Lake Outdoor Adventure Park for park improvements
- \$297,707 to Kern Park for site planning/community input and park improvements
- \$100,000 to the Bristol Sports Armory for the Community Recreation/Health and Wellness Program and to provide scholarship opportunities for youth to participate in programs at the Armory

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Two WWII vets are planning to attend Pearl Harbor remembrance

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run and 'Taps' will be played."

The USS Kidd was named after the highest-ranking naval officer killed at Pearl Harbor, Rear Admiral Isaac C. Kidd.

Fitz was a member of the Navy Armed Guard, entering the service when he was 17 years old. He faced German U-Boats and air-attacks and offshore artillery, protecting the "Liberty Ships" delivering tanks, trucks and other war supplies.

"Dick did 11 trips across the pond to England," said Supranovich. "One of the trips was around Russia.

While on that trip his vessel was hit with a torpedo. Luckily it was a dud. Before the start of that voyage, the chaplain came out to his ship and gave everyone their last rites because the trip was so dangerous."

Supranovich said 74 ships were sunk on that route.

"On his last trip, Dick Fitz traveled around the world," Supranovich added. "He rode out bombing by the Germans in London in the subway. He was also there when both nuclear bombs arrived to be flown over Japan."

Caminiti was a gunner on an amphibious landing vehicle during the battle of

Iwo Jima. He was part of a group that landed troops on many of the islands in the Pacific, many times under fire. During the Battle of Iwo Jima, Caminiti moved supplies and troops, along with the wounded and the dead, from the front lines. He later stood on the beach at the base of Mount Suribachi and witnessed both flags raised by the U.S. Marines.

He also pulled guard duty between Mount Suribachi and the airfield each night. Supranovich said Caminiti plans to attend a reunion event at Iwo Jima in 2025.

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PLAINVILLE POLICE BLOTTER

Ethan Welsh, 34, of 17 Canal St., was charged Nov. 23 with second degree breach of peace.

Sincere N. Conway, 27, of 12 McGuire Court, Wallingford, was charged Nov. 25 with breach of peace.

Peter J. Piccolo, 36, of 6

Hillcrest Road, was charged Nov. 25 with third degree criminal mischief.

Sincere N. Conway, 27, of 12 McGuire Court, Wallingford, was charged Nov. 25 with breach of peace and second degree criminal mis-

chief.

Sael A. Burgos, 23, of 42 Stafford Ave., Bristol, was charged Dec. 4 with violation of a protective order, second degree breach of peace and second degree criminal mischief.

BRISTOL POLICE BLOTTER

Edward Lamm, 63, of 503 Emmett St., was charged Nov. 30 with violating a protective order.

Enrique Sanchez, 42, of 38 Cherry St. Naugatuck, was charged Nov. 30 with illegal display of a firearm, second degree breach of peace, impersonating a police officer and violat-

ing professional bondsmen requirements.

Kyle Mastroianni, 31, of 120 6th St., was charged Nov. 29 with driving under the influence, drinking while driving and possession of a controlled substance.

Christian Ortiz, 28, of 9 Earl St., was charged

Dec. 2 with second degree breach of peace and third degree assault.

Jessica Pierre, 32, of 1755 W 118th St., New York, was charged Dec. 2 with first degree assault, second degree breach of peace, risk of injury to a child and carrying a dangerous weapon.

Hartford Business Journal

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Barnes shareholder meeting set to consider sale to Apollo Funds



COSTAR

Barnes Group's Main Street headquarters in Bristol.

By Harriet Jones

The Barnes Group has announced it will hold a shareholder meeting Jan. 9, 2025 to vote on the company's sale to Apollo Funds, a private equity firm.

Barnes, based in Bristol, first announced the planned sale in early October. It provides for shareholders to receive \$47.50 per share in cash.

The notice of the meeting, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, lists hefty termination fees if the deal does not go through.

In that event, Barnes would be required to pay a termination fee of \$85 million in cash. If the

termination is initiated by Apollo, they would be liable for a \$168.5 million payment to Barnes.

If the deal is approved, it's expected to close at the end of the first quarter in 2025.

The shareholder meeting and vote will be held virtually via webcast.

Barnes Group's history stretches back to 1857 in Bristol. Its predecessor company, Associated Spring, was taken public in 1946. It has some 5,700 employees across its global operations.

The company makes precision components for aerospace and a range of other industries.

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CCSU unions push back on report calling for cutbacks

CLAUDIA S. HILARIO
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NEW BRITAIN — Increasing state funding for higher education has been one of the crucial topics for the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSU) as Connecticut's legislative session approaches.

On Thursday, although the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) urged cuts during a special Board of Regents meeting, faculty, staff and union leaders called for more funding.

The Connecticut State University American Association of Professors (CSU-AAUP) made their remarks in response to the recent report by NCHEMS, which was commissioned by the Connecticut State

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West End road project finally finished

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BRISTOL — City leaders and the Department of Transportation celebrated the completion of an 11-year, \$18 million renovation of "one of the busiest intersections in the state" in the West End Friday.

DOT spokesman Joe Cooper said the renovation of the Route 72/Route 69

intersection near Divinity Street began in April 2013. It was originally scheduled to be completed in November 2025, but local and state workers completed it a year ahead of schedule.

The project consisted of widening the intersection to improve traffic flow and make the area safer and more walk-able.

"15,000 cars travel through this intersection

every day," Cooper said. "From 2012 to 2017, there were 120 motor vehicle crashes. So, it was determined that safety improvements needed to be made."

A ribbon cutting was held at the intersection on a freezing Friday morning. Speakers included Mayor Jeff Caggiano, DOT Commissioner Garrett Eucalitto, Bristol Public

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Ribbon cutting on the Route 72/Route 69 intersection.

Brian Johnson

NEW CORNER, OLD FINDS



Brian Johnson

Jim Palin found a new location at 246 Terryville Rd. after a fire forced Corner Collective out of its space in Plymouth.

Corner Collective finds Bristol home after Plymouth fire

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BRISTOL — Corner Collective has relocated to Bristol after a June fire displaced the store from its previous location in Plymouth.

Owner Jim Palin's new, expanded store at 246 Terryville Rd. offers an "A to Z" of antiques and collectibles, with new items coming in frequently. The new spot is a re-use of the former Lighthouse Supply Store, which sold medical

equipment.

"We were on Main Street in Terryville for two-and-a-half years and in town for 10," Palin said. "We looked at a couple places, including Thomaston and Southington, but decided on this location due to its

on-location parking."

Palin said moving items from the old store into the new one, getting them cleaned and organized has been an "uphill battle." However, after a lot of work, he is now ready to re-open to the public.

"I was working 8 to 12 hours a week, seven days a week for a while to get everything ready," he said. "We have five of us working here. Fortunately, a couple of the regulars came over to volunteer a

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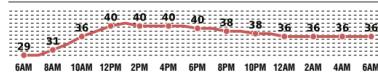
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Temperature	
Bristol Saturday	40
High	40
Low	30
Normal high	44
Normal low	28
Last year high	46
Last year low	26
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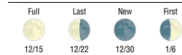
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Sun tomorrow	7:08 a.m.	4:21 p.m.
Moon today	12:42 p.m.	12:10 a.m.
Moon tomorrow	1:09 p.m.	1:24 a.m.

MOON PHASES



CONDITIONS TODAY

UV Index for Today	
8 a.m.	0
10 a.m.	1
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4 p.m.	0
6 p.m.	0

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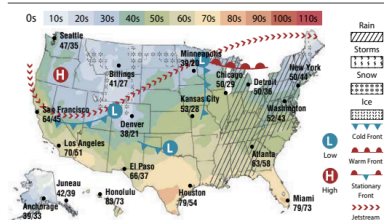
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5-6: Moderate
7-9: High
10+: Very High

TIDES

Saybrook Point	Today	Wednesday
High	4:46 a.m. 3.2 ft.	5:46 a.m. 3.5 ft.
Low	10:56 a.m. 0.4 ft.	11:59 a.m. 0.2 ft.
High	4:54 p.m. 3.0 ft.	5:57 p.m. 2.8 ft.
Low	11:11 p.m. 0.0 ft.	None NA

None NA

NATIONAL WEATHER



NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Wx	City	Hi	Lo	Wx
Albuquerque	55	22	s	46	19	s	
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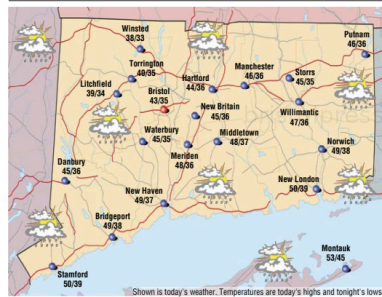
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City	Hi	Lo	Wx	City	Hi	Lo	Wx
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WORLD CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Wx	City	Hi	Lo	Wx
Beijing	42	16	s	41	33	cl	
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Intersection work in West End spanned terms of three different Bristol mayors

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Works Director Ray Rogozinski, State Sen. Henri Martin and State Rep. Joe Hoxha.

Caggiano praised the teamwork between the Department of Transportation and city departments, including Public Works. He said the renovation took place over the course of three administrations — former mayor Ken Cockayne, then former mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, then himself. He credited his predecessors for their work in keeping it moving along.

"I want to thank the past mayors, the citizens of Bristol, the grant coordinators, the Public Works department and the DOT for making this project happen," he said.

Caggiano said that this project will pave the way for the future revitalization of the downtown and West End.

Eucalitto said he has driven through the area frequently and was proud



A map showing the changes to the intersection.

to see the renovation of the intersection come to fruition. He also praised the partnership and coordination with the city of Bristol which made it possible.

"This is one of the busiest intersections in the state," he said. "Making it safer is an invaluable improvement. While it is not as big and flashy as a bridge replacement, it has just as much of an impact on the community."

Martin was a city council member at the time the project started. He thanked former State Rep. Frank Nicastro for his work

getting the ball rolling.

He said the West End Study that ultimately led to the renovation also brought about the creation of the West End Association.

"That study resulted in the DOT quickly finding out that it was a dangerous intersection and putting it at the top of their priority list," Martin said.

Hoxha said he grew up in the West End, and when he first heard about the study, he was initially concerned that it might impact the character of the historic neighborhood. However, upon seeing the completion of the renovated intersection, he said that the DOT and city workers "did a great job."

"It is a much bigger area for traffic to pass through

and doesn't diminish the look of the neighborhood," he said. "I am glad that this project is complete. The traffic flow is now very smooth."

Rogozinski, who was involved in the project since its inception, echoed the other comments praising the cooperation between city and state workers.

"We worked together to improve the traffic flow for the residents of Bristol," he said. "It is now much better than it was before."

Rogozinski thanked the members of the West End Association, local businesses, and the DOT inspectors for their efforts in making sure everything turned out good.

Caggiano also thanked the Economic and Community Development Department, including director Justin Malley and Dawn Nielsen, marketing and public relations specialist, for their efforts to encourage shopping at businesses in the area of the project during construction. He said that all of the businesses managed to remain open despite parking, at times, being a challenge.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Dec. 9, the 344th day of 2024. There are 22 days left in the year.

Today in history:

On Dec. 9, 1979, scientists certified the global eradication of smallpox, a disease which killed an estimated 300 million people in the 20th century.

Also on this date:

In 1965, "A Charlie Brown Christmas," the first animated TV special featuring characters from the "Peanuts" comic strip by Charles M. Schulz, premiered on CBS.

In 1990, Solidarity founder Lech Wałęsa (lek vah-WEN'-sah) won Poland's first free presidential election since 1926.

In 1992, the first U.S. Marines made a pre-dawn beach landing in Somalia in support of Operation Restore Hope; they were met by hundreds of reporters awaiting their arrival.

In 2008, Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich was

arrested on corruption charges, including attempting to profit from filling the U.S. Senate seat vacated by President-elect Barack Obama.

In 2013, scientists revealed that NASA's Curiosity rover had uncovered signs of an ancient freshwater lake on Mars.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Judi Dench is 90.
Actor Beau Bridges is 83.
World Golf Hall of Famer Tom Kite is 75.
Actor John Malkovich is 71.
Singer Donny Osmond is 67.
Actor Felicity Huffman is 62.
Empress Masako of Japan is 61.

U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., is 58.
Rock singer-musician Jakob Dylan (Wallflowers) is 55.
Actor Simon Helberg is 44.

Olympic gymnastics gold medalist McKayla Maroney is 29.

BRISTOL POLICE BLOTTER

Gretchen Rosario, 36, of 270 West St., Bristol, was charged Dec. 3 with drinking while driving, driving under the influence and evading responsibility for a crash.

Alex Antonio Teron, 25, of 85 Lanouette St., Meriden, was charged Dec. 4 with attempted assault and second degree breach of peace.

Michele Cheryl Pilver, 75, of 92 Ipswich Rd., was charged Dec. 4 with second degree unlawful

restraint and disorderly conduct.

James Domenic Huntley, 31, of 59 Park St., was charged Dec. 4 with driving under the influence.

Evelyn Louise Stack, 23, of 73 Scenic View Dr., Deep River, was charged Dec. 4 with second degree breach of peace and interfering with an officer.

Michael Anthony Sciuto, 23, of 88 Medford St., was charged Dec. 4 with disorderly conduct.



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Decades-long caroling tradition continues at Asbury

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aged people to come and
ring in the season with
song.

"It's a really fun event
for all ages," she said.
The Forestville
Village Association is a
non-profit organization
dedicated to the "beauti-
fication and betterment"

of Forestville.

For more information,
or to be a part of this
event, visit forestvil-
lage.org or call John
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Hartford man arrested with crack and fentanyl in Bristol

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BRISTOL — Bristol
Police arrested a
Hartford man Tuesday
who they say was
found with large
amounts of cash, crack
and fentanyl.

Lt. Eric Hanson
with the Bristol Police
Department said the
arrest was made while
officers were patrolling
an area of the city that
had become "the focal
point of recent narcot-
ics activity."

"Patrol Officers
stopped a motor vehicle
they believed to be
connected to the area
of Barnes Highway,"
Hanson said.

The operator of the
motor vehicle was
identified as Giovanni
Garcia, of Hartford.
Hanson said a large
sum of cash and a
large amount of drugs
were found on him.



Jovanni Garcia
Bristol Police

"Officers seized
approximately 3 grams
of crack cocaine and
245 bags of suspect-
ed fentanyl," Hanson
said.

Garcia was charged
with two counts of
possession of a con-
trolled substance and
sale of narcotics,
Hanson said.

According to court
records, Garcia was
released on a \$10,000
bond. He is sched-
uled to appear in New
Britain Superior Court
on Dec. 24.



Bristol Public Works Director Ray Rogozinski speaks at the groundbreaking for the new fire station.

New Firehouse 3 to replace 61-year-old existing station

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increased cost of mate-
rials.

"Hopefully this new
building will be able to
serve the Bristol com-
munity for 50 years," he
said.

Fire Commissioner
Sean Moore said the
project received "great
support" from the city
government. He said con-
struction of the new fire
house is expected to take
14 to 16 months to com-
plete, depending on the
weather.

Mayor Jeff Caggiano
said the existing
Firehouse 3 is nicknamed
the "Hornet's Nest." He
said that he is eager to get
firefighters out of there

and into the newer, nicer
building as soon as pos-
sible. Caggiano said that
while the city was unable
to secure state assistance
for the new fire house, he
appreciates the efforts by
local legislators to advoc-
ate for it.

State Sen. Henri Martin,
who attended the ground-
breaking with State Rep.
Joe Hoxha, said that he is
"very excited" to see the
new building completed.
"I'm sure that it will be
a lot more energy effi-
cient," he said.

Hoxha said while it is
discouraging that no state
funding was secured for
the project, that does not
mean that it won't be pos-
sible to get funding next

time. He said he and the
other legislators would
"keep fighting for local
projects."

Bristol Public Works
Director Ray Rogozinski
emphasized that the new
building was referred to as
a "fire house" instead of
fire station throughout the
project because the city
wanted it to be comfort-
able for the firefighters
who will be spending a
lot of time there.

Caggiano thanked the
local firefighters for all
that they do for the city.
Then, he and other city
leaders grabbed shovels
and tossed the first cer-
emonial piles of dirt to
signify that the project
was underway.

PLAINVILLE SCHOOLS DECEMBER 'ALL STAR'



Lynn Davis

Plainville Community Schools named Middle School Special Education Teacher Thomas Lombardo as their December "All-Star" award winner. Lombardo was recognized at the Dec. 9 Board of Education meeting.

The "All-Star" award recognizes students, faculty, staff and community members who go above and beyond in modeling the school district's Portrait of the Graduate characteristics. Recipients also demonstrate excellence in alignment with the school district's goals.

Lombardo is pictured with Superintendent Brian Reas, Middle School Principal, Aimee Roberts, and Plainville Board of Education Chair, Becky Tyrrell.

Bristol spent \$19.89 million in federal COVID aid funds over three years

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6. The new building
will also have individ-
ual bunks providing more
privacy for female fire-
fighters. Construction
for the new building is
expected to complete in
12 to 14 months.

Mayor Jeff Caggiano
said he is "very proud"
of the city team for meet-
ing the ARPA deadline
a couple weeks ahead of
schedule and "pulling a
lot of information togeth-
er last minute."

"The City of Bristol
took a more complicated
route by opening up a
bid process and it created
a lot of work for staff,
but the results are truly
transformative," said
Caggiano.

City of Bristol
Comptroller Diane
Waldron said previous-
ly that the obligation of
funds for applicable proj-
ects was overseen by a
15-member ARPA Task
Force. The 15 appointed
members from the com-
munity determined how
the funds should be dis-
tributed.

The Task Force select-
ed UHY Advisors as
the consultant to assist
with eligibility review,
reporting, and the proj-
ect monitoring process.
Three subcommittees
were formed to focus
on the following pri-
ority areas: nonprofit,
business recovery, and
city use. Bristol busi-
nesses, nonprofits, and
city departments were
invited to apply for the
funding. Applications
were then vetted by the
ARPA Task

Force, which determined
which to fund.

The City of Bristol is
in the process of put-
ting together a series of
short videos which will
highlight some of the
high-level projects which
have been funded and
have had the most impact
for the Bristol commu-
nity.

Some notable ARPA-
funded projects include:

- \$6.7 million for the City of Bristol Hope Street Public Parking Garage to build a public parking garage to serve downtown Bristol
- \$2.4 million to BristolWORKS! to help with start-up costs to open and operate a workforce development training center
- \$1.5 million to the Bristol Adult Resource Center (BARC) for expansion and an administrative offices relocation buildout
- \$1.25 million to the ELCCT Wallace Barnes Accessible Nature Trail to build an ADA-accessible nature trail at the Barnes Nature Center
- \$1.1 million to Bristol Health for upgrading the Emergency Department HVAC at Bristol Hospital
- \$360,000 to Rowley Spring & Stamping for new capital and equipment to

expand the business

- \$275,000 to the Bristol Child Development Center for building improvements and new playgrounds
- \$250,000 to Shepard Meadows Learning Center to help build a new barn and Learning Center
- \$350,000 for the Prudence Crandall Center to support the development of a Community Outreach and Services Office in Bristol
- \$50,000 to Wheeler Health for the Bristol Family Health and Wellness Center on Hope Street
- \$235,000 to the Bristol Bazaar to help with start-up costs to open year-round makers market
- \$268,866 to the Pine Lake Outdoor Adventure Park for park improvements
- \$297,707 to Kern Park for site planning/community input and park improvements
- \$100,000 to the Bristol Sports Armory for the Community Recreation/Health and Wellness Program and to provide scholarship opportunities for youth to participate in programs at the Armory

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Decades-long caroling tradition continues at Asbury

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aged people to come and
ring in the season with
song.

"It's a really fun event
for all ages," she said.
The Forestville
Village Association is a
non-profit organization
dedicated to the "beauti-
fication and betterment"

of Forestville.

For more information,
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lage.org or call John
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Hartford man arrested with crack and fentanyl in Bristol

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BRISTOL — Bristol
Police arrested a
Hartford man Tuesday
who they say was
found with large
amounts of cash, crack
and fentanyl.

Lt. Eric Hanson
with the Bristol Police
Department said the
arrest was made while
officers were patrolling
an area of the city that
had become "the focal
point of recent narcotic
activity."

"Patrol Officers
stopped a motor vehicle
they believed to be
connected to the activity
in the area of Barnes
Highway," Hanson said.

The operator of the
motor vehicle was
identified as Giovanni
Garcia, of Hartford.
Hanson said a large
sum of cash and a
large amount of drugs
were found on him.



Bristol Police

Jovanni Garcia

"Officers seized
approximately 3 grams
of crack cocaine and
245 bags of suspected
fentanyl," Hanson said.

Garcia was charged
with two counts of
possession of a controlled
substance and sale of
narcotics, Hanson said.

According to court
records, Garcia was
released on a \$10,000
bond. He is sched-
uled to appear in New
Britain Superior Court
on Dec. 24.



Brian Johnson

Bristol Public Works Director Ray Rogozinski speaks at the groundbreaking for the new fire station.

New Firehouse 3 to replace 61-year-old existing station

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increased cost of materials.

"Hopefully this new
building will be able to
serve the Bristol com-
munity for 50 years," he
said.

Fire Commissioner
Sean Moore said the
project received "great
support" from the city
government. He said con-
struction of the new fire
house is expected to take
14 to 16 months to com-
plete, depending on the
weather.

Mayor Jeff Caggiano
said the existing
Firehouse 3 is nicknamed
the "Hornet's Nest." He
said that he is eager to get
firefighters out of there

and into the newer, nicer
building as soon as pos-
sible. Caggiano said that
while the city was unable
to secure state assistance
for the new fire house, he
appreciates the efforts by
local legislators to advo-
cate for it.

State Sen. Henri Martin,
who attended the ground-
breaking with State Rep.
Joe Hoxha, said that he is
"very excited" to see the
new building completed.
"I'm sure that it will be
a lot more energy effi-
cient," he said.

Hoxha said while it is
discouraging that no state
funding was secured for
the project, that does not
mean that it won't be pos-
sible to get funding next

time. He said he and the
other legislators would
"keep fighting for local
projects."

