

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 3, 2024

TO: Sam Nisley (Vaughn Bay Construction)

FROM: Todd Prager, RCA #597, ISA Board Certified Master Arborist

RE: Tree Removal and Protection at Cascade Creek Apartments

Vaughn Bay Construction is requesting the removal of two trees and clarification of the status of two property line trees at the Cascade Creek Apartments site. The March 7, 2024 civil plan sheet with the subject trees is in Attachment 1. The summary of issues for the subject trees are in Table 1.

Table 1: Trees Requested for Removal and Clarification¹

| Tree # | Common Name | Scientific Name | DBH | Condition | Retention Tree? | Issues |
|--------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|---|
| 56 | deodar cedar | Cedrus deodara | 12 | fair | no | tree location error, wall is within two feet of the face of trunk, tree requested for removal |
| 57 | Douglas-fir | Pseudotuga menziesii | 12 | good | yes | tree location error, wall is within two feet of the face of trunk, tree requested for removal |
| С | flowering plum | Prunus cerasifera | 12,10, 8,4 | fair | no | offsite tree, curbline adjusted in January 9, 2023 site plan to retain tree but not adjusted in March 7, 2024 plan resulting in tree removal, need clarification from City on approved curbline |
| D | flowering cherry | Prunus serrulata | 6,8,8, 6,6 | poor | no | offsite tree, curbline adjusted in January 9, 2023 site plan to retain tree but not adjusted in March 7, 2024 plan resulting in tree removal, need clarification from City on approved curbline |

Note that trees 56, C, and D were not considered retention trees in the Final Order by the City of Sandy because they were either not in good condition, offsite, and/or not over 11-inch trunk diameter (DBH).

Tree 57 was considered a retention tree in the Final Order. Final Order item 165 required a final arborist report to determine whether tree 57 could be retained. If tree 57 could not be retained, Final Order item 165 allowed the replacement of tree 57 with two additional native mitigation trees.

¹ All tree information tree information in Table 1 except for "Issues" are from the Tree Protection Plan by Washington Forestry Consultants dated December 22, 2022 and the Final Order for File Number 22-039 DR/VAR/MP/TREE dated July 11, 2023 by the City of Sandy. Note that the Final Order was partially based on a 3rd Party Review by Todd Prager & Associates dated May 11, 2023. The "Issues" were provided to Todd Prager & Associates on October 2, 2024 by Vaughn Bay Construction. This memorandum summarizes the reasons Vaughn Bay Construction is requesting the removal and clarification of four additional trees for consideration by the City of Sandy.

Note that Civil Sheet C-102 from the permit set dated March 7, 2024 included the following note:

GENERAL NOTES:

 TREE LOCATIONS ON PLAN HAVE NOT BEEN SURVEYED. LOCATIONS REFLECT TREE PROTECTION PLAN REPORT PREPARED BY WASHINGTON FORESTRY CONSULTANTS, INC., DATED 09/19/2023.

This lack of survey for tree locations may explain the discrepancies and conflicts associated with trees 56 and 57 on the civil plans when compared with their locations at the site.

Regarding trees C and D, these two trees were identified for retention in the January 9, 2023 site plan with a curbline bumpout adjacent to both trees as shown in Attachment 2. However, the March 7, 2024 plan in Attachment 1 shows the curbline directly adjacent to the trunks of both trees which would require their removal. Vaugh Bay Construction needs clarification from the City of Sandy whether the curbline can bumpout adjacent to the trees or if the trees require removal. If removal is required, permission from the tree owner will be required.

In summary, trees 56 and 57 conflict with the proposed retaining wall location, likely due to survey error. Since tree 57 is a retention tree, it would be required to be replaced with two native replacement trees. Clarification is needed regarding the curbline adjacent to trees C and D. If the curbline can bumpout, the trees can likely be retained. If the curbline cannot bumpout, the trees will likely need to be removed subject to the approval of tree owner.

