

May 1, 2020

**RE: Cabot Park Addition** 

Dear Neighbor:

I hope this letter finds you and your families well and that you are staying safe in these trying times.

You should have received several previous letters regarding our attempts to have a neighborhood meeting to review our plans for construction of 18 additional units at Cabot Park Village. Unfortunately, we were never able to hold this meeting as a result of the required social distancing precautions. Benchmark is very proud of the work that has been done to design a cohesive addition and would like to share that work with you here. Enclosed please find a site plan, floor plan and 3-D image of what we have proposed.

Cabot Park has been a vital part of senior housing in Newton for the past 24 years. We have been the residence of choice for seniors who not only wish to remain in their neighborhood, but to be vibrant contributors while maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle. We are particularly pleased that so many of our residents are the parents of Newton residents. When originally constructed, a permit was granted for 100 units. Given our consistently high occupancy and waiting list, it is clear the demand exists for the additional 18 units. The addition has been designed to extend over the existing turn around and provide a covered drop off area which we are currently lacking and which our residents have requested. It will stay entirely within our property while maintaining setbacks and all existing trees along the property line. The ground floor will provide additional common space while the upper floors will be residential units. This addition will also maintain our requirement for affordability adding three additional units to the city's inventory.

Benchmark will also take this opportunity to upgrade our existing interior facilities to meet the requests of today's seniors. This will include state of the art wellness and fitness areas, varied dining venues and community meeting spaces. Given our current environment the mechanical systems will also be reviewed and upgraded to better protect our residents.

Under the City's zoning process our petition to amend the current zoning will be heard by the City Council Land Use Committee in May, possibly on May 26, and the public hearing will either be at City Hall or perhaps by Zoom, depending on their procedures at the time.

As we have not had the ability to meet in person. I would be happy to discuss the scope of the renovation in detail and will try to answer questions for anyone who would like to call. My cell is 339 237 2975 and my email is <a href="https://www.wcok@benchmarkquality.com">wcok@benchmarkquality.com</a>. We have also posted the attached drawings to our website at BenchmarkSeniorLiving.com