Bristol Public Works
Director Ray Rogozinski
emphasized that the new
building was referred to as
a "fire house" instead of
fire station throughout the
project because the city
wanted it to be comfort-
able for the firefighters
who will be spending a
lot of time there.

Caggiano thanked the
local firefighters for all
that they do for the city.
Then, he and other city
leaders grabbed shovels
and tossed the first cer-
emonial piles of dirt to
signify that the project
was underway.

PLAINVILLE SCHOOLS DECEMBER 'ALL STAR'



Lynn Davis

Plainville Community Schools named Middle School Special Education Teacher Thomas Lombardo as their December "All-Star" award winner. Lombardo was recognized at the Dec. 9 Board of Education meeting.

The "All-Star" award recognizes students, faculty, staff and community members who go above and beyond in modeling the school district's Portrait of the Graduate characteristics. Recipients also demonstrate excellence in alignment with the school district's goals.

Lombardo is pictured with Superintendent Brian Reas, Middle School Principal, Aimee Roberts, and Plainville Board of Education Chair, Becky Tyrrell.

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6. The new building
will also have individ-
ual bunks providing more
privacy for female fire-
fighters. Construction
for the new building is
expected to complete in
12 to 14 months.

Mayor Jeff Caggiano
said he is "very proud"
of the city team for meet-
ing the ARPA deadline
a couple weeks ahead of
schedule and "pulling a
lot of information togeth-
er last minute."

"The City of Bristol
took a more complicated
route by opening up a
bid process and it created
a lot of work for staff,
but the results are truly
transformative," said
Caggiano.

City of Bristol
Comptroller Diane
Waldron said previous-
ly that the obligation of
funds for applicable proj-
ects was overseen by a
15-member ARPA Task
Force. The 15 appointed
members from the com-
munity determined how
the funds should be dis-
tributed.

The Task Force select-
ed UHY Advisors as
the consultant to assist
with eligibility review,
reporting, and the proj-
ect monitoring process.
Three subcommittees
were formed to focus
on the following pri-
ority areas: nonprofit,
business recovery, and
city use. Bristol busi-
nesses, nonprofits, and
city departments were
invited to apply for the
funding. Applications
were then vetted by the
ARPA Task

Force, which determined
which to fund.

The City of Bristol is
in the process of put-
ting together a series of
short videos which will
highlight some of the
high-level projects which
have been funded and
have had the most impact
for the Bristol commu-
nity.

Some notable ARPA-
funded projects include:

- \$6.7 million for the City of Bristol Hope Street Public Parking Garage to build a public parking garage to serve downtown Bristol
- \$2.4 million to BristolWORKS! to help with start-up costs to open and operate a workforce development training center
- \$1.5 million to the Bristol Adult Resource Center (BARC) for expansion and an administrative offices relocation buildout
- \$1.25 million to the ELCCT Wallace Barnes Accessible Nature Trail to build an ADA-accessible nature trail at the Barnes Nature Center
- \$1.1 million to Bristol Health for upgrading the Emergency Department HVAC at Bristol Hospital
- \$360,000 to Rowley Spring & Stamping for new capital and equipment to

expand the business

- \$275,000 to the Bristol Child Development Center for building improvements and new playgrounds
- \$250,000 to Shepard Meadows Learning Center to help build a new barn and Learning Center
- \$350,000 for the Prudence Crandall Center to support the development of a Community Outreach and Services Office in Bristol
- \$50,000 to Wheeler Health for the Bristol Family Health and Wellness Center on Hope Street
- \$235,000 to the Bristol Bazaar to help with start-up costs to open year-round makers market
- \$268,866 to the Pine Lake Outdoor Adventure Park for park improvements
- \$297,707 to Kern Park for site planning/community input and park improvements
- \$100,000 to the Bristol Sports Armory for the Community Recreation/Health and Wellness Program and to provide scholarship opportunities for youth to participate in programs at the Armory

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Woman arrested
in check fraud
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Multiple drones are seen over Bernardsville, N.J., Dec. 5, 2024.

Blumenthal says drones spotted in New Jersey should be 'shot down, if necessary'

BRUCE SHIPKOWSKI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A U.S. senator has called for mysterious drones spotted flying at night over sensitive areas in New Jersey and other parts of the Mid-Atlantic region to be "shot down, if necessary," even as it remains unclear who owns the unmanned aircraft.

"We should be doing some very urgent intelligence analysis and take them out of the skies, especially if they're flying over airports or military bases," Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut said Thursday, as concerns about the drones spread across Capitol Hill.

People in the New York region are also concerned that the drones may be sharing airspace with com-

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Main Street awards \$15k to men & boys programs

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BRISTOL — The Men & Boys Fund at the Main Street Community Foundation has awarded \$15,000 in grants to seven area nonprofits for programs "working to improve the lives of local men and boys."

Samantha Rajotte, scholarship and program officer with the Main Street

Community Foundation, said that all grants will impact residents in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott.

"Many of the needs of men and boys, especially their social and emotional needs, are often overlooked," Rajotte said. "MSCF's Men & Boys' Fund is dedicated to meeting those needs in the local communities. From

promoting healthy, outdoor activities for youth, to offering parenting support for dads, the Men & Boys' Fund is always looking for ways to support the social, emotional, and educational needs of men and boys."

The grants awarded are:
• Bristol Family Resource Centers — \$3,000 to expand the WatchDOGS

See MEN ON PAGE 4



Susan Sadecki, president of Main Street Community Foundation

BUSINESSES RECOGNIZED



Brian Johnson

Daniel Parisi (left) and Spencer Shankle (right) of The New Cambridge Project behind the bar.

Brewery collective wins small biz award

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BRISTOL — The Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce honored brewery collective The New Cambridge Project with its Small Business Award while recognizing emerging leaders and area small

businesses Wednesday at its annual holiday party.

Mayor Jeff Caggiano, who was present at the event, congratulated The New Cambridge Project, a "brewery collective" which opened this May at the former Firefly Hollow Brewery location at 139 Center St.

"They were one of our first rebirth projects post-COVID," Caggiano said. "They really helped to start the revitalization of downtown. They're a great fit for Bristol." The New Cambridge Project acquired the rights to the Firefly Hollow brand and continue to distribute it,

and also feature their own brews and a rotating list of other brands. They have a kitchen in addition to a variety of beers.

The New Cambridge Project is named after the former name for the land that is now Bristol. It is run by Spencer Shankle, Daniel Parisi, James Ferro

III and Victoria Pena, who employ a team of 3 people, including their head brewer Lou Vega.

The regional chamber held its annual holiday party Wednesday, Dec. 11 at DoubleTree by Hilton.

They presented their Small Business Awards to one

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Anthony Wasley is sworn in to the Plainville Board of Education at its Dec. 9 meeting.

Science teacher Anthony Wasley replaces new State Rep. Martinez on Plainville Board of Ed.

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PLAINVILLE — Anthony Wasley is excited to become the latest member of the Plainville Board of Education.

Wasley was sworn-in on the Monday, Dec. 9 Board of Education meet-

ing to replace Rebecca Martinez, who stepped down as she was elected to serve as state representative for District 22 in November. District 22 includes Plainville, Southington and Farmington.

Wasley has lived in Plainville for 15 years with his wife. Their

two boys are attending Linden Street School. Before joining the Board of Education, Wasley coached his children's teams in t-ball and soccer and served on the local Parks and Rec Committee.

He has worked as a teacher in the West

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR BRISTOL

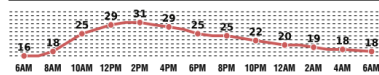
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HIGH 32	LOW 16	33 25	43 35	55 32	46 31
Sunny	Clear	Partly Cloudy	Rain & Snow Possible	Rain Likely	Partly Cloudy

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Temperature	
Bristol Thursday	41
High	29
Normal high	49
Normal low	26
Last year high	44
Last year low	24
Precipitation	0.01
Month to date	2.36
Normal month to date	1.47
Year to date	64.47
Normal year to date	41.72

As reported from Hartford-Bristol Airport

24-HOUR TEMPERATURE FORECAST



SUN AND MOON

Sun today	7:11 a.m.	4:22 p.m.
Sun Sunday	7:12 a.m.	4:22 p.m.
Moon today	3:24 p.m.	6:37 a.m.
Moon Sunday	4:22 p.m.	7:49 a.m.

MOON PHASES

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New	12/30
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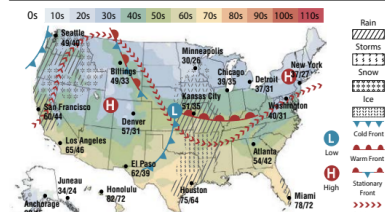
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10 a.m.	1
Noon	1
2 p.m.	1
4 p.m.	0
6 p.m.	0

TIDES

Saybrook Point	Today	Wednesday
High	9:06 a.m. -0.2 ft.	9:56 a.m. -0.2 ft.
Low	2:42 a.m. -0.1 ft.	3:34 a.m. -0.1 ft.
High	9:29 p.m. -2.9 ft.	10:19 p.m. -2.9 ft.
Low	3:41 p.m. -0.6 ft.	4:29 p.m. -0.6 ft.

New Haven	Today	Wednesday
High	9:47 a.m. -7.4 ft.	10:37 a.m. -7.3 ft.
Low	3:30 a.m. -0.2 ft.	4:22 a.m. -0.2 ft.
High	10:21 a.m. -6.2 ft.	11:11 p.m. -6.2 ft.
Low	4:17 p.m. -0.8 ft.	5:06 p.m. -0.7 ft.

NATIONAL WEATHER



NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Sunday
Albuquerque	54 24 s	58 22 pc
Anchorage	29 15 sn	22 12 sn
Atlanta	54 42 mc	49 44 sh
Boston	32 18 s	35 27 pc
Charlotte	51 36 pc	48 42 sh
Chicago	39 35 ra	45 40 sh
Cincinnati	50 41 mc	52 47 ra
Cleveland	38 32 pc	44 40 sh
Dallas	72 49 sh	73 61 mc
Denver	57 31 s	55 24 s
Detroit	37 31 mc	42 37 ra
Honolulu	82 72 mc	83 71 mc
Houston	75 64 sh	76 66 mc
Indianapolis	47 41 mc	52 45 ra
Kansas City	51 35 sh	54 41 mc
Las Vegas	59 39 mc	62 38 s
Los Angeles	65 46 mc	67 47 s
Miami	77 72 pc	78 73 pc
Minneapolis	36 26 sn	37 32 cl
Nashville	59 48 sh	57 51 ra
New Orleans	67 66 mc	72 61 pc
Orlando	75 64 mc	77 63 pc
Philadelphia	37 25 pc	41 35 mc
Phoenix	71 45 pc	72 44 pc
Portland, ME	28 16 s	32 25 s
San Diego	48 43 ra	55 48 mc
Salt Lake City	47 33 ra	40 32 cl
St. Louis	66 48 pc	65 46 s
San Francisco	66 44 ra	57 45 pc
Seattle	49 49 ra	47 39 ra
Washington, DC	40 31 pc	42 39 cl

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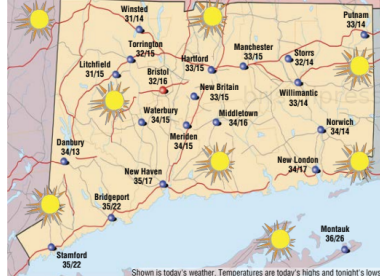
REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Sunday
Anchorage, AK	32 11 s	33 22 pc
Catkill, NY	33 13 s	34 24 mc
Hanover, NH	35 16 s	36 28 pc
Hyannis, MA	34 25 s	37 27 pc
New York City	34 28 s	37 31 pc
Newport, RI	37 27 pc	42 39 mc
Pittsfield, MA	29 11 s	33 21 pc
Providence, RI	35 18 s	36 26 pc
Springfield, MA	34 14 s	35 25 mc
Southbury, CT	34 15 s	35 28 pc
Springfield, MA	33 12 s	32 23 pc
Wallingford, CT	34 16 s	36 28 pc
West Point, NY	34 15 s	35 31 mc

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Sunday
Beijing	39 30 s	43 34 s
Calcutta	30 56 s	30 55 s
Hong Kong	60 57 cl	58 56 cl
London	45 42 cl	51 40 mc
Manila	74 59 s	71 58 pc
Moscow	23 14 sn	26 21 sn
Paris	44 37 ra	46 40 ra
Rio de Janeiro	83 72 ra	91 73 ra
Rome	54 47 ra	55 45 ra
Sydney	77 68 mc	78 70 pc
Tokyo	51 42 mc	50 42 pc
Toronto	30 23 pc	34 30 sn

REGIONAL WEATHER



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



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Chamber awards small businesses and 'emerging leaders' across the area

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business from each of the communities they serve. Additionally, several "Emerging Leaders" were recognized.

The Small Business Award Winners are:

- Bristol: The New Cambridge Project
- Burlington: Prestige Plumbing Works
- Farmington: Basecamp Coworking
- Plainville: My Mochi Donut
- Plymouth: The Mobile Pub
- Wolcott: The Modern Woman

"It is truly an honor to recognize the exceptional winners of our Small Business Awards," Johnny Burnham, vice president and marketing and communications with the Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce said. "These outstanding businesses embody resilience, innovation, and the entrepreneurial spirit that drives our community forward. Celebrating and recognizing their



The Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce present their Small Business of the Year award to The New Cambridge Project.

achievements and the invaluable contributions they make to our local economy and beyond is a thrill. These small businesses, and the many others just like them, are the true heartbeat of our business community."

The Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce also honored individual "Emerging Leaders"

on Wednesday evening.

- Honorees included:
- Jess Tessman - Alzheimer's Association
 - Megan Olender - M&T Bank
 - Jamie Taylor - Taylored Media Group
 - Danielle DeRosier - Prudence Crandall Center

- Evelyn Alejandro - Agape Designs
 - Sam Tapper - Hartford's Camp Courant
- "It's such an amazing thing to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our Emerging Leaders — individuals who have demonstrated exceptional vision, innovation, and commitment to making a meaningful impact in their fields and communities," Burnham said. "These trailblazers embody the promise of a brighter future, and we are honored to recognize their hard work and inspiring dedication."

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Dec. 14, the 349th day of 2024. There are 17 days left in the year.

Today in history:

On Dec. 14, 1912, a gunman with a semi-automatic rifle killed 20 first-graders and six educators at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, then took his own life as police arrived; the 20-year-old had also fatally shot his mother at their home before carrying out the attack on the school.

Also on this date:

In 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon, Virginia, home at age 67.

In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen (ROH'-ahl AH'-mun-suhn) and his team became the first men to reach the South Pole, beating out a British expedition led by Robert F. Scott.

In 1964, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Heart of Atlanta Motel v. United States, ruled that Congress was within its authority to enforce the Civil Rights Act of 1964 against racial discrimination by private businesses (in this case, a motel that refused to cater to Blacks).

In 1995, the Dayton Accords were formally signed in Paris, ending the Bosnian

War.

In 2020, the Electoral College confirmed Joe Biden as the nation's next president, ratifying his November victory in a state-by-state repudiation of President Donald Trump's refusal to concede he had lost; electors gave Biden 306 votes to Trump's 232.

In 2020, the largest vaccination campaign in U.S. history began with health workers getting shots on the same day the nation's COVID-19 death toll hit 300,000.

In 2021, Stephen Curry set a new NBA career 3-point record; the Golden State Warriors' guard hit his 2,974th 3-point shot against the New York Knicks at Madison Square Garden.

Today's Birthdays: Tennis Hall of Famer Stan Smith is 78.

Actor Dee Wallace is 76.

Rock musician Cliff Williams (AC/DC) is 74.

Former FBI Director James Comey is 64.

Baseball Hall of Famer Craig Biggio is 59.

Actor Natascha McElhone is 53.

Actor Jackson Rathbone is 40.

Actor Vanessa Hudgens is 36.

Rapper Offset is 33.

Singer Tori Kelly is 32.

NFL wide receiver DK Metcalf is 27.

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State poised to borrow tens of millions to incentivize multifamily development



MICHAEL PUFFER | HARTFORD BUSINESS JOURNAL

The Capital Region Development Authority is seeking \$9.5 million from the State Bond Commission to lend to Spinnaker Real Estate Partners for construction of two apartment buildings around the former state office buildings at 55 Elm St. in Hartford.

By Michael Puffer

The state Bond Commission is poised to authorize tens of millions in borrowing Friday to help fund multifamily developments throughout the state.

Housing development is a big chunk of the \$423.1 million borrowing package going before the bond commission on Friday.

The agenda includes \$50 million for the state Department of Housing's Build for CT program,

which helps developers finance affordable and middle-income rental housing projects.

The state Department of Housing is up for another \$20 million, which will pass to the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to fund construction or rehabilitation of 186 housing units.

Friday's agenda includes funds to pass through the Capital Region Development Authority as loans to developers. Repayment of those loans will cycle back to the CRDA to fund future projects.

The CRDA is up for \$9.5 million, to fund a loan to help Norwalk-based Spinnaker Real Estate Partners build 239 apartments in two buildings wrapping existing buildings on the 3.2-acre property at 55 Elm St.

Spinnaker is converting two former state office buildings on the site into 164 apartments. The state funding will help it finance two new apartment buildings. These projects are part of a broader initiative by the city and CRDA to transform vacant lots and underused buildings around Bushnell Park into a vibrant neighborhood.

The Bond Commission will vote on a proposed \$6.5 million for CRDA, which the quasi-public agency would lend to Simon Konover to help the company finance an approximately 150-unit apartment complex in East Hartford. The development would be located on a 35-acre site at 341 East River Drive, near the Connecticut River.

The CRDA is also up for a \$4 million grant for upgrades at the Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Renshler Field in East Hartford, including replacement of metal detectors and repairs of the IT network, sound, video and TV production equipment.

The University of Connecticut is poised to receive \$33 million in aid for several initiatives, including:

- \$10 million for IT equipment;
- \$10 million for upgrades to the Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, including replacement of the lower-bowl retractable seating and videoboard system, and upgrades to show lighting;
- \$10 million for scientific equipment at the UConn Health Center;
- \$3 million for IT infrastructure at the UConn Health Center.



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Bank donates to school lunch debt Page 4

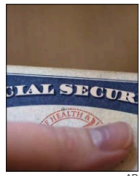
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Millions may get expanded Social Security benefits

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Nearly 3 million people could receive a boost in Social Security payments under legislation passed by Congress this week.

The Social Security Fairness Act will end longtime provisions that reduce the federal benefit for people who are also eligible for other pensions. The policies have heavily affected people who worked in state, local and federal government jobs, as well as teachers, firefighters and police officers, according to lawmakers and advocates.

The bill has bipartisan support but has drawn some criticism from some conservatives.

Here is more on what the bill will mean:

What does the measure do?

The bill repeals two provisions that limit Social Security benefits

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Operation Opioid fundraiser to benefit Bristol K9

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BRISTOL – American Legion Post 209 is organizing a fundraiser to benefit Operation Opioid, which supports the Bristol Police Department's K9 units.

Operation Opioid, founded by the late Philip Vonella, is a nonprofit that has vowed to collect donations for

the future of the Bristol Police Department's K9 units.

The Bristol K9 unit is solely funded by donations, and Operation Opioid has been a large contributor, providing funds for the past two police K9s.

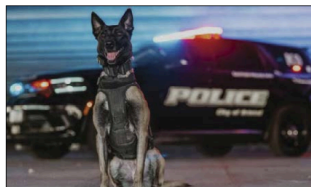
Kristi Wright, president of Operation Opioid, said her father started the nonprofit after a conversation

with former Bristol Police Chief Brian Gould about how bad the opioid epidemic was in Bristol.

At the time, the department was looking to buy a new police dog for its K9 unit, which does not receive federal funding.

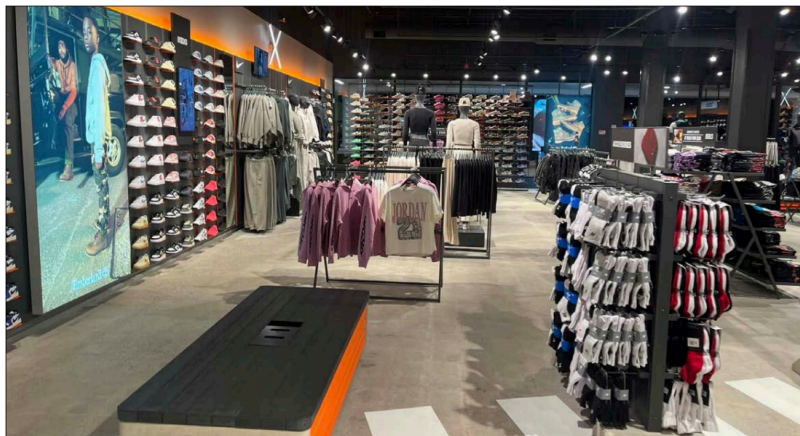
Vonella died in 2019 and Wright has continued the organization's legacy of support

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Bristol Police K9 "Hero", who Operation Opioid donated funds to help the department purchase.

FILLING SPACES



Inside SNIPES new store that opened in the former Payless ShoeSource space in Bristol Plaza.

Erick Rosengren

SNIPES streetwear store opens in Bristol Plaza

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BRISTOL – SNIPES has officially opened in Bristol Plaza.

The sneaker and urban-wear chain is now open in the former Payless ShoeSource

location in the plaza at 641 Farmington Ave. The 7,489 square foot retail space is located between Five Below and Dollar Tree in the plaza.

Justin Malley, Bristol economic development director, said SNIPES brings a "fresh" sports-

wear option to Bristol.

"We are excited to welcome SNIPES as it grows in the region," Malley said.

City leaders first became aware of SNIPES' intent to open in Bristol back in August, when they spoke with

Federal Realty, the owners of Bristol Plaza.

Mayor Jeff Caggiano said he is glad to see the vacancy in Bristol Plaza filled and another business opening in Bristol.