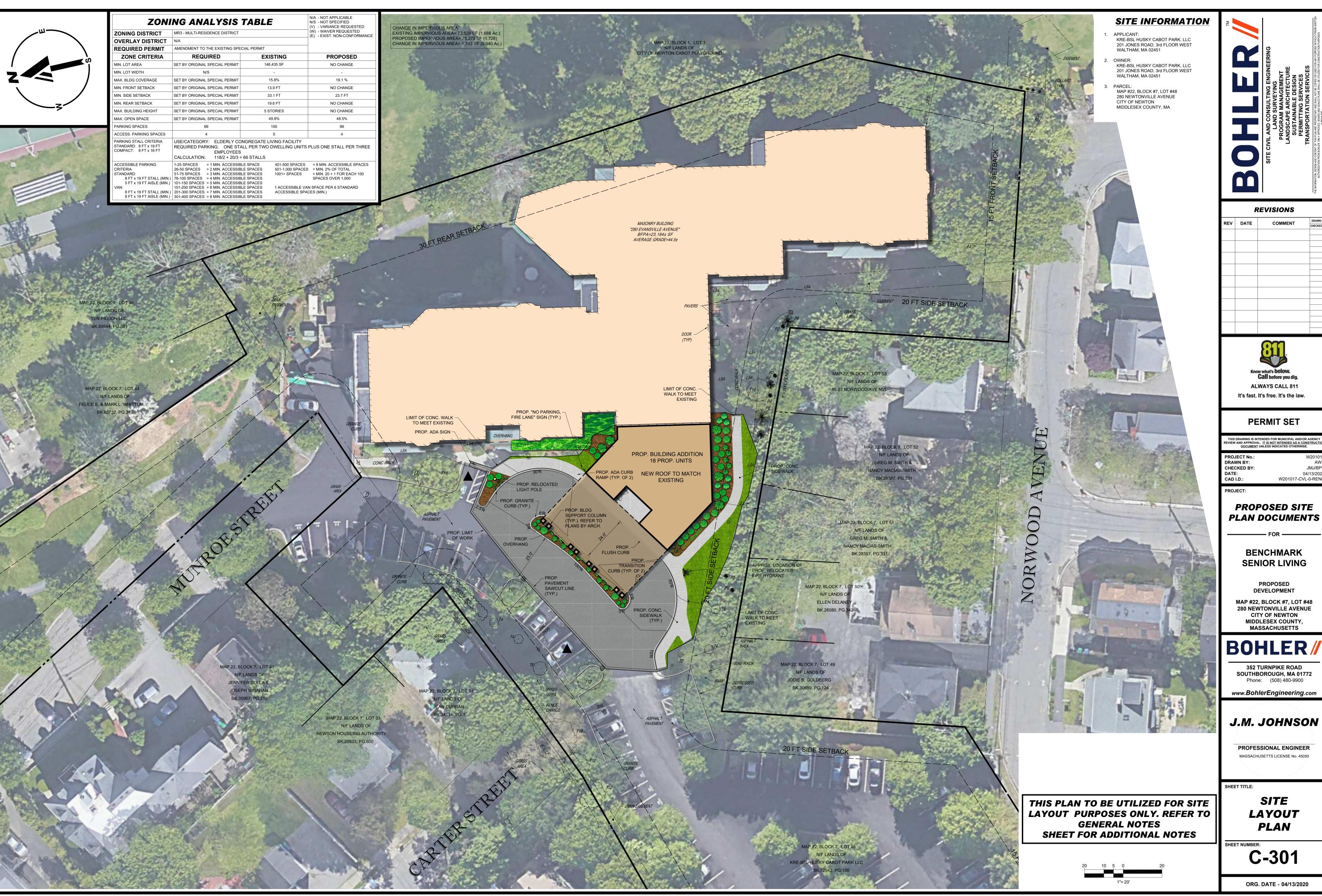
Thank you again for your support, patience and understanding.

William Cook

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cc: Ward 2 City Councilors



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PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