SNIPES USA has 16 other locations in Connecticut, includ-

ing Manchester, East Hartford, West Hartford, Bloomfield, Danbury, Bridgeport, Hamden, Hartford, Farmington, East Haven, New Haven, Stamford, Trumbull, Waterbury, West Haven, and Milford.

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Vendors at the Everything Expo in a past year.

Brian Johnson

Everything Expo taking vendors

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BRISTOL – Vendor spots are available at the Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce's Everything Expo, returning to DoubleTree by Hilton March 25.

The Everything Expo, which features a health, business and career

information all under one roof, will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. March 25 at the hotel at 42 Century Dr.

Johnny Burnham, vice president and marketing and operations with the Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce, said vendors' booths are theirs to use how they please. They don't have

to sign up for one specific category.

"If your goal is to try and fill your workforce, go ahead and talk jobs," he said. "If you want to talk about your products and services, talk business. If your focus is health, go right ahead and offer screenings. And, if you want to mix

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Mannequins inside SNIPES new store that opened in the former Payless ShoeSource space in Bristol Plaza.

New store is German brand's 17th location in Connecticut

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According to SNIPES USA's website, the first location opened in Essen, Germany, in 1998. Since then, it has become a global brand with more than 750 stores in the U.S. and

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For more information on SNIPES USA, visit snipesusa.com.

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PLAINVILLE POLICE BLOTTER

Jenna L. McCarthy, 52, of 72 Salmon Brook Dr., Glastonbury, was charged Dec. 20 with being a negligent pedestrian, jaywalking and walking under the influence.

Anthony LaRosa Jr., 35, of 17 Hough St., Plainville, was charged Dec. 20 with disorderly conduct and criminal lockout.

Alyasia M. Burgos, 25, of 244 Farmington

Ave., was charged Dec. 24 with disorderly conduct and risk of injury.

Alejandra Gabriel-Azcuytia, 34, of 409 East St., was charged Dec. 25 with second degree assault (serious injury) and disorderly conduct.

Astrameria Knight, 32, of 45 Maple St., was charged Dec. 26 with second degree breach of peace.

Operation Opioid support for K9 program includes retirement fund

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for the Bristol Police Department.

"Operation Opioid helped to purchase the previous police dog, Hunter, and the current K9 unit, Hero this last December," she said.

Brian Avery, commander of American Legion Post 209, said donations could be used for the purchase of a police K9, training, equipment, food, vet bills, or "anything those amazing K9 teams may need."

"American Legion Post 209 and Operation Opioid are very proud to be working together to support Bristol's K9 unit," Avery said. "This fundraiser will help support another K9 when needed and purchase

equipment for them to do their job."

Operation Opioid has also set up a retirement fund for the police dogs, because care falls to their handlers after the dogs retire.

"I know my father would not have felt that was fair," Wright said.

Wright said Operation Opioid holds 3 to 4 fundraisers each year, including Zumba events and brunches, for the Bristol Police Department with specific goals in mind. She said that she is glad to have the support of American Legion Post 209.

"We are so grateful for this opportunity," she said.

Avery said Operation Opioid is "another great program that American

Legion Post 209 is very proud to be a part of."

Avery said his family will be donating the first \$100 to support this fundraiser.

Operation Opioid accepts donations in-person at any Thomaston Savings Bank location or through checks or PayPal.

Those who wish to support Operation Opioid through PayPal can send money to Operation Opioid Inc.

Checks can be mailed to PO Box 773 Bristol, CT, 06011. People who donate are asked to include "American Legion 209 fundraiser" in the memo line.

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Expo meant to offer information on 'everything you're looking for'

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in all three, by all means do so."

Burnham said the purpose of the event is for the public to "be able to gather information on really everything you're looking for now in one day."

"We think is a total win," he said.

The first two years that the Everything Expo was held, Burnham said, there were more than 70 vendors.

"We had about 300 to 400 walk-throughs over the course of the day to check out all the great

things these local businesses have to offer," he said.

Vendor space is available for \$250 per booth. To reserve a spot, visit centralctchambers.org.

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UBI Federal Credit Union donates \$500 to Plainville schools lunch debt

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PLAINVILLE — UBI Federal Credit Union has made a donation to Plainville Community Schools' Food and Nutrition Services Department to help alleviate school lunch debt.

The \$500 check was presented by UBI Vice President of Marketing Fred Brown to Plainville Community Schools' Food and Nutrition Services Director Ashley Carl and Assistant Director Alicia Daponte on Dec. 19.

Brown said that UBI is glad to help support local children and families in need.

"Connecticut is home to over 100,000 children facing food insecurity, with the average school lunch debt reaching \$181 per student



Lynn Davis

UBI Vice President of Marketing Fred Brown presents a donation to the Plainville Community Schools' Food and Nutrition Services Director Ashley Carl and Assistant Director Alicia Daponte.

annually," he said. "UBI

Federal Credit Union is proud to support Plainville students by donating to ensure every child can eat without worry or financial burden."

Lynn Davis, director of Community Relations for Plainville Community

Schools, expressed gratitude to UBI Federal Credit Union on behalf of the district.

"Our partnership with the UBI Federal Credit Union in Plainville continues to grow," she said. "We are extremely grateful for their ongoing support."

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Barnes Group discloses demand letters, lawsuits that could impact its pending sale



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Barnes Group's Main Street headquarters in Bristol.

By Andrew Larson

Barnes Group Inc. disclosed that it has received several demand letters from shareholders and is facing three lawsuits related to its pending sale to a private equity company.

In a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Monday, the Bristol-based aerospace company said it disclosed the demand letters and lawsuits to minimize the risk of the sale being delayed.

Barnes announced its planned \$3.6 billion sale to Apollo Global Management in early October.

In Monday's filing, Barnes said the demand letters and lawsuits allege that the definitive proxy statement associated with the sale "contains certain disclosure deficiencies and/or incomplete information regarding the merger."

"Although the outcome of, or estimate of the possible loss or range of loss, from these matters cannot be predicted, Barnes believes that the allegations contained in the demand letters and stockholder actions are without merit," the company said.

Barnes is scheduled to hold a shareholder meeting Jan. 9, 2025, to vote on the company's sale.

The company makes precision components for aerospace and other industries. It's unclear what, if any, impact the sale would have on Barnes' Bristol headquarters or its workforce.

Both Barnes and Apollo face hefty fees if the acquisition doesn't occur.

Shareholders will be paid about \$47.50 per share when the deal is closed.



Hibachi Buffet

Hibachi and poke highlight new food options in Bristol

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BRISTOL — A Poke Bowl has recently opened in the city and a new Hibachi Buffet is coming soon.

Bristol Economic Development Director Justin Malley said a Poke Bowl restaurant opened at 594 Farmington Ave. on Dec. 23. He said this is the first location the chain has opened in Connecticut. "Poke Bowl has locations up and down the East Coast," Malley said. "We are excited that the company has selected Bristol as the first Connecticut location."

Poke is a Hawaiian dish of raw fish served over rice in a bowl, paired with various toppings and sauces.

According to the Poke Bowl website, pokebowl2016.com, the original Poke Bowl opened in Maryland in 2016. The website states that they are working to promote Poke cuisine across the United States as a "convenient."

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Sign-ups open for 20th Sloper Plunge

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SOUTHINGTON — The Southington-Cheshire Community YMCA is taking sign-ups for the 20th annual Sloper Plunge and celebrating the milestone year for the community event.

The Sloper Plunge will be held at 1 p.m. on Feb. 22 at YMCA Camp Sloper at 1000 East St., Southington,

with a backup date of March 1 set in case of inclement weather.

Teams of different community leaders leap into the frigid waters of Sloper Pond to raise money for camp scholarships during the popular event.

"It has been an outstanding fundraiser for the YMCA," Mark Pooler, CEO of the Southington-Cheshire Community YMCA, said. "It has helped countless

kids attend summer camp by providing assistance to families in need."

The 2024 event raised \$90,000 for camp scholarships.

Pooler and Jacqueline Nadeau, from Southington Public Schools, have jumped into the water every year since the event's inception, among many repeat participants over the event's history.

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Mark Pooler, CEO of the Southington-Cheshire Community YMCA (furthest right in the photo) with the YMCA team at a past Sloper Plunge.

FUNDING FOR HEALTH



Southington Community Cultural Arts received a grant to support its All Access program for neuro-diverse adults.

Barnes Trust donates \$280k to Southington orgs

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SOUTHINGTON — The Bradley Henry Barnes & Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust at the Main Street Community Foundation

has awarded more than \$280,000 to seven non-profit organizations working to improve health outcomes for town residents.

Samantha Rajotte, scholarship and program officer with the

Main Street Community Foundation, said that the recently-awarded grants total \$283,705.

"They all support behavioral health, healthcare needs for the aging population, and healthy initiatives and

lifestyle," she said.

Since the beginning of the year, the Main Street Community Foundation has awarded more than \$910,000 from the Trust. The most recent grants awarded are:

— Bread For Life —

\$43,000 — Continuing support for the meal program for Southington's food-insecure population totaling over 350 clients, many of whom are homeless. Specifically, the grant will assist with

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Plunge raises money for camp scholarships

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"Each year we get about 200 participants, from all different sectors of Southington and Cheshire," Pooler said. "We're hoping to have about 12 teams this year."

Pooler said there will be teams for the Southington and Cheshire YMCA staff, the Southington Police Department, the Southington Fire Department, Southington schools, Southington politicians, United Way of Southington and Hartford Healthcare.

Those who wish to participate must meet the following criteria:

- Minimum age: 16 years old with parent consent or 18 years or older to participate as of Feb. 22, 2025.

- Obtain sponsorships totaling a minimum of \$100 per Plunger. All pledges must be collected and turned in by Feb. 22.

- All Plungers must have a signed waiver form completed prior to Feb. 22.
- All Plungers must pre-register online or at the YMCA.

For more information, call YMCA Camp Sloper at 860-621-8194.

Those interested in signing up with one of the teams can email Pooler at mpooler@scymca.org.

Those interested in becoming an event sponsor can email Julie Giansini from the Southington YMCA at jgiansini@scymca.org or Doug Levens from the Cheshire YMCA at dlevens@scymca.org.

Bristol location is Poke Bowl's first in Conn.

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healthy and casual" food that will "bring deep appeal to food lovers."

In addition to Poke Bowl, Malley said that people can also look forward to a new Hibachi Buffet opening in the Bristol Commons plaza at 99 Farmington Ave. soon. Owner Audrey Chen is aiming to be open in January.

Malley said he is "encouraged to see the expanding dining options in Bristol." "Hibachi Buffet offers

local diners something new," he said. "The restaurant offers Chinese and Japanese delicacies as well as cuisine options from around the world in almost 10,000 square feet of newly renovated space."

Hibachi Buffet will be moving in to the space that is next door to The Paper Store in the plaza.

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Barnes Trust donations total \$910k in 2024, supporting health initiatives

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creative work skills, provides a source of income for participants through the sale of their art, and increases socialization and self-confidence.

- Southington Education Foundation (SEF) - \$44,280 - A collaboration between the SEF, STEPS, and the Southington Public Schools will design and implement a new social-emotional learning curriculum in all K-12 classrooms.
- The Orchards at Southington - \$33,000 - Adaptive exercise equipment is being purchased for a newly-renovated gym, which has expanded capacity for residents of the Orchards' independent and assisted living center as well as community members.
- UConn Health - \$100,000 - For the third year, a grant supports UConn Health's Child and Family Development Program, which provides an array of mental-health services for children and families in Southington. The center provides parent support groups, behavior

- Friends of Southington Community Services - \$10,000 - Funds will be used for emergency food purchases and other basic needs of Southington residents.
- Southington Community Cultural Arts (SoCCA) - \$25,000 - This grant will support the All Access program for neuro-diverse adults with learning differences. The program teaches

the next day under a tree on her family's estate in the wealthy Belle Haven section of Greenwich, across the street from the Skakel family's home.

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The state Supreme Court reinstated the conviction in a 4-3 ruling in 2016. But the justice who wrote the decision retired soon afterward and a new justice sided with Skakel in a highly unusual 4-3 opinion in 2018 that overturned the conviction. The U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear the state's appeal in 2019 and a second trial was not pursued, in part because many of the potential witnesses had since died and there wasn't enough evidence for a retrial.

management groups, prevention groups to improve children's emotional competence, drop-in consultation hours and psychological evaluations for medication.

The Bradley Henry Barnes and Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust was established more than 50 years ago with the express purpose of providing funds for the benefit and betterment of Southington. Since the Main Street Community Foundation was appointed trustee of the Trust in 2004, the Foundation has awarded over \$14 million to local organizations that work to improve the health and wellbeing of Southington residents.

For more information on the Bradley Henry Barnes and Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust, or Main Street Community Foundation, call 860-583-6363 or visit mainstreetfoundation.org.

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Mother who fought for justice in daughter's murder case involving Kennedy cousin dies

SUSAN HAIGH

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Dorothy Moxley, the mother who fought for decades to bring her teenage daughter's killer to justice in a roller-coaster Connecticut murder case that captured the nation's attention for years, has died. She was 92.

Moxley had stoically endured countless legal twists and turns, including many involving a prime suspect in the killing, Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel, who was convicted of the crime and later freed after his murder conviction was vacated.

Moxley's son John told The Associated Press on Thursday that his mother died Tuesday at her home in Summit, New Jersey, of complications from flu and possibly pneumonia.

"Through all the ups and downs, she was the most glass-half-full person I've ever known," Moxley said. He described his mother as a "crusader" for justice on behalf of his 15-year-old sister Martha, but "never vindictive."

The elder Moxley, who had been living in New Jersey for more than 20 years, was devoted to finding Martha's killer and keeping the case in the public eye. The teen was beaten to death on Oct. 30, 1975, with a golf club. Her battered body was found

the next day under a tree on her family's estate in the wealthy Belle Haven section of Greenwich, across the street from the Skakel family's home.

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Skakel's lawyer, Stephan Seeger, called it a "day for justice" at the time and that his client was innocent of the crime.

John Moxley told the AP in 2020 that he and his mother still believed Skakel killed Martha, but they were at peace with the decision not to seek a second trial. On Thursday, he said they ultimately did get justice for his sister.

"It was just incredible how much support we got from people that we knew and people that we didn't know," he said. "My mother was always grateful and chose to focus on the communal spirit, if you will, rather than the law. My mother always said she believed in angels and the angels really came out to support her, to support us."

Known for her kind and cooperative demeanor, Moxley was asked by police departments in other states to meet with family members of murder victims who were uncomfortable speaking with police, John Moxley said. His mother also spoke at police and victims' advocacy conferences throughout the years.

"She was able to take that spirit of support and knowing how important it was to share that with others. And that gave her a lot of joy, knowing that she could help somebody else," he said. "Somebody one time she was tough. She said, 'I'm not tough. I'm just strong.'"



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FBI: driver responsible for deadly New Orleans rampage acted alone

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The U.S. Army veteran who drove a pickup truck into a crowd of New Year's revelers acted alone, the FBI said Thursday, reversing its position from a day earlier that he likely worked with others in carrying out a deadly attack being investigated as an act of terrorism inspired by the Islamic State group.

The FBI also revealed that the driver, Shamsud-Din Jabbar, a U.S. citizen from Texas, posted five videos on his Facebook account in the hours before the attack in which he aligned himself with IS and said he had joined the militant group last summer.

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New sports bar opens across from Muzzy

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BRISTOL — A new sports bar opened in Bristol, drawing inspiration from Muzzy Field directly across the street.

Found at 283 Park St., Bristol, in the former Augie's Cafe location right across from the baseball field.

Mayor Jeff Caggiano helped welcome the new

sports bar to Bristol, along with members of the Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce, during a recent ribbon cutting.

"This is the gateway into downtown," Caggiano said.

RBI Cafe opened at the end of Nov., serving beer, burgers, wings and more.

"We wish you the best of luck," Caggiano said. The President of the

Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce, Katie D'Agostino, also welcomed the bar, and gave the owner, Billy Madore, a ribbon as a gift from the Chamber.

"Come check out your new favorite place to hang out with your friends, have a bite to eat, a cocktail to drink, and get to know everyone," Madore said. "Cheers to new beginnings."



RBI Cafe owner Billy Madore cuts the ribbon for his sports bar.

Long history, 'Fresh energy'



Bristol Chorale performs its holiday concert "Love & Joy" on Dec. 15 at Bristol Central High School.

John Benoit

Bristol Chorale celebrating 50 years

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BRISTOL — Bristol Chorale closed out its 2024 season with a "magical" holiday concert. This season, it will celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Ammie Rivera, board member with Bristol Chorale, said its December concert at Bristol Central High School was "heartwarming" and "festive." Titled "Love & Joy," it was performed under the direction of Andrew

Skinner, who was leading the choir for the first time.

"The afternoon proved to be a joyful celebration of both the season and the choir's collective spirit," Rivera said. "From the moment the first note was sung, it was clear

that this concert was going to be something special. Mr. Skinner, with his thoughtful leadership and passion for music, brought a fresh energy to the group."

Rivera said the program on Dec. 15 featured a mix of "beloved holi-

day classics," spirituals, "eclectic arrangements," and "moments of joyful harmony." The result, she said, "reflected a perfect blend of tradition and cultural celebration."

"A standout moment of the concert was the

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The Rockwell Theater will host "The Soul Session" on Jan. 18.

Downtown Live to hold immersive night of soul music at Rockwell

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BRISTOL — Downtown Live will present "The Soul Session: A Night of Live Music & Art Celebrating the Essence of Jazz, R&B, and Neo-Soul" Jan. 18 at the Rockwell Theater.

The concert will be held at 6 p.m. at the theater in the Bristol Arts and Innovation Magnet School at 70 Memorial Blvd. It will feature live music from acclaimed musicians and vocalists from Connecticut and beyond.

The performances

will include "interactive audience experiences," including giveaways, mic toss, and opportunities to engage with artists and performers.

Before the concert, doors will open at 5 p.m. for an art gallery featuring Connecticut artists.

See PARADIGM ON PAGE 3

DOWNTOWN LIVE AT THE ROCKWELL THEATER

SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

2025



SPONSOR DOWNTOWN LIVE

Here's our premier entertainment venue, at a glance...

See all the ways your business can benefit from a partnership at Downtown Live



MESSAGE FROM THE ARTS AND CULTURE SUPERVISOR

Downtown Live at the Rockwell Theater is an eclectic entertainment venue located inside the Bristol Arts and Innovation Magnet School, (BAIMS) on Memorial Boulevard. Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services (BPRYCS) utilizes the 621 seat theater when school is not in session and sells tickets to nationally recognized touring acts.

Downtown Live has something for everyone and every age with interests to attract new business and relationships to the city through arts and culture. In the last year we have seen an up-tick in economic growth at multiple area restaurants and hotels surrounding the hours of our live shows. With your support, Downtown Live will have the opportunity to draw in thousands of new faces to the City of Bristol each month leading to a thriving local economy.

Together we can continue to make Bristol the most desirable place to live, work and play. Our sponsorship options are on the reverse side of this page and can be altered based off of your recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to working with you.

Warmly,

Arianna Therriault

City Arts and Culture Supervisor, Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services



CONTACT INFO

Office: (860) 584 - 6120 | Email: AriannaTherriault@bristolct.gov | BPRYCS Office: 51 High Street, Bristol, CT 06010

JOIN US Downtown Live at The Rockwell Theater 2024 - 2025



GOLD SPONSOR \$20,000 - \$30,000

- Your LOGO:
 - Featured in our promotional videos/photos, included on the full projector screen advertisement (when applicable), featured at concessions/ticketing, on digital promotional banner at BAIMS and on all advertising (billboard, online, email, etc.), also featured on event webpage with link to company website (if applicable) and included in e-communication, tri-monthly brochure (19,000+ subscribers made up of residents, supporters, and community leaders) and featured in press release, BPRYCS newsletters, and in monthly e-news newspaper, the Bristol Edition and Bristol Press
- Verbal recognition at curtain speech prior to each performance, when applicable
- Your organizational literature at Downtown Live
- 2 complimentary drinks and 2 complimentary food items from concessions per performance
- 6 tickets to 8 shows throughout the year (that's 48 tickets!) with a chance for VIP access to meet & greet the acts

SILVER SPONSOR \$15,000-19,999

- Your LOGO:
 - Featured in our promotional videos/photos, included in half projector screen advertisement (when applicable), featured at concessions/ticketing and event webpage with link to company website (if applicable) and included in e-communication, tri-monthly brochure (13,000+ subscribers made up of residents, supporters, and community leaders) and featured in press release, BPRYCS newsletters, and in monthly e-news newspaper, the Bristol Edition
- Verbal recognition at curtain speech prior to each performance
- 4 tickets to 6 shows throughout the year

BRONZE SPONSOR \$12,000

- Your LOGO:
 - Featured in our promotional videos/photos, logo included in one quarter of the projector screen (when applicable), logo on main event webpage with link to company website (if applicable), logo included in e-communication (13,000+ subscribers made up of residents, supporters, and community leaders)
- 4 tickets to 4 shows throughout the year

COMMUNITY PARTNER \$5,000

- Your LOGO:
 - Featured on main event webpage with link to company website (if applicable), logo on individual events page, logo included in e-communication (13,000+ subscribers made up of residents, supporters, and community leaders)
- 2 tickets to 4 shows throughout the year

EVENT SUPPORTER \$1,000

- Your LOGO:
 - Featured on main event webpage with link to company website (if applicable), logo included in e-communication (13,000+ subscribers made up of residents, supporters, and community leaders)
- 2 tickets to 1 show throughout the year

Throwback Thursday FILM SPONSOR \$750/

- Your LOGO:
 - Featured on screen before film, opportunity for representative to speak briefly before film on stage, company logo featured on e-communication and social media advertisements for film events
- 2 complimentary tickets to the film(s) you sponsor

Questions? Not seeing what you were looking for? We'd love to discuss your vision, please call City Arts and Culture Supervisor, Arianna Therriault, at (860) 584-6120.