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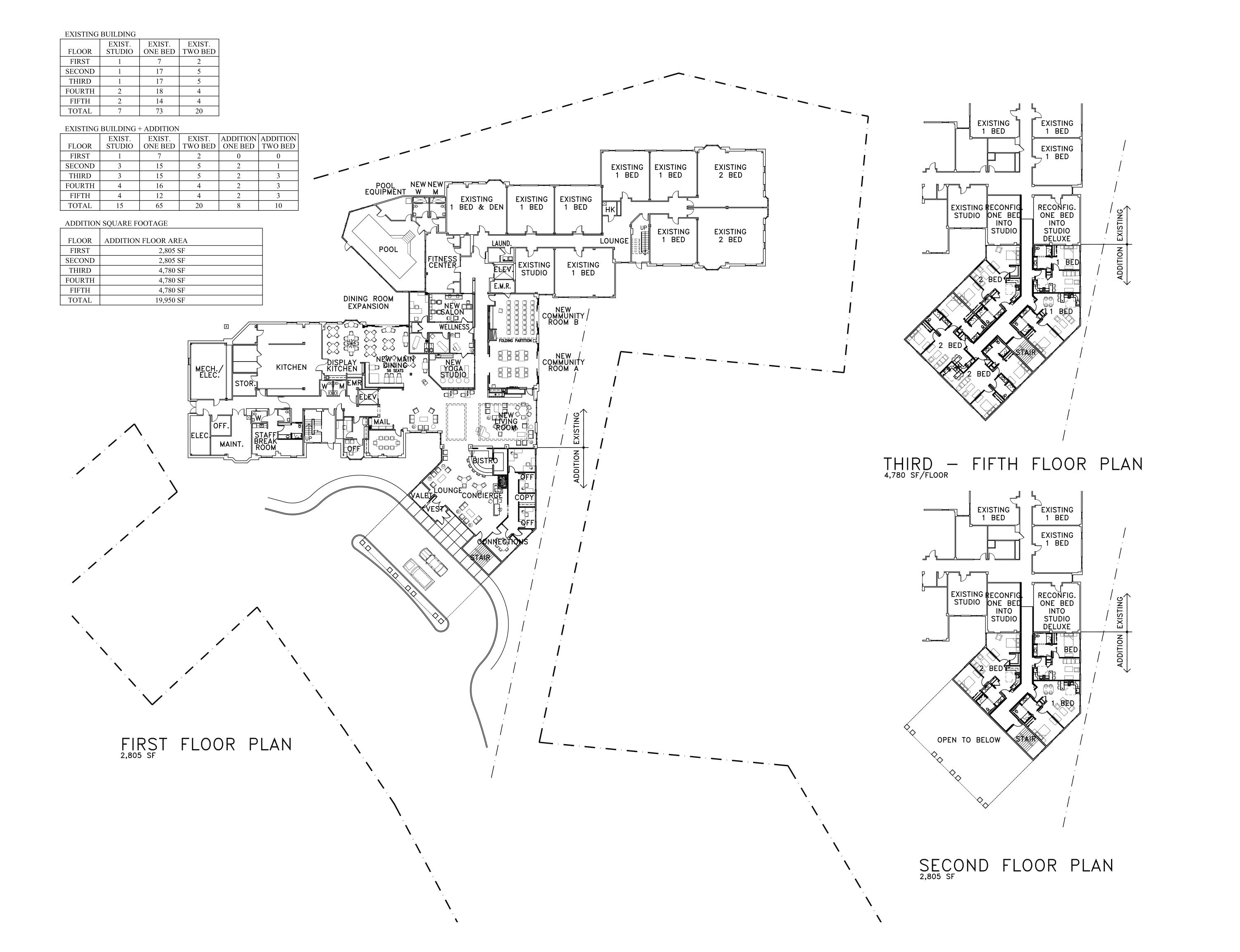
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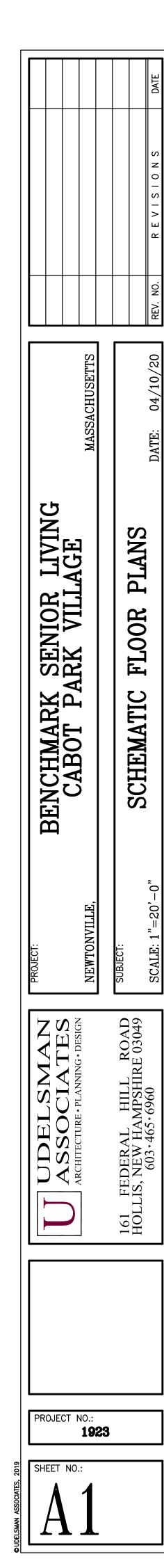
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> SITE LAYOUT PLAN

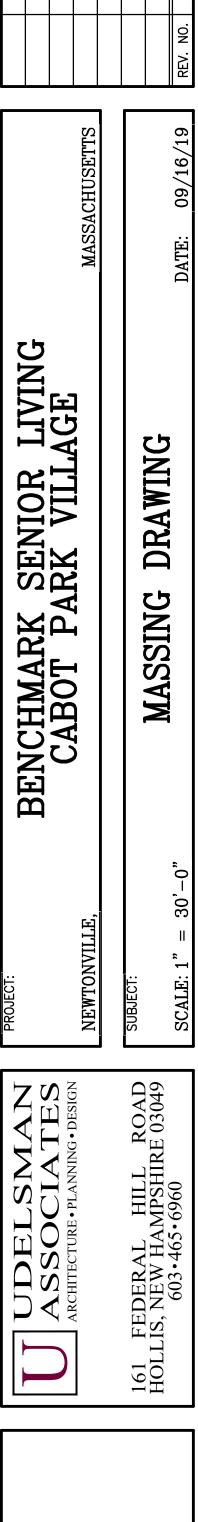
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