DOWNTOWN LIVE - SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

Organization/Company: _____

Contact First & Last Name: _____

Contact Title: _____

Address: _____

Contact Email: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

Commitment Level (please check all that apply):

Downtown Live Sponsorships

☐ Gold Sponsor \$20,000-\$30,000

☐ Silver Sponsorship \$15,000-19,999

☐ Bronze Sponsorship \$12,000

☐ Community Partner \$5,000

☐ Event Supporter \$1,000

☐ Throwback Thursday Film(s) \$750/

☐ In-Kind Donation of Goods/Services, please list value here: \$ _____

List Good/Service to be provided: _____

Show booklet sponsors

Small informative booklets with upcoming events, handed out at each show

☐ Diamond Sponsor \$750
Logo and small blurb/special or upcoming announcement on front cover

☐ Ruby Sponsorship \$500
Logo and small blurb on inside cover

☐ Sapphire Partner \$200
Logo on back page

Payment Options

Please complete and return this form to Arianna Therriault with the City of Bristol's Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services Department:

Mail: Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services
51 High Street, Bristol, CT 06010
Email: Ariannatherriault@bristolct.gov
Phone: (860) 584-6120
Fax: (860) 584-6120

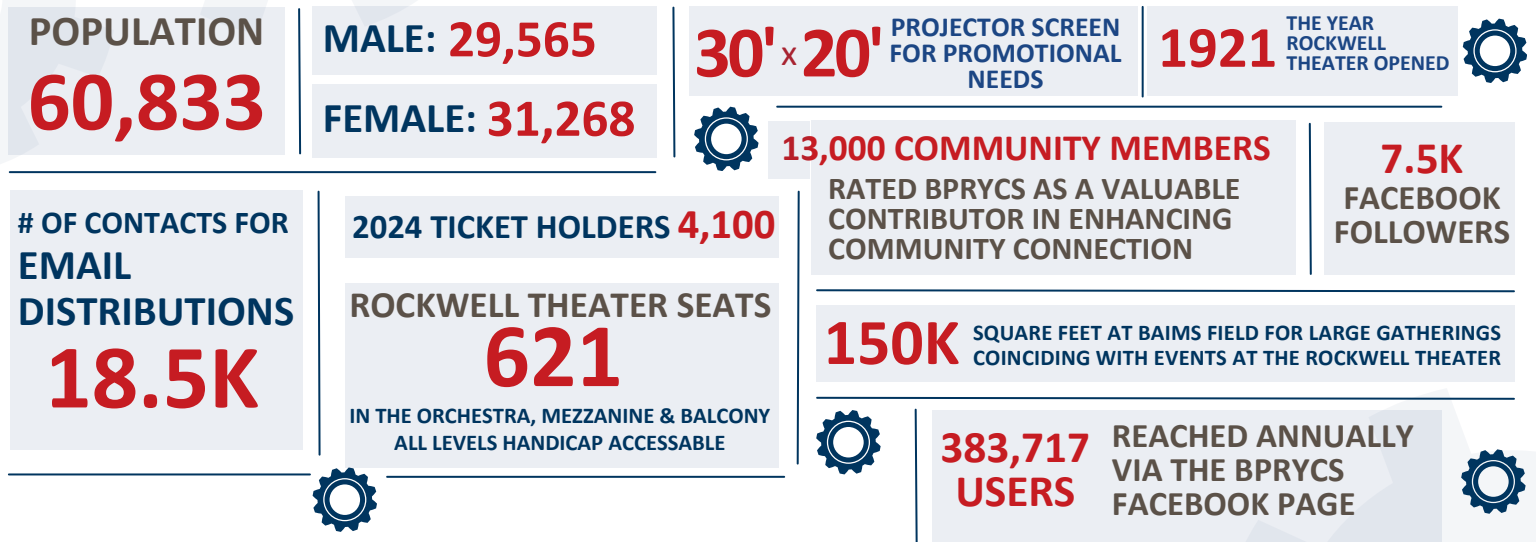
Total Amount Due: \$ _____

☐ Check Enclosed # _____
Please make checks payable to "Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services"

☐ Invoice us on _____ (date)

Community Snapshot & Promotional Benefits

CITY OF BRISTOL



Sources: 2020 American Community Survey (ACS) Decennial Census & the 2020 ETC Master Plan Report

BPRYCS MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the City of Bristol Department of Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services (BPRYCS) to deliver high-quality services and facilities that enhance the community's quality of life, meet the diverse needs of all citizens, and build a sustainable future.

BPRYCS CORE PRIORITIES

- **Commitment to Service:** Utilize a responsive, customer-centric, resident-driven professional approach to all areas of service delivery which includes transparency, strong communication and public outreach.
- **Commitment to Partnership:** Develop strong internal and external partners and sponsors to ensure the changing recreation, leisure, and community service needs of a diverse community are being met.
- **Commitment to Diversity, Inclusion and Social Equity:** Ensure every resident feels welcome and has access to high-quality parks and services; regardless of age, ability, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and socio-economic status.
- **Commitment to Fiscal Stewardship and Innovation:** Engage in strong financial leadership across every level of the organization to ensure all areas of service are administered in a fiscally responsible way.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION



Economic Development/Marketing/Grants/CDBG Report

January 2025

Downtown/West End Updates

- Centre Square:
 - Construction of “Phase II” continues with sitework/foundation work. Pure Foods and Dark Moon Gifts (art, jewelry, home décor) are set to open very early 2025.
 - Hope Street Parking Garage construction has ramped up, with the large concrete “puzzle pieces” nearly complete onsite. It is expected that the elevator components will take some time to receive.
 - Streetscape construction for North Main Street (in front of McDonalds, former Dunkin, and Post Office) is nearly complete as of December 23rd.
 - The final parcel available for development must temporarily be used for parking during the Hope Street Garage construction.
- Golden Years’ opening is pushed to early 2025. The building at 118 Main Street will serve as headquarters for Golden Years’ home healthcare operation, adult daycare, and a small café that will provide food for the agency’s programs and for the public.
- Ironhorse Pub is open and doing well.
- New owners Rosendo and Jenny are leading Main Street Pint and Plate into the future, with plans to maintain the restaurant’s success while adding their own flavor to the menu.
- Fork Plus Band Slingshot is open.
- The Michaels Organization continues due diligence on the J.H. Sessions project and is expected to join the January 2025 meeting to discuss.

Development Outside Downtown

- Industrial Update:
 - FORCE Automation expects to submit site plan/building plan documents for ECD approval for the January meetings.
 - Midstate Driving School continues site plan work for Lot #10/11 and has selected a contractor.
 - It is expected that 101 Business Park Drive – the partially completed building – will be sold to Horizon Stone in early January.
 - ECD staff is working with a manufacturer from a nearby community on plans for Lot #6 of the Southeast Bristol Business Park.
 - After years of discussions, a small manufacturer from a nearby community is set to purchase 492 Birch Street. More to come.
- Route 6:
 - A new Poke Bowl restaurant near the former Pier One Imports is now open
 - SNIPES, a European based streetwear retailer, a 7,000 square foot store in Bristol Plaza is now open.
 - Ocean State Job Lot has purchased the former Walmart Neighborhood Grocery at 325 Oakland Street.
 - The Hibachi Buffet is opening in the Market32 plaza. We have connected with the business owner/plaza owner.

- Construction on the ProHealth/car wash/fast casual restaurant project on Route 6 is well underway.
- DESI Market, an established Connecticut chain of South Asian markets/eateries, will open in the former Eblens space very soon.
- Both new gas stations projects are under construction.
- Forestville
 - ECD staff continue environmental assessment work at 43 East Main St.
 - ECD staff is working with a commercial building owner on a façade update using the ECD Façade Improvement Grant program.
 - There are two restaurant projects in the Forestville area that are ongoing. ECD staff hope to be able to share more detailed information soon.
 - RecycleX is a bottle and can redemption facility preparing to open on Wooster Court. RecycleX is partnering with Clynk, a company that will provide several bottle/can redemption locations in the area. Customers use a special bag to drop off at the redemption locations connected to user accounts. More information to come.

Business Incentives

Small Business Micro Grants

- No current projects.

State of CT Urban Jobs Tax Abatement for Manufacturers

- Approved Applications: G&M Woodworking (relocation) and Bauer Inc. (building expansion).

Downtown/West End/Forestville Façade Program

- Working with the owner of 14 East Main Street in Forestville – the plaza featuring Rumba Lounge/Post Office.
- Working with a food business preparing to occupy 31B Church Ave. in Forestville
- Working with the property owner of 13 Divinity Street in the “West End.”

Forgivable Revolving Loan

- Louis Silva with Community Investment Corp. (CIC) is expected to be in attendance for the January 2025 ECD Board meeting.

Marketing

1) ECD Ribbon Cuttings, Business Anniversaries and Business Site Visits:

Ribbon cutting ceremonies – West End Rt72/69 w/ CT DOT, RBI Café (the former Augie’s across the street from Muzzy Field)

Business Site Visit – KA Mattias Cleaning Services – home-based business now leasing commercial space on Wooster Court

2) **Marketing and Public Relations Initiatives:**

- The Marketing Research Project survey is underway with results expected in mid-January. Data will be shared with ECD Commissioners at February meeting.
- A sponsorship package has been created for Downtown LIVE to support the Rockwell Theater at BAIMS, please share. (See PDF in Communications)
- The ARPA Video Project is underway with two videos scheduled for January.

Grants Administration

Recent Grant News:

- An application was filed on November 27 for a DEEP Open Space Grant to purchase two parcels of land in the Hoppers-Birge Pond area to add to existing City open space.
- With assistance from NVCOG, the City of Bristol will apply for a grant from the CT Regional Performance Incentive Program to create a new Animal Shelter in an existing building that will accommodate animals from both Bristol and Plymouth, as well as satisfy new state regulations for adequate animal shelter facilities.

CDBG Program Highlights

- CDBG Year 50 – First quarter grant payments processed. The second quarter ended December 31st.
- 5-Year Consolidated Plan – CDBG Policy Committee voted to move Goal #4 (economic/workforce development) up to #3, and move #3 (supporting infrastructure and non-profit facility improvements) to #4.

Commissioners are invited to attend the Public Hearing on Jan. 21 at 5:00 p.m. in Meeting Room 3-1. The goals will be discussed, and a presentation of the results of the community survey will be made. Public comments will be collected at this hearing that will be included in the report.

- Applications for CDBG Year 51 are available on the City's website. A mass email announcing the availability was sent to all social service agencies that serve Bristol residents and any other interested parties. Applications for CDBG funding are due to ECD on Friday, January 31 before 1:00 p.m.



**CITY OF BRISTOL
BOARD OF FINANCE AGENDA REQUEST FORM**

To: Board of Finance Commissioners

From: Economic & Community Development
(Requesting Department)

Date: 1/10/2025
(Submission Date)

For the
Agenda: 1/28/2025 Board of Finance Meeting Agenda
(Date of Meeting)

This request is for:
(Please check the type of request and list in whole dollar amounts)

- ☐ Additional Appropriation \$ _____
- ☐ Transfer from Contingency \$ _____
- ☒ Transfer(s) \$ 3,000.00
- ☐ Grant \$ _____
- ☐ Carry-over(s) \$ _____
- ☐ Other \$ _____

Approval:

This request was approved by the Economic and Community Development Board at its meeting held on January 9, 2025.

(Department Head's signature)

All requests to appear on the Board of Finance meeting agenda for consideration must be submitted to Jodi McGrane in the Comptroller's Office by 10:00 a.m. Monday of the preceding week of the meeting. Board of Finance Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Board of Finance Agenda Request Form

Reason for request:

Due to the need for additional advertising of public hearings for the CDBG 5-Year Consolidated Plan, funds should be transferred from the line item for Fair Housing.

Additional Appropriation(s) and/or Appropriation(s) complete the following:

Account	Account Name	Amount
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Transfer(s) complete the following:

From:	1044103-587902-G2025	To:	1044103-557700-G2025	Amount:	
	Fair Housing/Planning		Advertising		\$3,000.00
From:	_____	To:	_____	Amount:	_____
From:	_____	To:	_____	Amount:	_____
From:	_____	To:	_____	Amount:	_____

Carry-overs list the following:

Account	Account Name	Amount
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Grants:

Total Amount: Grant \$_____

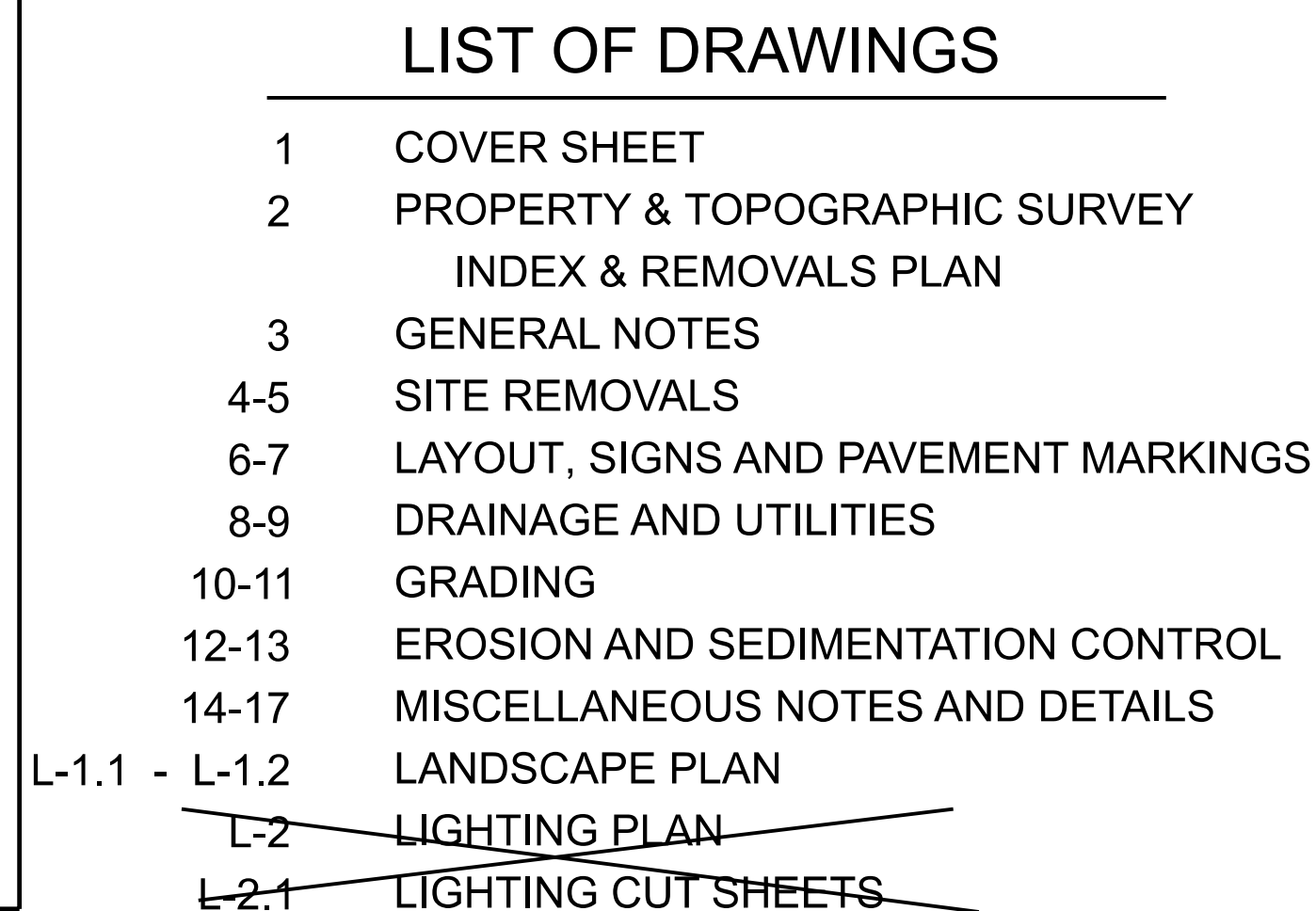
City Share \$_____ %

Federal/State Share \$_____ %

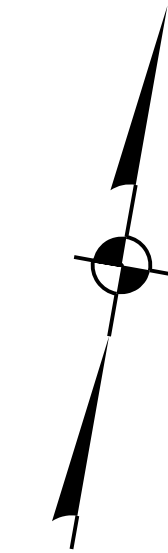
LOT 3-3 BUSINESS PARK DRIVE
BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT
DECEMBER 3, 2024
ASSESSORS MAP 3, LOT 3

GRANTED: MM/DD/YY

<u>LEGEND</u>	
	NORTH ARROW
	UTILITY POLE
	UTILITY POLE W/ LUMINAIRE
	MANHOLE
	CATCH BASIN
	SIGN
	GATE VALVE (TYPE AS NOTED)
	HYDRANT
	DECIDUOUS TREE
	EVERGREEN TREE
	SHRUB / BUSH
	EXISTING SPOT ELEVATION
	PROPOSED SPOT ELEVATION
	CURBING (TYPE AS NOTED)
	CHAIN LINK FENCE
	ZONING SETBACK LINE
	EXISTING CONTOUR
	PROPOSED CONTOUR
	APPROX. LOCATION EXISTING SEWER MAIN
	APPROX. LOCATION EXISTING WATER MAIN
	APPROX. LOCATION EXISTING GAS MAIN
	APPROX. LOCATION EXISTING COMMUNICATION LINE
	PROPOSED 6" PVC (SDR-35) SEWER LATERAL
	PROPOSED 2" DOMESTIC WATER SERVICE
	PROPOSED UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC CONNECTION
	PROPOSED ROOF LEADER CONNECTION
	SEDIMENTATION AND EROSION CONTROL FENCE
	WHITE PAINTED PAVEMENT ARROW
	TREELINE



Lighting:



Test Hole B

Topsoil & Forest Litter	0-4"
Orange/Brown Fine Sandy Loam	4-30
Red Brown Fine Sand	30-84
No Observed Mottling	
No Water	
No Ledge	

SHEET 001

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Surveyors Notes:

This survey and map have been prepared in accordance with the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Sections 20-300b-1 through 20-300b-20 and the 'Standards for Surveys and Maps in the State of Connecticut' as adopted by the Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors, Inc., on August 29, 2019.

Boundary Determination Category - Resurvey

Horizontal Accuracy Class - A-2

Topographic Accuracy Class - T-2

Vertical Datum - NAVDatum 1988

Underground features have been compiled, in part, based upon informations furnished by others. This information is to be considered approximate and Robert Green Associates does not take responsibility for subsequent errors or omissions which may have been incorporated into this plan as a result.

Map References:

City of Bristol, Southeast Bristol Business Park, Bristol, CT, Zone IP-1, Date: September 09/06, Scale Prepared By: A/N Consulting Engineers Inc., 124 White Oak Drive, Berlin, Connecticut 06037

As-Built, Southeast Industrial Park, Roadway Utility Plan, Business Park Drive, Bristol, CT., Date: October 2009, Prepared By: Department of Public Works, Division of Engineering, City of Bristol Connecticut.

Department of Public Works, Division of Engineering, City of Bristol, Connecticut "Sewer As-built" Scale: 1"=40' Horiz., 1"=8' Vert., Sewer Installed 2007.

Easement Map, Map Showing Easement Area to be Granted to The Connecticut Light and Power Company Across the Property of The City of Bristol, Southeast Bristol Business Park, Bristol, Connecticut Scale: 1"=100', Date: October 25, 2007

REV. DATE REVISION DESCRIPTION	DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2024	SURVEYOR SIGNATURE/BLOCK: TO MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THIS MAP IS SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT AS NOTED HERON. 			ENGINEER SIGNATURE/BLOCK:	PROJECT TITLE: IMPROVEMENT LOCATION SURVEY-PROPOSED LOT 3-3 FORCE AUTOMATION BUSINESS PARK DRIVE BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT	ASSESSOR'S MAP/LOT: 3 / 3	DRAWING NO. V-001	
	SCALE: SCALE IN FEET SCALE 1"=30' 							DRAWING TITLE: PROPERTY & TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY INDEX & REMOVALS PLAN	SHEET NO. 2

GENERAL NOTES:

1. ASSESSORS MAP: 3
ASSESSORS LOT: 3
2. PROPERTY ADDRESS: BUSINESS PARK DRIVE
3. OWNER NAME: CITY OF BRISTOL
5. ZONE: IP-1
6. LOT AREA - 284,529 S.F. (6.532 ACRES)
7. WETLANDS SHOWN ARE AS INDICATED ON MAP REFERENCE NO.1
8. BASED ON FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP HARTFORD COUNTY, CONNECTICUT (ALL JURISDICTIONS), PANEL 466 OF 675, MAP NUMBER 0900304667, EFFECTIVE DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2008 THE PARCEL LIES WITHIN ZONE X (AREAS DETERMINED TO BE OUTSIDE THE 0.2% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOODPLAIN)
9. THE PROPERTY IS "NOT" LOCATED WITHIN A AQUIFER PROTECTION AREA
10. EXISTING CONTOURS AT 2' INTERVALS - PROPOSED CONTOURS AT 1' INTERVALS
11. THE INDICATED EXISTING UTILITIES ARE BASED ON LIMITED INFORMATION. THE LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE. ALL UTILITIES MAY NOT BE SHOWN. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL CONTACT "CALL-BEFORE-YOU-DIG" AT 811 PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY WORK
12. PROPOSED BUILDING TO BE SERVICED BY PUBLIC WATER AND SEWER
13. CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS, ELEVATIONS, QUANTITIES AND DETAILS PRIOR TO ANY CONSTRUCTION

CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE

1. FLAG THE LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THE PRECONSTRUCTION MEETING.
2. HOLD PRECONSTRUCTION MEETING WITH THE OWNER, ENGINEER, CONTRACTOR AND APPROPRIATE TOWN STAFF. REVIEW FLAGGED CLEARING LIMITS AND DETERMINE TOPSOIL STOCKPILE AREA. (REMEMBER TO CALL BEFORE YOU DIG 1-800-922-4455.)
3. FLAG REMAINDER OF THE LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION AND TREE PROTECTION ZONES IF REQUIRED.
4. INSTALL CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE PAD.
5. INSTALL PERIMETER EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROLS AND TREE PROTECTION DEVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE E&S PLAN.
6. CUT TREES WITHIN THE DEFINED CLEARING LIMITS AND REMOVE CUT WOOD CHIP BRUSH AND SLASH, STOCKPILE CHIPS FOR FUTURE USE OR REMOVE OFF SITE.
7. REMOVE ALL ITEMS PER REMOVALS PLAN.
8. STRIP AND STOCKPILE ALL TOPSOIL THAT IS WITHIN THE FOOTPRINT OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITE AND REFERENCE STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROLS. EITHER REMOVE TREE STUMPS TO AN APPROVED DISPOSAL SITE OR CHIP IN PLACE AS INDICATED ON THE PLANS.
9. MAKE ALL CUTS AND FILLS REQUIRED. ESTABLISH THE SUBGRADE FOR THE PARKING LOT AND DRIVEWAY AS REQUIRED AND BENCH THE BUILDING TO A SUBGRADE. ALLOW A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF AREA AROUND THE FOOT-PRINT OF THE BUILDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES.
10. BEGIN PERIMETER WALL CONSTRUCTION.
11. BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING.
12. PRIOR TO INSTALLING SURFACE WATER CONTROLS SUCH AS TEMPORARY DIVERSIONS AND STONE DIKES, INSPECT EXISTING CONDITIONS TO ENSURE DISCHARGE LOCATIONS ARE STABLE. IF NOT STABLE, REVIEW DISCHARGE CONDITIONS WITH THE DESIGN ENGINEER AND IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL STABILIZATION MEASURES PRIOR TO INSTALLING WATER SURFACE CONTROLS.
13. INSTALL ALL UTILITIES AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS TO WITHIN 5 FEET OF THE BUILDING OR AS OTHERWISE MODIFIED BY THE DESIGN ENGINEER TO ADJUST FOR UNFORESEEN SITE CONDITIONS.
14. PREPARE SUB-BASE, SLOPES, PARKING AREAS, SHOULDER AREAS, ACCESS DRIVES AND ANY OTHER DISTURBANCE FOR FINAL GRADING.
15. INSTALL PROCESS AGGREGATE IN PARKING AREAS.
16. PLACE TOPSOIL WHERE REQUIRED. COMPLETE THE PERIMETER LANDSCAPE PLANTINGS.
17. FINE GRADE, RAKE, SEED AND MULCH TO WITHIN 2 FEET OF THE CURBING.
18. UPON SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION OF THE BUILDING, COMPLETE THE BALANCE OF SITE WORK AND STABILIZATION OF ALL OTHER DISTURBED AREAS. INSTALL FIRST COURSE OF PAVING.
19. WHEN ALL OTHER WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED, REPAIR AND SWEEP ALL PAVED AREAS FOR THE FINAL COURSE OF PAVING. INSPECT THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM AND CLEAN AS NEEDED.
20. INSTALL FINAL COURSE OF PAVEMENT.
21. AFTER THE SITE IS STABILIZED REMOVE TEMPORARY EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROLS.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN (POST-CONSTRUCTION)

1. ALL DRAINAGE SHOULD BE INSPECTED TWO TIMES PER YEAR AND SEDIMENT REMOVED WHEN IT EXTENDS TO WITHIN 12 INCHES OF THE OUTLET PIPE INVERT. NOT LESS THAN ONCE PER YEAR. THE SEDIMENT SHALL BE DISPOSED OF IN AN APPROVED LOCATION.
2. ALL PAVED AREAS SHALL BE SWEEPED TWICE ANNUALLY. TYPICALLY, SWEEPING SHOULD OCCUR IN THE SPRING, AFTER WINTER SANDING, AND IN THE FALL, AFTER ALL LEAVES HAVE FALLEN.
3. A VEGETATIVE OR IMPROVED COVER SHALL BE MAINTAINED ON ALL EARTH SURFACES TO MINIMIZE SOIL EROSION. USE OF FERTILIZER SHOULD BE MINIMIZED AND APPLIED USING PRUDENT APPLICATION PROCEDURES. (USE ONLY ORGANIC FERTILIZER)
4. DURING CONSTRUCTION AND FOR THREE MONTHS AFTER PROJECT COMPLETION INSPECTION OF SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL MEASURES SHALL BE MADE ON A WEEKLY BASIS AND AFTER RAINFALL EVENTS OF 1/2" OR GREATER. A LOG OF SUCH INSPECTIONS SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT THE SITE.
5. THE WATER QUALITY STRUCTURE SHALL BE INSPECTED TWICE A YEAR AND CLEANED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS GUIDELINES. RECORDS OF THE INSPECTIONS AND CLEANOUTS SHALL BE MAINTAINED ON THE PREMISES.

GENERAL NOTES FOR SITE PLANS "CITY OF BRISTOL" (AS APPLICABLE)

1. A SANITARY SEWER LATERAL PERMIT OBTAINED FROM THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT WILL BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO CONNECTING INTO THE EXISTING SEWER SYSTEM. THE CONTRACTOR INSTALLING THE SEWERS/LATERALS SHALL NOTIFY THE CITY SEWER INSPECTOR BETWEEN 24 AND 48 HOURS PRIOR TO ANY SUCH INSTALLATION AND/OR CONNECTION TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN INSPECTION OF THE SANITARY SEWER INSTALLATIONS. NO SANITARY SEWER INSTALLATION SHALL BE BACKFILLED PRIOR TO AN INSPECTION OF THE COMPLETE PIPE INSTALLATION BY THE CITY SEWER INSPECTOR. ALL BUILDING SEWERS SHALL HAVE A GRAVITY BACK FLOW PREVENTER. (BUILDING SEWERS AND CONNECTIONS SHALL BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEC. 22-191(f) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES - CITY OF BRISTOL)
2. A STORM SEWER CONNECTION PERMIT OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO CONNECTING THE PROPOSED DRAINAGE SYSTEM(S) INTO THE CITY SYSTEM AND/OR INSTALLING STORM DRAINAGE WITHIN THE CITY R.O.W. THE CONTRACTOR MAKING THE STORM SEWER CONNECTION AND/OR INSTALLING STORM DRAINAGE WITHIN THE CITY R.O.W. SHALL NOTIFY THE CITY SEWER INSPECTOR BETWEEN 24 AND 48 HOURS PRIOR TO ANY SUCH INSTALLATION AND/OR CONNECTION TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN INSPECTION OF THE STORM SEWER INSTALLATIONS. NO STORM SEWER SHALL BE BACKFILLED PRIOR TO AN INSPECTION OF THE COMPLETE PIPE INSTALLATION BY THE CITY SEWER INSPECTOR.
3. A DRIVEWAY APRON AND/OR SIDEWALK PERMIT OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTING ANY DRIVEWAY APRON AND/OR SIDEWALK WITHIN THE CITY R.O.W. THE CONTRACTOR CONSTRUCTING THE DRIVEWAY APRON AND/OR SIDEWALK WITHIN THE CITY R.O.W. SHALL NOTIFY THE CITY HIGHWAY INSPECTOR BETWEEN 24 AND 48 HOURS PRIOR TO ANY SUCH CONSTRUCTION TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN INSPECTION OF ANY DRIVEWAY APRON AND/OR SIDEWALK INSTALLATIONS. NO CONCRETE (PORTLAND CEMENT AND/OR BITUMINOUS) SHALL BE PLACED PRIOR TO AN INSPECTION BY THE CITY HIGHWAY INSPECTOR.
4. SEDIMENTATION AND SILTATION CONTROLS SHALL BE INSTALLED AS REQUIRED BY THE ENGINEERING DIVISION/WEO.
5. GRADING AROUND THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS SHALL BE PERFORMED IN A MANNER WHICH PREVENTS ALL RUNOFF FROM BEING DIRECTED ONTO ADJACENT PROPERTIES, BOTH DURING AND AFTER CONSTRUCTION.
6. AS-BUILT PLOT PLANS SHALL BE SUBMITTED FOR ENGINEERING DIVISION REVIEW AT LEAST THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO THE REQUIRED ENGINEERING SIGN-OFF FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY (C.O.). AS-BUILT PLANS MUST INCLUDE AS-BUILT GRADING OF THE SITE.
7. ANY EXISTING DAMAGED SECTIONS OF SIDEWALK AND/OR CURBING IDENTIFIED BY THE CITY ALONG STREETS ABUTTING THE SITE SHALL BE REPLACED AT THE DIRECTION OF THE CITY'S ENGINEERING STAFF.

PARKING CALCULATION

PHASE 1 BUILDING 1				
OFFICE/RESEARCH	6,725 S.F.	REQUIRED 1/250 G.F.A.	26.9 SPACES	
MANUFACTURING/WAREHOUSE	23,416 S.F.	REQUIRED 2/1000 S.F.	46.8 SPACES	
PHASE 2 BUILDING 2				
MANUFACTURING/WAREHOUSE	12,000 S.F.	REQUIRED 2/1000 S.F.	24 SPACES	36 SPACES
			TOTAL AGGREGATE PARKING REQUIRED - 98 SPACES	106 SPACES

REMOVAL NOTES:

1. ANY SITE FEATURE NOT LABELED AS BEING REMOVED, REPLACED, ETC. IS INTENDED TO REMAIN.
2. EXISTING ABOVE AND BELOW GROUND UTILITIES TO REMAIN SHALL BE MAINTAINED AND PROTECTED AT ALL TIMES.
3. DURING THE PRECONSTRUCTION MEETING, THE CONTRACTOR, ENGINEER AND CITY SHALL DETERMINE A SUITABLE LOCATION FOR THE TOPSOIL STOCKPILE.
4. SIDEWALKS TO BE REPLACED SHALL BE REPLACED TO THE NEAREST JOINT.

SIGNING AND PAVEMENT MARKING NOTES:

1. SIGNS AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS SHALL CONFORM TO MUTCD OR CONNDOT STANDARDS AS DEPICTED.
2. SIGNS SHALL BE INSTALLED WITH A BREAKAWAY FEATURE.
3. ALL PAVEMENT MARKINGS SHALL BE EPOXY RESIN.

ACCESSIBILITY NOTES:

1. ALL ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES AND LOADING ZONES SHALL NOT EXCEED 2% IN ANY DIRECTION.
2. ALL ACCESSIBLE EGRESSES SHALL BE FLUSH WITH THE ADJOINING MATERIAL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ON THE PLANS.
3. WALKWAYS ALONG ACCESSIBLE ROUTES ARE NOT TO EXCEED 5% RUNNING SLOPE OR 2% CROSS SLOPE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY NOTED ON THE PLANS.
4. ALL RAMPS SHALL NOT EXCEED 1/42 OR 2% CROSS PITCH.

UTILITY AND DRAINAGE NOTES:

1. TOP OF FRAME ELEVATIONS SHOWN ON THESE PLANS REFLECT THE 2" STANDARD DEPRESSION FROM GUTTER LINE.
2. ALL CATCH BASINS SHALL HAVE A 2FT SUMP UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ON THE PLANS.
3. ALL YARD DRAINS SHALL BE "NYLOPLAST DRAIN BASINS" (OR APPROVED EQUAL) WITH THE STANDARD D.I. FRAME AND GRADE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ON THE PLANS.
4. THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING WITH ALL APPROPRIATE UTILITY COMPANIES REGARDING A FINAL DESIGN, MEANS OF CONSTRUCTION AND EXACT LOCATION AND SIZE OF THE UTILITY PRIOR TO THE START OF CONSTRUCTION.
5. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL LOCATIONS OF UNDERGROUND UTILITIES TO VERIFY PROPOSED DRAINAGE PIPE CLEARANCES PRIOR TO CUTTING PAVEMENT FOR PIPE TRENCHING EXCAVATIONS.
6. ALL WATERMAIN, WATER SERVICE AND SEWER WORK TO BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BRISTOL WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT SPECIFICATIONS. CONTACT KRAG REEGAN AT THE BRISTOL WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT AT (860) 582-7431 OR mike@nycnabw1stolct.gov PRIOR TO THE START OF CONSTRUCTION. THE SEWER CONTACT SHALL BE BRYAN ROBERTS AT (860) 582-7431 OR bryanroberts@bristolct.gov
7. THE BUILDING WILL HAVE A SINGLE METER INSTALLED AND ONCE THE OWNERS ENGINEER HAS DETERMINED THE MAX GPM TO BE SUPPLIED TO THE BUILDING, BRISTOL WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT WILL THEN DETERMINE METER SIZE.
8. ALL WATER SERVICE TAPS TO BE DONE BY THE CITY OF BRISTOL WATER DEPARTMENT. SEWER TAPS TO BE DONE BY CONTRACTOR (DEVELOPER).
9. THE UNUSED 6" FIRE SERVICE TO THE PROPERTY SHALL BE ABANDONED AT THE WATER MAIN; THE VALVE SHALL BE REMOVED AND A PLUG WILL BE INSTALLED.
10. WATER AND SEWER SHALL MAINTAIN A MINIMUM 10 FT HORIZONTAL SEPARATION.
11. SUBSEQUENT TO C.B.Y.D., THE CONTRACTOR SHALL IDENTIFY ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS BETWEEN EXISTING UNDERGROUND UTILITIES AND PROPOSED DRAINAGE AND UTILITIES WITHIN THE EASEMENT ALONG THE FRONTAGE.
12. IF THE CONTRACTOR ENCOUNTERS UNDERGROUND DRAINAGE AND/OR UTILITIES DURING CONSTRUCTION THAT ARE NOT SHOWN ON THE PLANS, HE/SHE SHALL CONTACT THE ENGINEER FOR EVALUATION AND AS-BUILT.

GENERAL NOTES FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL

1. THIS PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT PROPOSES EROSION CONTROL MEASURES WHICH WILL PERFORM ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS: MINIMIZATION OF SOIL EXPOSURE, CONTROL OF RUNOFF, SHIELDING OF THE SOILS AND BINDING OF THE SOILS. PROPER EROSION MANAGEMENT WILL MINIMIZE THE NEED FOR EXTENSIVE SEDIMENTATION CONTROLS.
2. ALL SEDIMENTATION AND EROSION CONTROL MEASURES SHALL BE INSTALLED PRIOR TO THE START OF CONSTRUCTION.
3. ALL CONTROL MEASURES SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN EFFECTIVE CONDITION THROUGHOUT THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD AND FOR A PERIOD AFTERWARDS UNTIL ALL AREAS ARE STABILIZED. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL INSPECT ALL SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL MEASURES AFTER EACH STORM EVENT (1/2" OR MORE) OR ONCE A WEEK AND IMMEDIATELY MAKE ANY CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUIRED.
4. ALL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL MEASURES SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL HANDBOOK.
5. RUNOFF SHALL ALSO BE CONTROLLED BY THE STAGING OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AND THE PRESERVATION OF NATURAL VEGETATION WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
6. LAND DISTURBANCE SHALL BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM AND RESTABILIZATION SHALL BE SCHEDULED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE AREAS WHICH ARE LEFT EXPOSED FOR MORE THAN 30 DAYS, TEMPORARY SEEDING FOR STABILIZATION SHALL BE UTILIZED OR AN APPROVED EQUAL.
- A) SEED BED PREPARATION:
- REMOVE STONES LARGER THAN 2"
- APPLY LIMESTONE AT 50# / 1000 S.F.
- WORK LIME AND FERTILIZER INTO SOIL
- B) SEED APPLICATION:
- APPLY GRASS MIXTURE BY HAND OR CYCLONE SEEDER, LIGHTLY DRAG OR ROLL THE SEED SURFACE TO COVER SEED.
- OPTIMAL SEEDING SEASON IS BETWEEN MARCH 15TH AND JUNE 30TH OR BETWEEN AUGUST 15TH AND OCTOBER 30TH.
- IF SEEDING CAN NOT BE DONE DURING THESE TIMES, REPEAT MULCHING PROCEDURE STATED BELOW UNTIL SEEDING CAN TAKE PLACE.
- C) SEED MIX:
- CREEPING RED FESCUE 49% / ACRE
- TALL FESCUE 20% / ACRE
- D) MULCHING:
- IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SEEDING, MULCH THE SEEDED SURFACE WITH STRAW OR HAY AT A RATE OF 1-1/2 TONS / ACRE
- SPREAD MULCH BY HAND OR MULCH BLOWER
- PUNCH MULCH INTO SOIL SURFACE WITH TRACK MACHINE OR DISK HARROW STRAIGHT UP. MULCH MATERIAL SHOULD BE "TUCKED" APPROXIMATELY 2" - 3" INTO SOIL SURFACE.
- E) TREE PROTECTION:
- LIMIT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES THAT MIGHT CAUSE DAMAGE TO TREES, THE AREA ADJACENT TO, AND TREES THAT ARE TO BE PROTECTED. WILL BE IDENTIFIED AND CLEARLY MARKED. EXCAVATION SHOULD NOT OCCUR WITHIN THE ROOT ZONE OF THE TREES THAT ARE TO REMAIN. IN ADDITION, RAISING OR LOWERING THE GRADE NEAR REMAINING TREES SHOULD NOT OCCUR.
7. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CORRECTING ANY EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL MEASURES DUE TO UNFORESEEN FIELD CONDITIONS. ADDITIONAL CONTROL MEASURES MAY ALSO BE INSTALLED DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD IF DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE ENGINEER, ENVIRONMENTAL SUPERVISOR AND/OR TOWN ENGINEER.
8. ANY CHANGE TO THE APPROVED EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PLAN BY THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY THE CONTRACTOR IN WRITING AND APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER.
9. ANTI-TRACKING PADS SHALL BE INSTALLED WHERE CONSTRUCTION ACCESS MEETS A PAVED ACCESS POINT, OR AS DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER.
10. STOCKPILE LOCATIONS SHALL BE DETERMINED PRIOR TO THE START OF CONSTRUCTION AND IF A STOCKPILE IS LOCATED OFF-SITE, THE LOCATION SHALL HAVE EROSION CONTROL MEASURES IN PLACE AND MEET ALL LOCAL REQUIREMENTS.
11. SLOPES SHALL BE RESTRICTED TO 2" HORIZONTAL TO 1" VERTICAL OR FLATTER THROUGH GRADING AND/OR RETAINING WALLS. WHERE LEDGE IS ENCOUNTERED, THE MAXIMUM CUT SLOPE MAY BE INCREASED TO 1 HORIZ.: 1 VERT. A 4FT HIGH PERMANENT SAFETY FENCE (e.g. CHAIN LINK FENCE) SHALL BE ADDED TO ALL ROCK CUTS GREATER THAN 4FT HIGH.
12. ALL SLOPES OR DISTURBED AREAS (EXCEPT PAVED AREAS) ARE TO BE STABILIZED WITH 4" OF TOPSOIL AND TURF MUST BE ESTABLISHED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ON THE PLANS. STABILIZATION SHALL INCLUDE INSTALLATION OF EROSION CONTROL MATTING WHERE SHOWN ON THE PLANS OR AS DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER.
13. SEDIMENTATION BARRIERS TO BE FIBRETEX 150 GRADE, OR APPROVED EQUAL. ANY DAMAGED BARRIERS SHALL BE REPLACED AND/OR RESET IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DAMAGE.
14. TEMPORARY PERVIOUS BARRIERS, USING SILT FENCE AND HAYBALES HELD IN PLACE WITH WOODEN STAKES, SHALL BE USED AT ALL AREAS WHERE STORM WATER CONTAINING SUSPENDED SEDIMENT COULD DRAIN OFF-SITE.
15. LUKASZ POPLAWSKI (OR HIS DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT (860) 495-5221) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING AND ENGINEERING DEPARTMENTS AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO THE START OF ANY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY.
16. LUKASZ POPLAWSKI (OR HIS DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT (860) 495-5221) IS ASSIGNED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTING THIS EROSION CONTROL PLAN, ITS INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CONTROL MEASURES, INCLUDING NOTIFYING ALL PARTIES ENGAGED ON THE CONSTRUCTION SITE OF THE REQUIREMENTS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PLAN, NOTIFYING THE PLANNING OFFICE OF ANY TRANSFER OF THIS RESPONSIBILITY AND FOR CONVEYING A COPY OF THE EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PLAN IF THE TITLE OF THE LAND IS TRANSFERRED.
17. THESE PLANS WERE PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2024 GUIDELINES FOR SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL, AS AMENDED. AN ADDITIONAL REFERENCE IS THE 1994 CONNDOT PUBLICATION "ON-SITE MITIGATION FOR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES".

EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

TOPSOIL STOCKPILES:

THE SIDE SLOPES SHALL NOT EXCEED A SLOPE GREATER THAN 2:1. STOCKPILES THAT WILL NOT BE USED WITHIN 30 DAYS SHOULD BE SEEDED AND MULCHED. A SEDIMENTATION FENCE SHALL BE INSTALLED APPROX. 10 FT FROM THE TOE OF SLOPE.

IF THE TOPSOIL STOCKPILE LOCATION IS RELOCATED, IT SHALL BE LOCATED SO AS NOT TO OBSTRUCT THE NATURAL DRAINAGE PATTERN OF THE SITE. IT SHALL BE LOCATED AS FAR AS PRACTICAL FROM ANY WETLANDS, WATER COURSES, DRAINAGEWAYS AND STEEP SLOPES. IF THE LOCATION IS DOWNGRADIENT FROM A LONG SLOPE, DIVERT RUNOFF AROUND THE STOCKPILE.

CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE PAD / ANTI-TRACKING PAD:

THE CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE SHALL BE KEPT CLEAN OF ANY DEBRIS OR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS. A PERIODIC TOP DRESSING OF STONE SHALL BE ADDED AS MAY BE REQUIRED TO KEEP THE ENTRANCE PAD WORKING EFFECTIVELY. IF A SEDIMENT SPILL OCCURS ON THE ROAD, IT SHALL BE CLEANED UP IMMEDIATELY.

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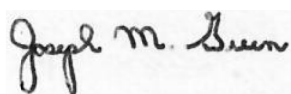
THE SEDIMENTATION CONTROL FENCE SHALL BE INSPECTED AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK AND WITHIN 24 HRS OF A RAIN EVENT OF 0.5 INCHES OR MORE. IF A FAILURE OCCURS, REPAIR OR REPLACE THE FENCE WITHIN 24 HRS. ANY SEDIMENT DEPOSITS THAT REACH HALF THE HEIGHT OF THE FENCE SHALL BE REMOVED.

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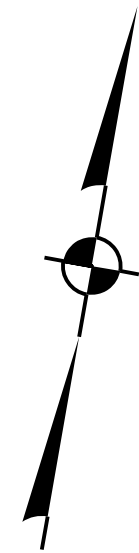
PERIODICALLY MOISTEN THE EXPOSED SOIL SURFACE TO KEEP TRAVELWAYS DAMP. AFTER THE TRAVELWAY HAS BEEN PAVED, PERIODIC SWEEPING MAY BE REQUIRED TO REMOVE DUST AND FINE MATERIALS ACCUMULATED FROM TRUCK TRAFFIC.

TREE PROTECTION:

TREES TO BE PROTECTED WILL BE IDENTIFIED AND CLEARLY MARKED. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE ADJACENT AREA THAT MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE TREE SHALL BE LIMITED AND TRUNK ARMORING PROVIDED.

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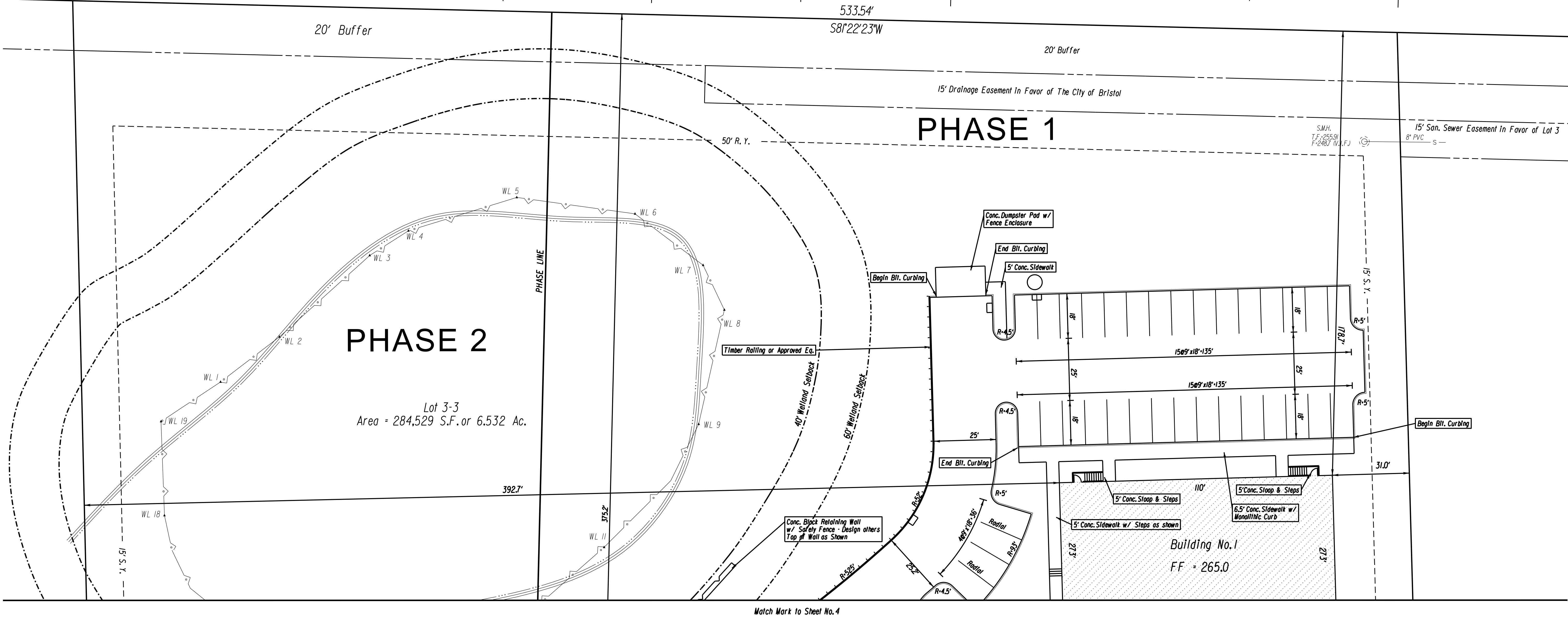
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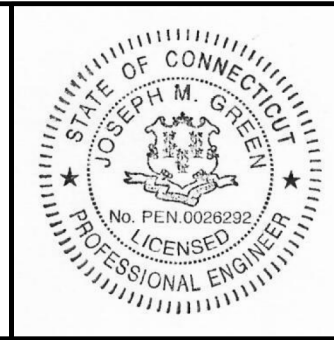
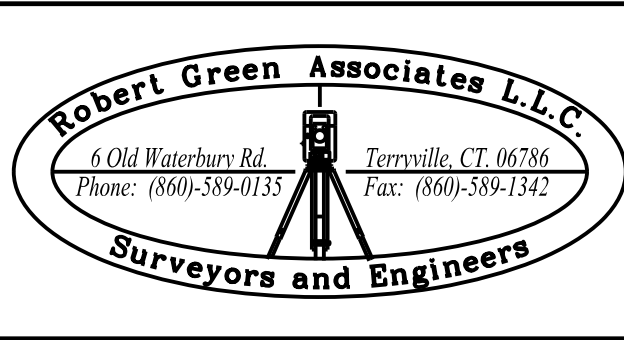
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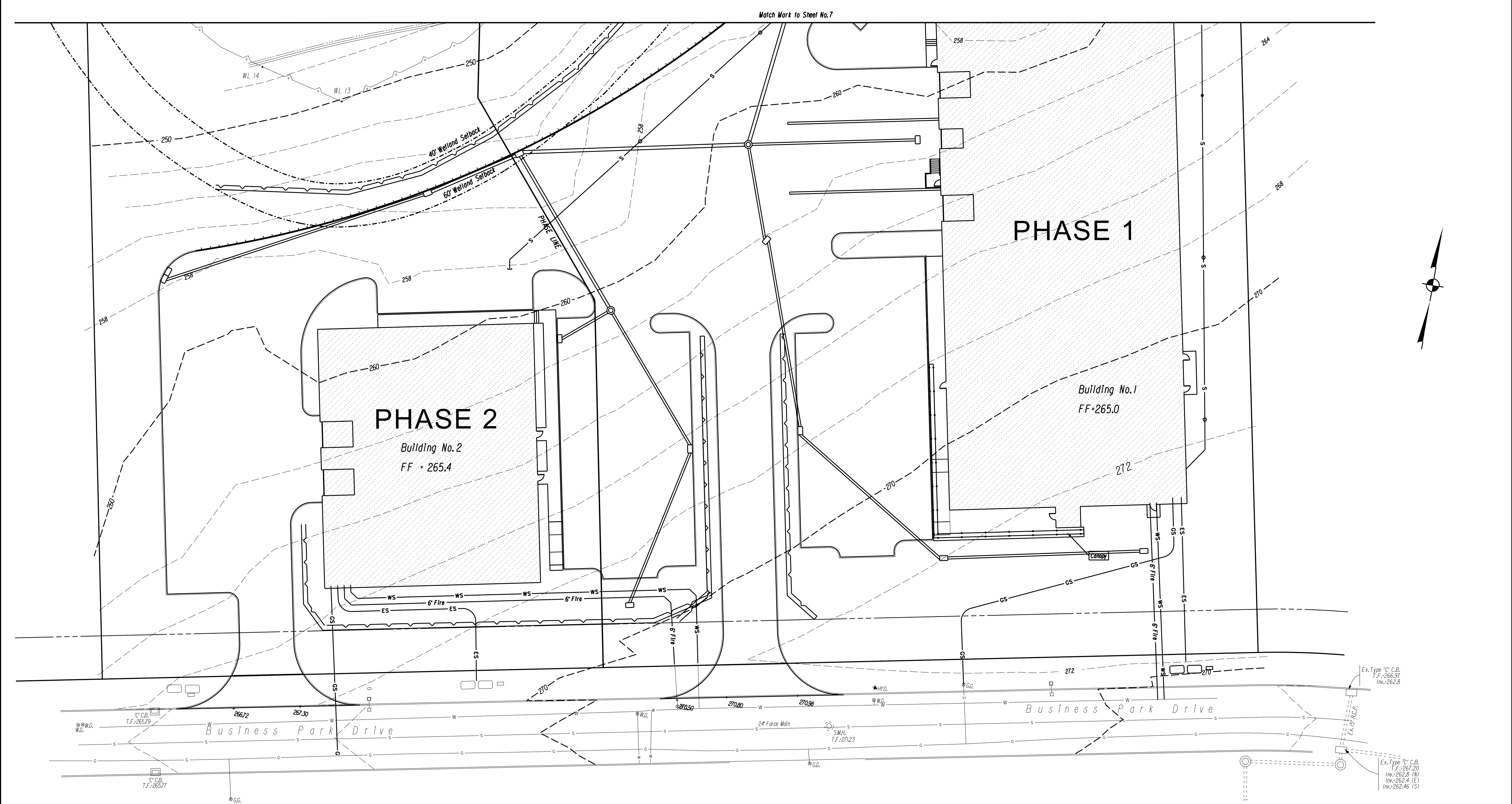
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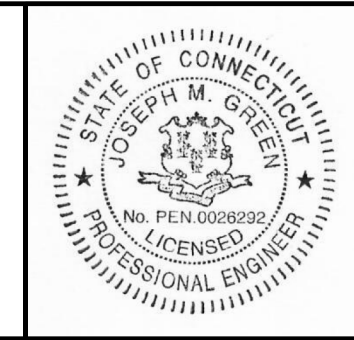
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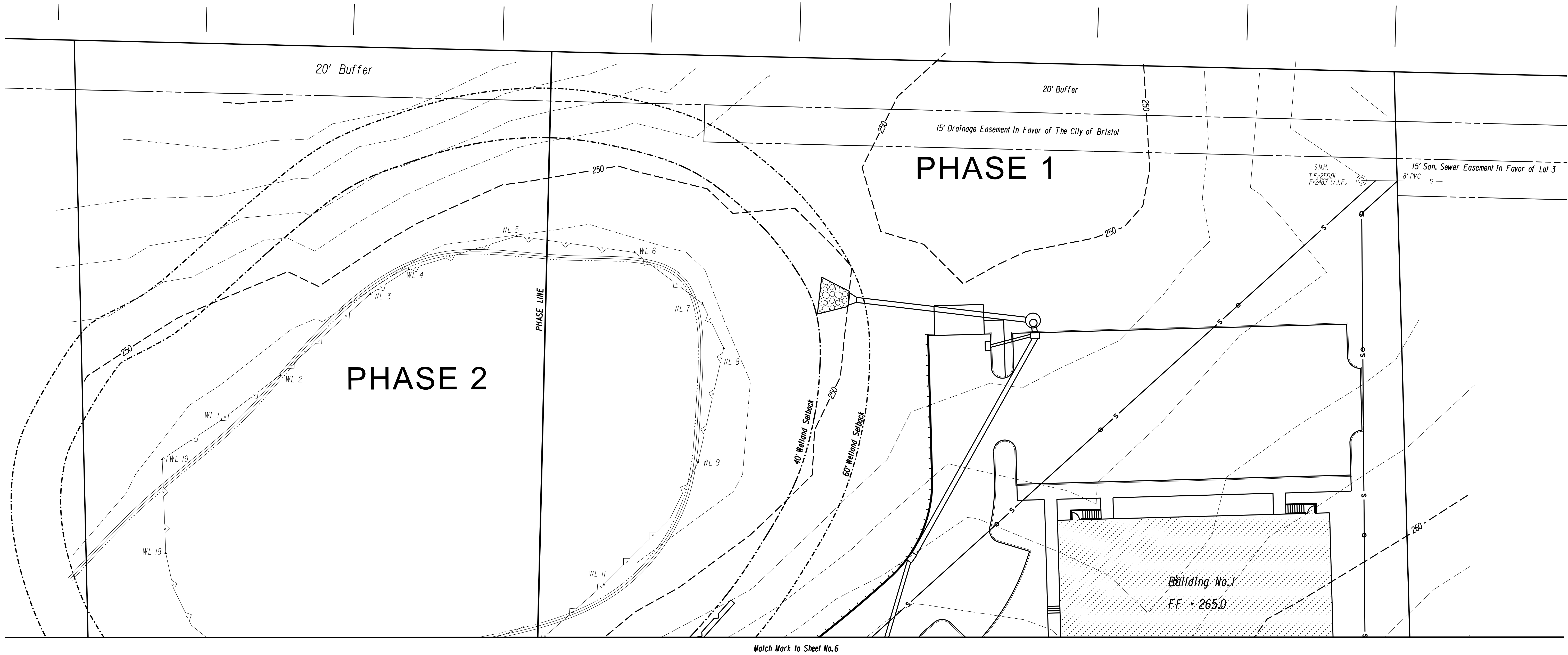
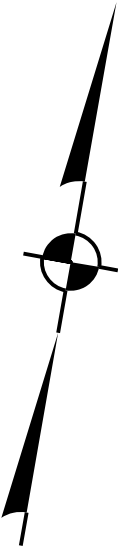


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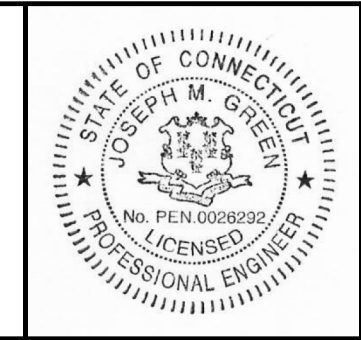
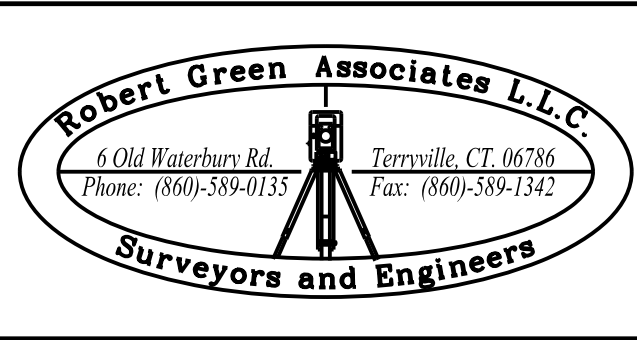
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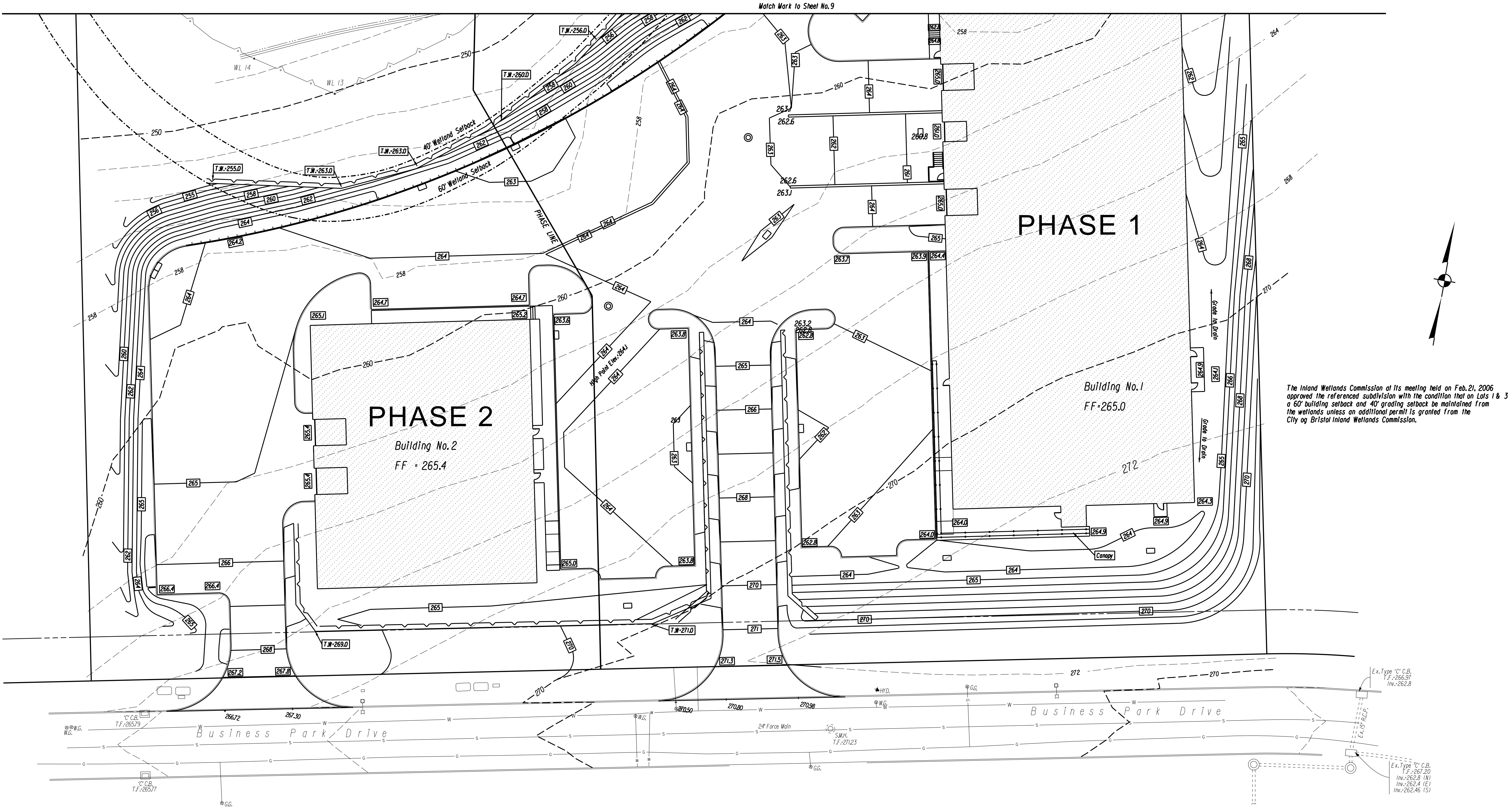


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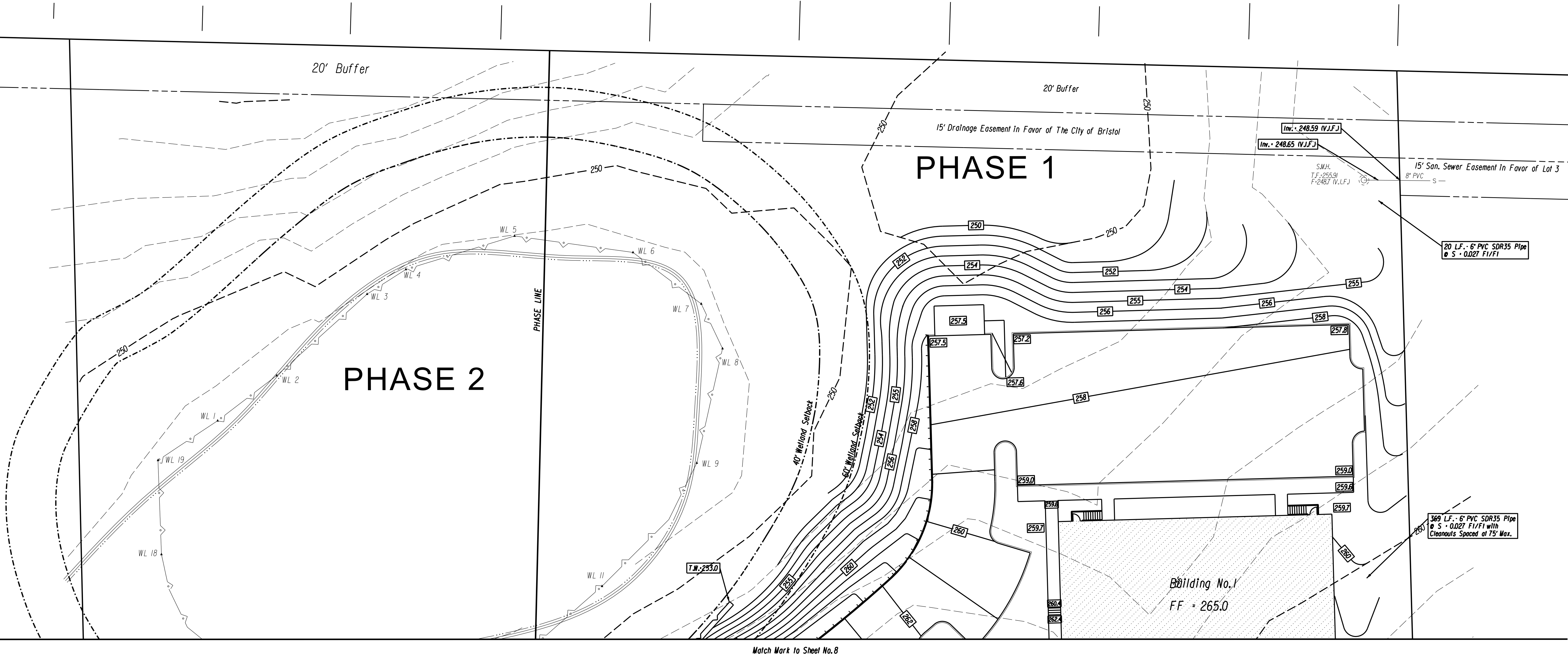
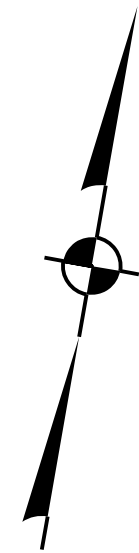
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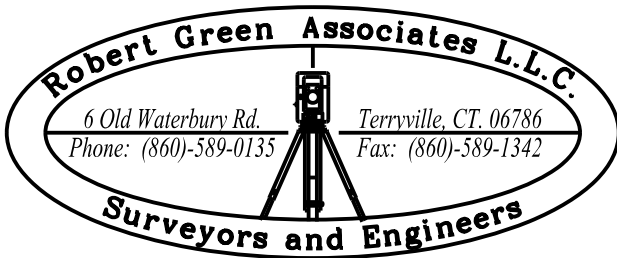
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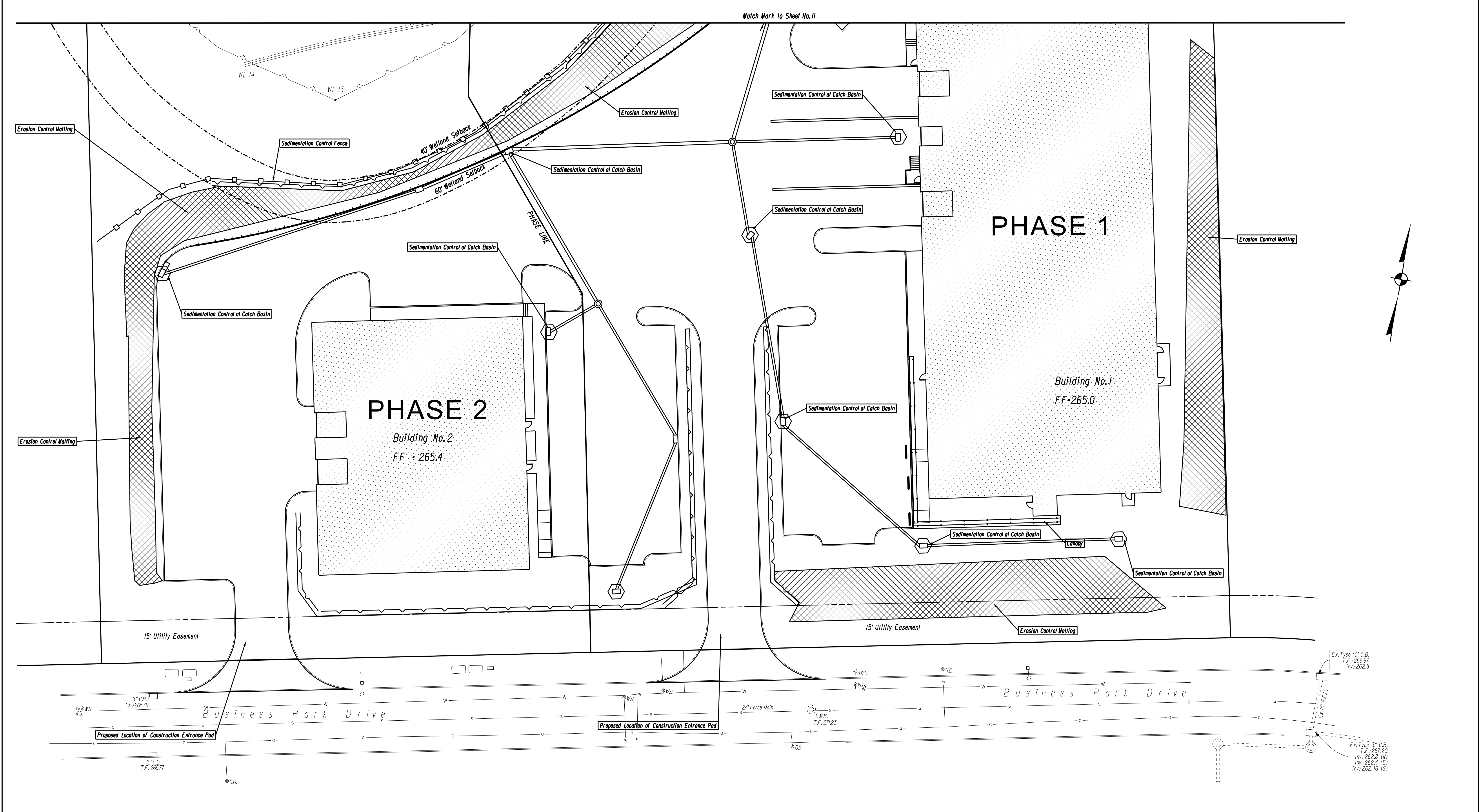
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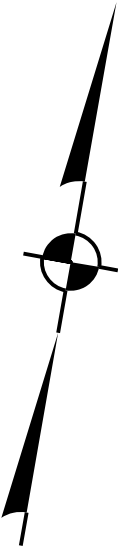
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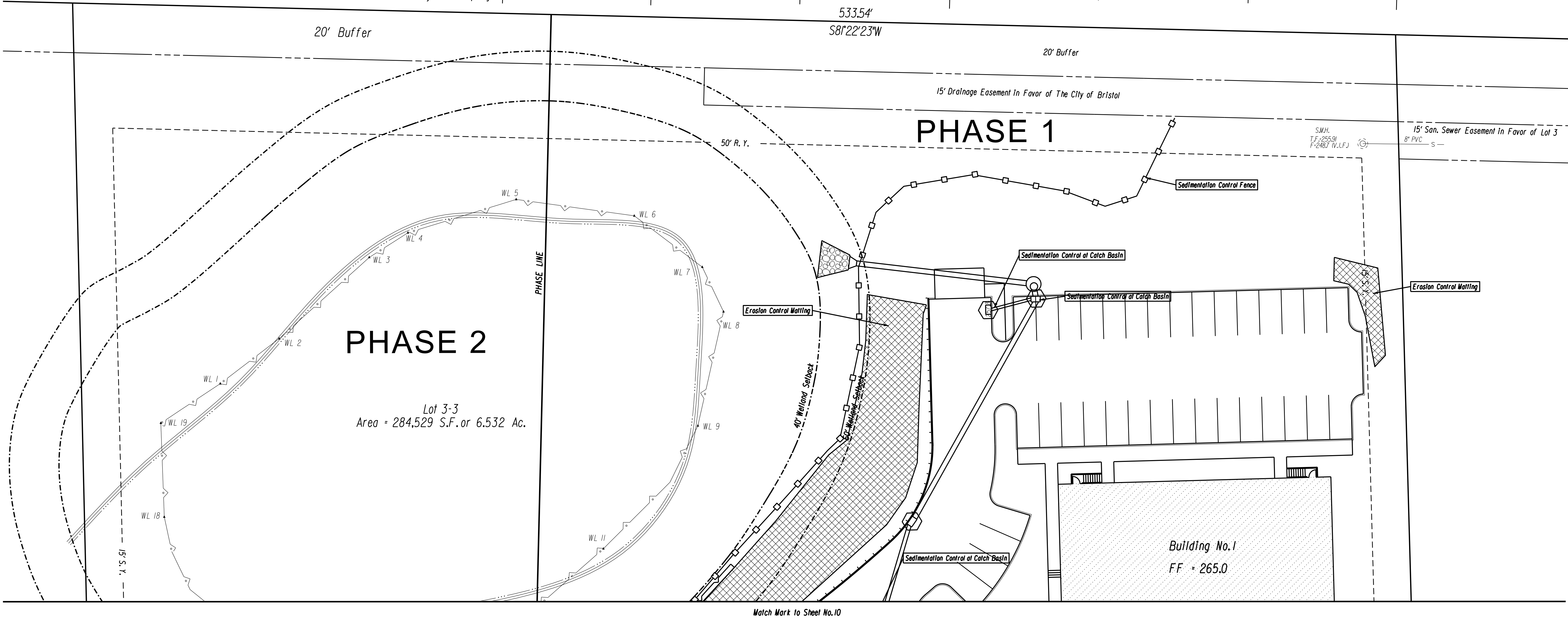
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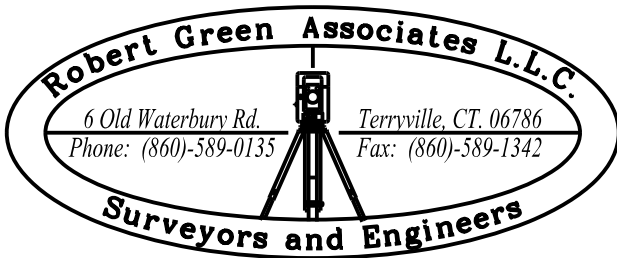
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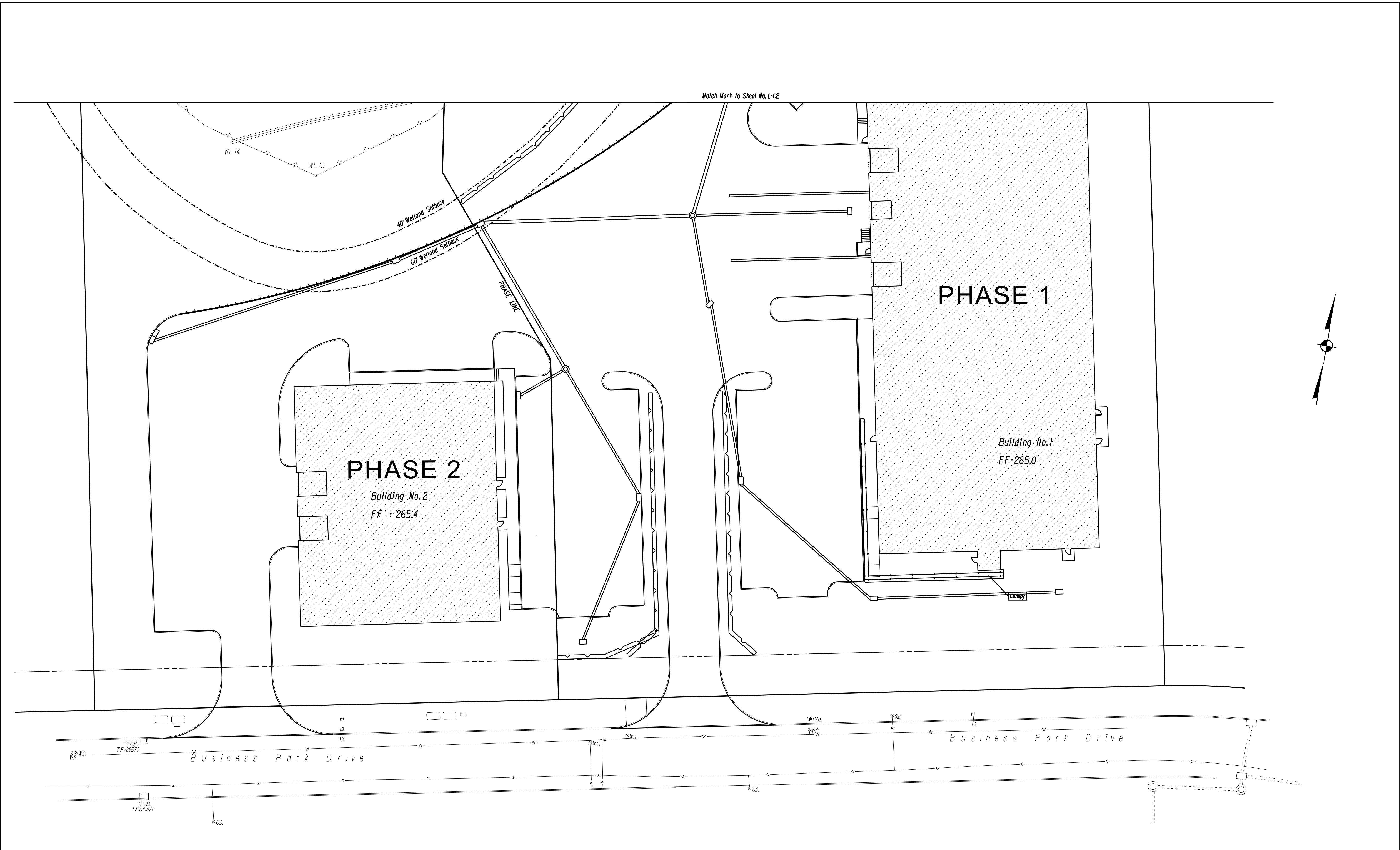


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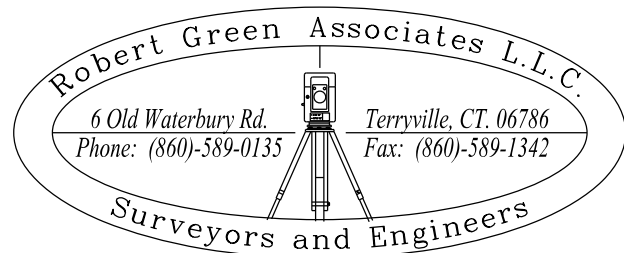
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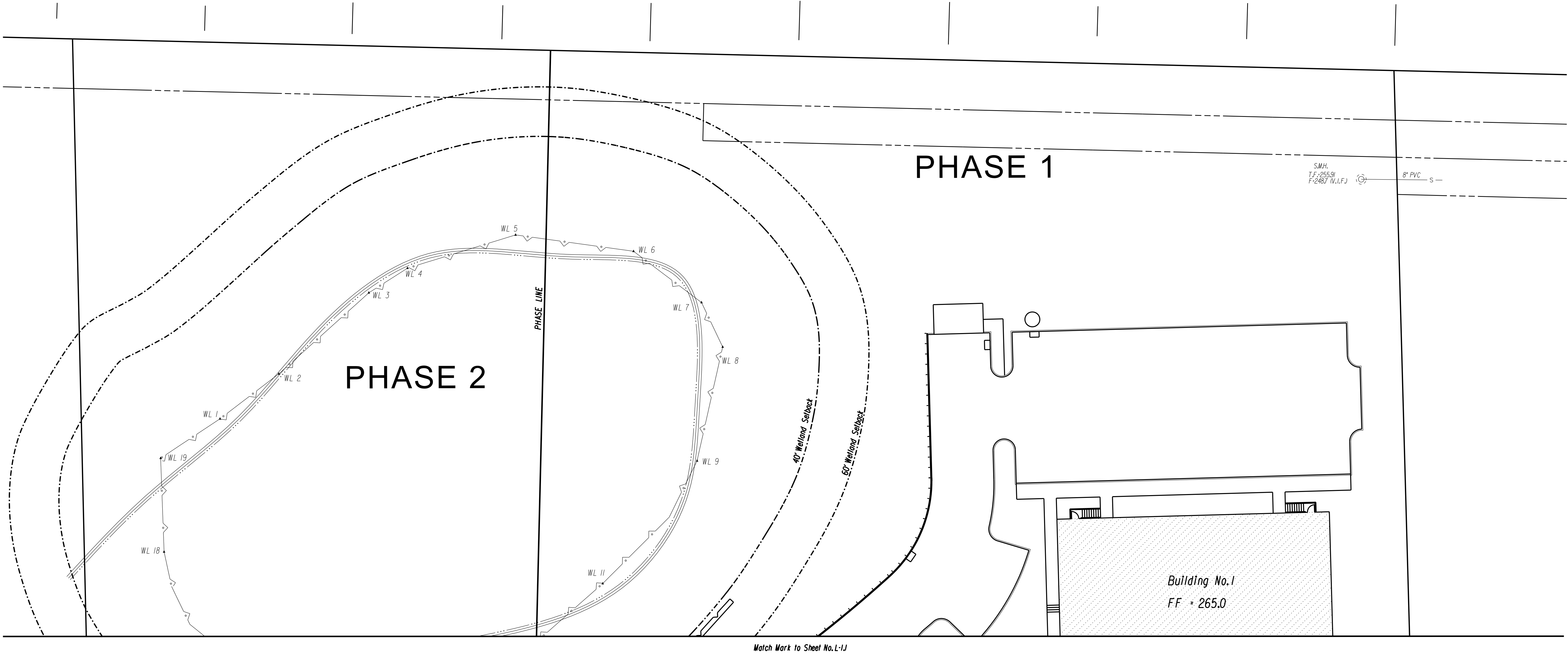
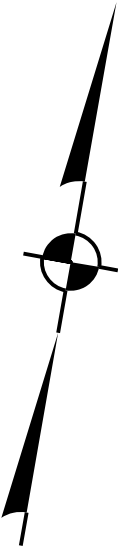
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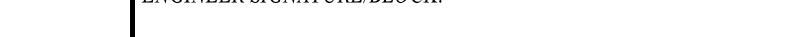
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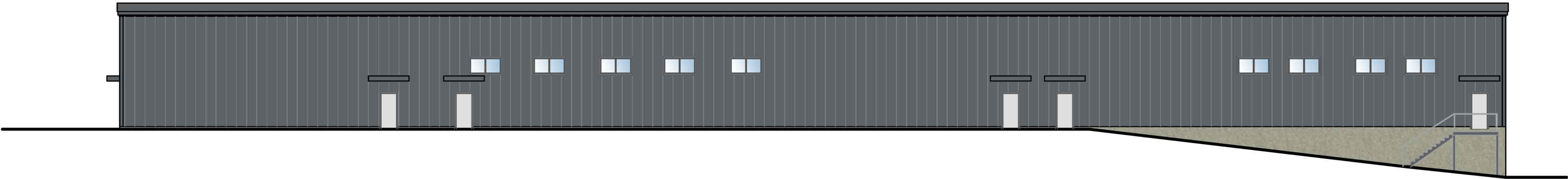
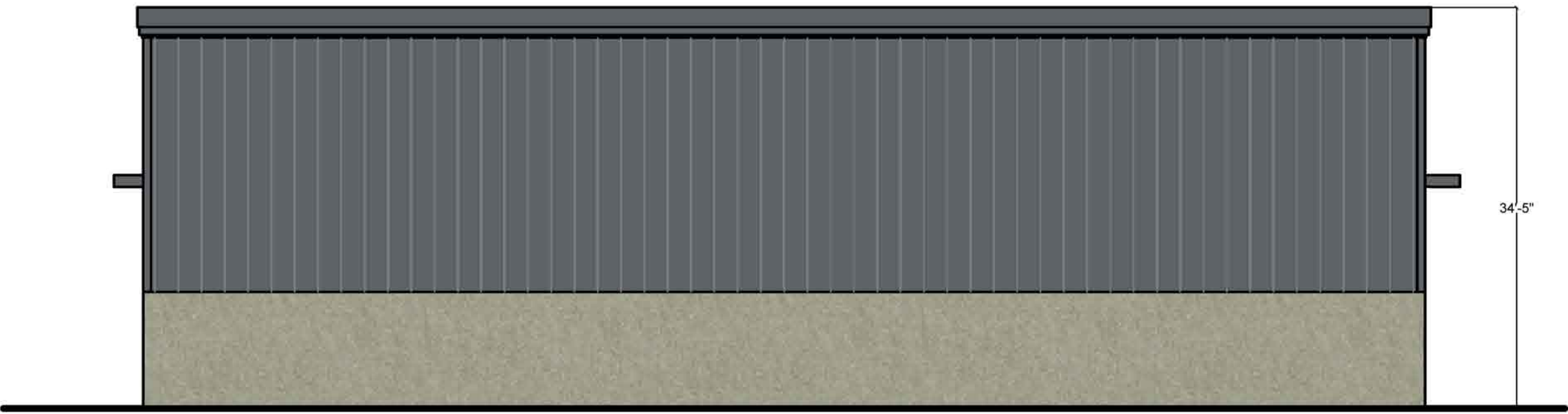
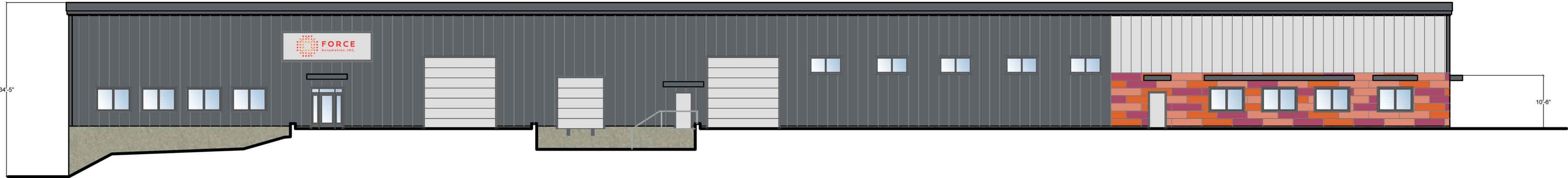


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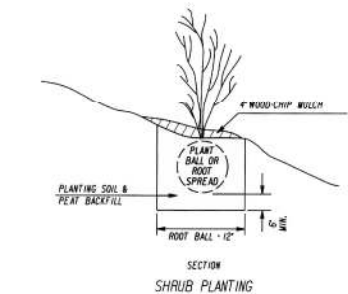
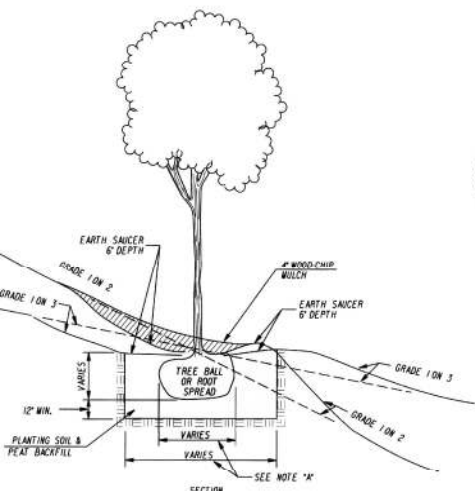
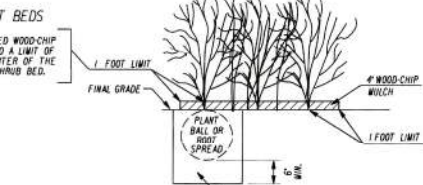




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Planting Key			
Key	Quantity	Botanical Name Common Name	Size
EWP	30	<i>Pinus strobus</i> Eastern White Pine	6' x 4'
BP	8	<i>Pyrus Calleryana</i> "Bradford" Bradford Pear	2" - 2 1/2"
AZ	7	<i>Rododendron</i> / <i>Robelzeia</i> Autumn Bonfire Azalea / Deleware Wine Valley Azalea (Alternate Color)	3' - 4'
CBS	4	<i>Picea pungens</i> Colorado Blue Spruce	6' x 4'

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**CITY OF BRISTOL
2025-2026 OPERATING BUDGET
PRELIMINARY BUDGET NARRATIVE AND ANALYSIS**

Department: Economic and Community Development (ECD)

Fiscal Year 2025 Goals and Accomplishments

Economic Development Incentives

From July 1, 2024 to present, the Economic and Community Development (ECD) department coordinated business development incentives – including grants, loans, and tax abatements – to assist new and existing businesses as well as developers completing significant projects. A sampling of recent incentives includes:

- ECD and its partner, Community Investment Corp. (CIC), closed five loans to assist businesses with expansion activities using the ECD's new Forgivable Revolving Loan Fund. This includes helping businesses purchase commercial buildings to conduct business, assisting a longtime manufacturer in upgrading its electrical system to support additional equipment, and helping a downtown eatery with equipment and building upgrades. Several additional loans are being prepared for closing in early 2025.
- The ECD provided Small Business Micro Grants to several small businesses undertaking facility upgrades. This included longtime Bristol businesses as well as several startup businesses downtown.
- High-technology manufacturers Bauer Inc. and G&M Woodworking received tax abatement through the State of Connecticut Urban Jobs Program associated with their company expansions.
- Several businesses and non-profits continued important work funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). These businesses and non-profits include Emily's Catering, Rowley Spring and Stamping, Bristol Boys and Girls Club, BristolWORKS! and many others.

Economic Development Highlights

- The ECD has been proud to partner with BristolWORKS!, an innovative workforce development agency that provides career training free of charge to local residents.
- Carrier Development completed construction on Phase #1 of a sprawling mixed-use development on Centre Square that includes more than 50 apartments and 8,000 square feet of ground floor commercial space.
- Wheeler Health completed construction of its 45,000 square foot corporate headquarters and medical facility on Centre Square.
- Construction on the HOME2 hotel is complete, offering an exciting complement to the recently completed Bristol Event Center.

- ECD, New Colony Development (land bank), and the Michaels Organization continue to partner on the environmental cleanup and redevelopment of the J.H. Sessions building at 273 Riverside Ave.

Marketing Highlights

- ECD is developing a marketing research initiative to target young professionals – ages 25 to 34. The results from this market research will allow ECD to develop targeted marketing and to identify the most efficient methods for spending limited marketing dollars to promote the many great assets available in Bristol for both residents and visitors.
- As economic development continues in downtown and throughout the city, ECD is committed to continuing to promote Bristol's small businesses – both existing and new – through social media, public relations, and targeted marketing initiatives.
- ECD celebrated the opening of 14 new businesses with ribbon cutting ceremonies and 2 groundbreaking ceremonies for existing businesses expanding in 2024.
- ECD recognized 12 Bristol businesses celebrating milestone anniversaries (30-plus years in business) in 2024.
- ECD will continue to promote all the great local assets Bristol has to offer for residents, visitors, and businesses through partnerships with the Arts & Culture Commission, other City departments, Bristol businesses, and nonprofit organizations utilizing several marketing channels including social media to drive traffic to the newly-updated Bristol All Heart website.

Community Development Highlights

- Awarded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) public service grants with a value of \$81,781 to ten (10) community agencies providing programs to benefit Bristol residents with low and moderate incomes, and set aside \$3,000 in funds to support Fair Housing activities in the City.
- For the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, the ECD utilized \$332,267 in CDBG Housing Rehabilitation funds to provide grants for projects benefiting 29 single-family homeowners, and awarded \$30,000 for rehabilitation of six (6) multi-family housing units (total CDBG grants = \$362,267). Typical home improvements include the replacement of a home's roof or heating system, upgrade to energy efficient windows, sewer line replacement and other emergency repairs. The rehabilitation work performed through this program improves the housing stock in Bristol and enables residents to maintain the safety and integrity of their homes.

Grants Administration Highlights

- The city was awarded a grant by the National Park Service to support improvements at Rockwell Park. Part of the Outdoor Recreation & Legacy Partnership, the grant of \$1,930,000 is targeted at enhancements to the park located in a very low-income census tract. This requires a match of the grant funding.

- In 2023-24, a grant of \$793,184 was awarded by CT DOT as part of the Community Connectivity program. Funds are used to improve crosswalks and pedestrian walkways throughout the City, especially in the Downtown area and near school facilities. The City has previously received \$739,020 from this program, bringing the total funded to \$1,532,204.
- In 2024 successful applications for grants from the Main Street Community Foundation and the Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation were awarded to support programs at the Bristol Police Department, including the department's ongoing activities with Summer Youth Athletic Programs at Cambridge Park and outfitting the Police Cadets with uniforms and equipment; and to the Bristol Senior Center to assist elderly residents experiencing food or housing insecurity.

Summary of Fiscal Year 2026 Request

- The ECD is submitting the attached fiscal year 2026 budget request with no expectations for significant changes within the ECD office.
- The ECD has abided by the directive to maintain a level or reduced budget.

Fiscal Year 2026 Goals

Incentivize Private Development

The ECD will build upon early success of the Forgivable Revolving Loan Fund. The program serves for-profit businesses to encourage small business growth, to help create and retain jobs, to incentivize commercial property improvements/investment, to encourage businesses located outside Bristol to open locations in the City, and to assist home-based businesses graduating to commercial locations. In addition to using the Forgivable Revolving Loan Fund, the ECD will continue to offer small grants for businesses undertaking minor renovations as well as façade grants for commercial properties in downtown, "West End," and Forestville Center.

Continued Brownfield Redevelopment

- The ECD continues to work on redevelopment of the J.H. Sessions building at 273 Riverside Avenue. City staff are working with a developer – The Michaels Organization – on the development of approximately 80 apartments at the site.
- The redevelopment of 894 Middle Street, a 17-acre property that was once the home of a metal reclamation facility, remains a top priority. A Request for Proposal (RFP) for the sale and redevelopment of the site was released in late 2024, with proposals due in early 2025.
- There are several privately owned properties in which contamination hinders redevelopment. Chief among these properties is the former Chic Miller property on West St. This property and others would benefit from State and local Brownfield assistance to address contamination prior to development.

Secure Competitive Grants and Continue Bristol's Successful CDBG Process

The ECD will continue to manage grants administration for City efforts while also coordinating the CDBG program in a responsible manner, adapting to funding changes and shifting priorities for the community. The department's primary effort for 2026 will be to meet the growing needs of local non-profits while continuing to fund the popular housing rehabilitation program.

Address Workforce Development Challenges and Opportunities

The ECD plans to increase its support of workforce development initiatives in Bristol to help local residents improve their employment prospects, their net worth, and to aid local businesses in finding reliable employees. The ECD intends to continue its strong partnership with BristolWORKS!, an innovative local workforce development agency.

Continued Focus on Promoting Bristol

The ECD has made great strides in promoting the many positives of Bristol to a variety of audiences. That effort must continue to ensure residents and local businesses exhibit "civic pride", and to make those outside Bristol aware that the "All Heart City" is a great place to visit, to purchase property, to start/expand a business, or to relocate an existing business. FY 2026 efforts will include economic development videos in collaboration with the Mayor's Office, continuing to promote businesses through social media campaigns, site visits with the mayor to recognize businesses celebrating milestone anniversaries (30+ years), along with site visits to highlight other businesses. In addition, ECD will work with businesses moving to or expanding in Bristol to provide information about Bristol to employees who may be relocating here.

Sell City-Owned Property for Private Development

The ECD will continue to promote new construction opportunities within the Southeast Bristol Business Park, 894 Middle Street, and Centre Square for appropriate end users.

Downtown Growth

The ECD must work to ensure the numerous projects planned for downtown proceed successfully through the City's regulatory processes, secure City/State incentives necessary to obtain financing, and navigate other challenges to get "shovels in the ground." At the same time, ECD must work with Public Works and other departments to ensure the city maintains and improves downtown infrastructure to ensure private development success. This includes completing several streetscapes, two new parking structures, and more.

Long Term Policy Goals

- Establish a plan based on short-term and long-term City development goals and to use said plan to help evaluate and prioritize City-funded capital improvement projects.
- Support policy decisions and regulatory processes that help to create an environment in Bristol that is conducive to economic growth. This may include adjusting local policies to best meet the needs of a changing business climate.

- The ECD must remain focused on the plights of local non-profit agencies experiencing an increased caseload – particularly organizations assisting the homeless population – while having resources reduced.

CITY OF BRISTOL 2026 BUDGET PROPOSAL
Economic and Comm Dev. Dept.

				2024	2025	ACTUAL	2026	AMT	PCT
				ORIG BUD	ORIG BUD	2025	REQUEST	CHANGE	CHANGE
	ECD	City Share 1044101				YTD			
1044101	514000	G2025	REGULAR WAGES & SALARIES	322,450	330,505	143,706	330,505	-	0.0%
1044101	515100	G2025	OVERTIME WAGES & SALARIES	1,500	1,500	406	1,500	-	0.0%
1044101	515200	G2025	PARTTIME		-	-	-	-	0.0%
1044101	517000	G2025	OTHER WAGES	2,490	3,925	3,702	3,705	(220)	-5.6%
1044101	520100	G2025	LIFE INSURANCE	430	430	141	430	-	0.0%
1044101	520500	G2025	DISABILITY INSURANCE	95	95	35	95	-	0.0%
1044101	520700	G2025	F.I.C.A.	19,995	20,500	9,859	20,500	-	0.0%
1044101	520750	G2025	MEDICARE INSURANCE	4,680	4,795	2,306	4,795	-	0.0%
1044101	531000	G2025	PROFESSIONAL FEES & SERVICES	9,100	9,100	4,909	9,100	-	0.0%
1044101	543000	G2025	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
1044101	553000	G2025	TELEPHONE	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
1044101	553100	G2025	POSTAGE	900	500	105	500	-	0.0%
1044101	554000	G2025	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	3,000	2,000	40	1,000	(1,000)	-50.0%
1044101	555000	G2025	PRINTING & BINDING	500	-	-	-	-	0.0%
1044101	557700	G2025	ADVERTISING & MARKETING	43,200	45,700	17,147	46,700	1,000	2.2%
1044101	561800	G2025	PROGRAM SUPPLIES	1,000	1,000	251	1,000	-	0.0%
1044101	569000	G2025	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,200	1,000	426	1,000	-	0.0%
1044101	581120	G2025	CONFERENCES & MEMBERSHIPS	5,000	5,000	370	5,000	-	0.0%
1044101	581260	G2025	MISCELLANEOUS PROMOTIONS	1,000	-	-	-	-	0.0%
1044101	581270	G2025	TRADE SHOWS	1,000	-	-	-	-	0.0%
1044101	587467	G2025	DOWNTOWN REVITAL. ACTIVITY	3,500	3,500	1,272	3,500	-	0.0%
1044101	591500	G2025	CITY HEALTH INSURANCE	44,700	56,330	22,478	63,655	7,325	13.0%
TOTALS				465,740	485,880	207,153	492,985	7,105	1.5%

CITY OF BRISTOL 2026 BUDGET PROPOSAL
Economic and Comm. Dev. Dept.

Economic and Community Development Dept.					
City Share	1044101	BACK-UP WORKSHEET			
Account	Object	Description	23-24 Budget	24-25 Budget	25-26 Budget
REGULAR WAGES & SALARIES	514000	Executive Director (98%), Administrative Assistant (75%), Grants Administrator (50%), Marketing & PR Specialist (100%), Housing Rehabilitation Specialist (1%)	322,450	330,505	330,505
OVERTIME WAGES & SALARIES	515100	Administrative Assistant and Housing Rehabilitation and Project Specialist, as needed.	1,500	1,500	1,500
PARTTIME	515200		-	-	-
OTHER WAGES	517000	98% Vacation buyback per contract for Exec. Dir. + 50% Vacation buyback Grants Administrator	2,490	3,925	3,705
LIFE INSURANCE	520100	Life Insurance premiums	430	430	430
DISABILITY INSURANCE	520500	Disability Insurance premiums	95	95	95
FICA	520700	F.I.C.A. payroll deduction at .062	19,995	20,500	20,500
MEDICARE INSURANCE	520750	Medicare payroll deduction at .0145%	4,680	4,795	4,795
PROFESSIONAL FEES & SERVICES	531000	Includes consultants for specialized projects.	9,100	9,100	9,100
TELEPHONE	553000	Allocated by Comptroller's Office	-	-	-
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	543000		-	-	-
POSTAGE	553100	ECD Board and sub-committee mailings, marketing projects, and various correspondence related to economic development, grant applications	900	500	500
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	554000	Travel to various meetings and events.	3,000	2,000	1,000
PRINTING & BINDING	555000	Marketing inserts and newsletters; etc.	500	-	-
ADVERTISING & MARKETING	557700	Costs associated with new marketing initiatives	43,200	45,700	46,700
PROGRAM SUPPLIES	561800	Subscriptions for grant availability and economic development; necessary materials to carry out programs	1,000	1,000	1,000
OFFICE SUPPLIES	569000	Miscellaneous Office Supplies	1,200	1,000	1,000
CONFERENCES & MEMBERSHIPS	581120	Necessary conferences and meetings; necessary memberships	5,000	5,000	5,000
MISCELLANEOUS PROMOTIONS	581260	Marketing materials and supplies for community events	1,000	-	-
TRADE SHOWS	581270	Cost of booth space, materials for events	1,000	-	-
DOWNTOWN REVITAL. ACTIVITY	587467	Banners and replacement parts, small streetscape improvements, way-finder signs	3,500	3,500	3,500
CITY HEALTH INSURANCE	591500	City Share of Health Insurance Premium. Executive Director (98% City Share); Grants Administrator (50% City Share); Administrative Assistant (75% City Share); Housing Rehabilitation Specialist (1% City Share)	44,700	56,330	63,655
TOTALS			465,740	485,880	492,985

CITY OF BRISTOL 2026 BUDGET PROPOSAL
Economic and Comm Dev. Dept.

				2024	2025	ACTUAL			
				ORIG BUD	ORIG BUD	2025	2026	AMT	PCT
	ECD	CDBG Rehabilitation Programs 1044102				YTD	REQUEST	CHANGE	CHANGE
1044102	514000	G2025	REGULAR WAGES & SALARIES	81,220	83,255	37,053	83,255	-	0.0%
1044102	515100	G2025	OVERTIME WAGES & SALARIES	1,500	1,500	290	1,500	-	0.0%
1044102	520100	G2025	LIFE INSURANCE	70	70	30	70	-	0.0%
1044102	520500	G2025	DISABILITY INSURANCE	30	30	10	30	-	0.0%
1044102	520700	G2025	F.I.C.A.	5,040	5,165	2,371	5,165	-	0.0%
1044102	520750	G2025	MEDICARE INSURANCE	1,180	1,210	555	1,210	-	0.0%
1044012	531000	G2025	PROFESSIONAL FEES	2,000	2,000	-	500	(1,500)	-75.0%
1044102	554000	G2025	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	750	750	176	750	-	0.0%
1044102	561800	G2025	PROGRAM SUPPLIES	250	250	-	250	-	0.0%
1044102	587100	G2025	RES REHAB	275,000	300,000	110,231	300,000	-	0.0%
1044102	587105	G2025	RH MULTI	30,000	25,000	9,300	25,000	-	0.0%
1044102	591500	G2025	CITY HEALTH INSURANCE	23,300	31,380	11,320	35,460	4,080	13.0%
TOTALS				420,340	450,610	171,335	453,190	2,580	0.6%

CITY OF BRISTOL 2026 BUDGET PROPOSAL
Economic and Comm Dev. Dept.

Economic and Comm Dev. Department Housing Rehabilitation program Support Staff		1044102	BACK-UP WORKSHEET		
Account	Object	Description	23-24 Budget	24-25 Budget	25-26 Budget
REGULAR WAGES & SALARIES	514000	Employee Salaries - Housing Rehabilitation and Project Specialist (99%)	81,220	83,255	83,255
OVERTIME WAGES & SALARIES	515100	Housing Rehabilitation and Project Specialist, as needed.	1,500	1,500	1,500
LIFE INSURANCE	520100	Life Insurance premiums	70	70	70
DISABILITY INSURANCE	520500	Disability Insurance premiums	30	30	30
FICA	520700	F.I.C.A. payroll deduction at .062	5,040	5,165	5,165
MEDICARE INSURANCE	520750	Medicare payroll deduction at .0145%	1,180	1,210	1,210
PROFESSIONAL FEES & SERVICES	531000	City Clerk filing fees and assistance with lead paint/other work for housing rehab	2,000	2,000	500
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	554000	Housing Rehabilitation and Project Specialist performs inspections and completes applications in homes throughout the City; attends HUD training and meetings	750	750	750
PROGRAM SUPPLIES	561800	Materials necessary to carry out Rehabilitation programs and other projects	250	250	250
RE REHAB	587100	CDBG Rehabilitation project grants for single-family structures. Increase to align with actual expenditures.	275,000	300,000	300,000
RH MULTI	587105	CDBG Rehabilitation project grants for multifamily structures	30,000	25,000	25,000
CITY HEALTH INSURANCE	591500	CDBG Share of Health Insurance Premium. Housing Rehabilitation Specialist (99% CDBG Share)	23,300	31,380	35,460
TOTALS			420,340	450,610	453,190

These costs are paid as City expenses, then reimbursed by HUD.
99% CDBG Costs are indicated in 4102; the remaining 1% is included in 4101

CITY OF BRISTOL 2026 BUDGET PROPOSAL
Economic and Comm Dev. Dept.

				2024	2025	ACTUAL	2026	AMT	PCT
				ORIG BUD	ORIG BUD	2025	REQUEST	CHANGE	CHANGE
	ECD	CDBG Planning and Administration 1044103				YTD			
1044103	514000	G2025	REGULAR WAGES & SALARIES	72,295	74,100	18,722	74,100	-	0.0%
1044103	515100	G2025	OVERTIME	500	500	-	500	-	0.0%
1044103	517000	G2025	OTHER WAGES	1,065	1,380	1,090	1,090	(290)	-21.0%
1044103	520100	G2025	LIFE INSURANCE	115	115	22	115	-	0.0%
1044103	520500	G2025	DISABILITY INSURANCE	25	25	5	25	-	0.0%
1044103	520700	G2025	F.I.C.A.	4,485	4,595	1,228	4,595	-	0.0%
1044103	520750	G2025	MEDICARE INSURANCE	1,050	1,075	287	1,075	-	0.0%
1044103	531000	G2025	PROFESSIONAL FEES & SERVICES	5,000	5,000	-	3,670	(1,330)	-26.6%
1044103	553100	G2025	POSTAGE	200	200	50	200	-	0.0%
1044103	554000	G2025	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	200	200	-	200	-	0.0%
1044103	555000	G2025	PRINTING & BINDING	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
1044103	557700	G2025	ADVERTISING	700	700	1,170	2,500	1,800	257.1%
1044103	561800	G2025	PROGRAM SUPPLIES	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
1044103	569000	G2025	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,000	500	37	250	(250)	-50.0%
1044103	581120	G2025	CONFERENCES & MEMBERSHIPS	1,000	1,000	206	1,000	-	0.0%
1044103	587902	G2025	FAIR HOUSING/PLANNING	3,000	3,000	-	-	(3,000)	-100.0%
1044103	591500	G2025	CITY HEALTH INSURANCE	8,185	11,620	4,218	13,135	1,515	13.0%
TOTALS				98,820	104,010	27,035	102,455	(1,555)	-1.5%

NOTE: Budgeted dollars unspent are re-programmed to other CDBG activities.

CITY OF BRISTOL 2026 BUDGET PROPOSAL
Economic and Community Dev. Dept.

Economic and Community Dev. Dept. - CDBG Planning and Administration		1044103	BACK-UP WORKSHEET			
Account	Object	Description	23-24 Budget	24-25 Budget	25-26 Budget	
REGULAR WAGES & SALARIES	514000	Employee Salaries - Executive Director (2%), Administrative Assistant (25%), Grants Administrator (50%)	72,295	74,100	74,100	
OVERTIME WAGES & SALARIES	515100	Hours as needed for Administrative Assistant to cover Public Hearings and evening meetings.	500	500	500	
OTHER WAGES	517000	2% Vacation Buyback per contract for Exec. Dir. and 50% Vacation Buyback per contract for Grants Administrator	1,065	1,380	1,090	
LIFE INSURANCE	520100	Life Insurance premiums	115	115	115	
DISABILITY INSURANCE	520500	Disability Insurance premiums	25	25	25	
FICA	520700	F.I.C.A. payroll deduction at .062	4,485	4,595	4,595	
MEDICARE	520750	Medicare payroll deduction at .0145%	1,050	1,075	1,075	
PROFESSIONAL FEES & SERVICES	531000	Includes consultants and technology (software) to support staff efforts.	5,000	5,000	3,670	
POSTAGE	553100	Annual mailings of CDBG request for proposal packets, various HUD correspondence.	200	200	200	
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	554000	Travel for meetings in Bristol and other cities, HUD meetings and training, Fair Housing events	200	200	200	
PRINTING & BINDING	555000	Costs for program brochures	-	-	-	
ADVERTISING & MARKETING	557700	Federally mandated advertising requirements for Public Hearings, Citizen Participation, Environmental Review Record	700	700	2,500	
PROGRAM SUPPLIES	561800	Subscriptions for federal and state updates in community development; materials necessary to carry out administration of CDBG programs	-	-	-	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	569000	Miscellaneous Office Supplies	1,000	500	250	
CONFERENCES & MEMBERSHIPS	581120	Attendance at necessary conferences and meetings; necessary memberships	1,000	1,000	1,000	
FAIR HOUSING PLANNING	587902	Federally mandated activities related to Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing such as training/workshops provided by the CT Fair Housing Center	3,000	3,000	-	
CITY HEALTH INSURANCE	591500	CDBG Share of Health Insurance Premium. Grants Administrator (50% CDBG Share); Administrative Assistant (25% CDBG Share); Executive Director (2% CDBG Share).	8,185	11,620	13,135	
TOTALS			98,820	104,010	102,455	