Please contact me if you have questions, concerns, or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Todd Prager

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Attachment 1: March 7, 2024 Civil Plan Sheet

Attachment 2: January 9, 2023 Tree Protection Plan Sheet

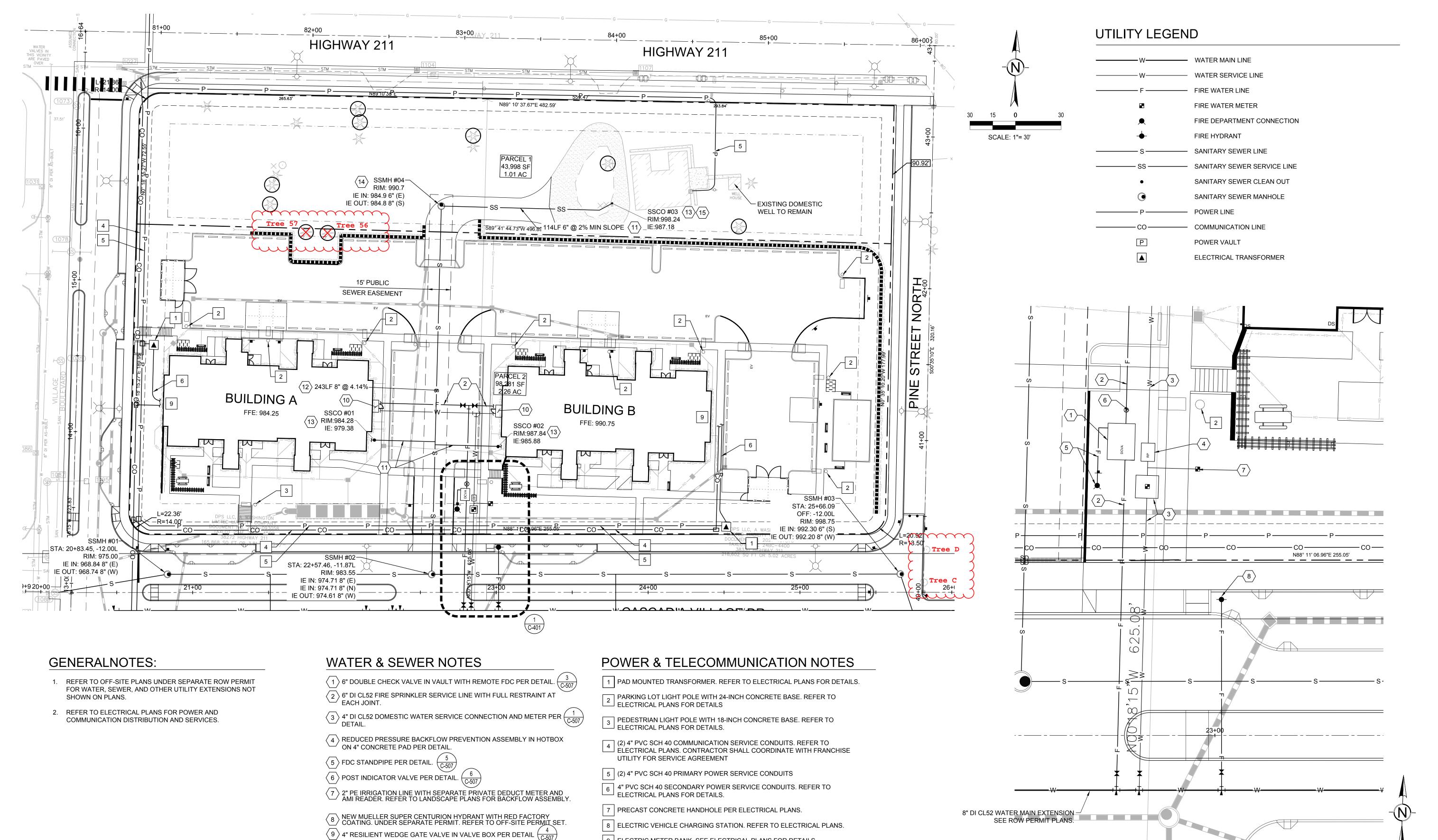
DRAWN BY: **RJB** DESIGNED BY: MB

REVIEWED BY: SMP SHEET TITLE **UTILITY PLAN**

NORTH

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PERMIT SET



9 ELECTRIC METER BANK. SEE ELECTRICAL PLANS FOR DETAILS.

(10) FIRE SPRINKLER RISER ROOM SEE MECHANICAL PLANS FOR

 $\langle 13 \rangle$ SANITARY SEWER CLEANOUT PER DETAIL.

 $\langle 14 \rangle$ PUBLIC SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE PER DETAIL.

 $\langle 11 \rangle$ 6" PVC SDR-35 SANITARY SEWER SERVICE AT MIN. 2.0 % SLOPE $\frac{8}{C-507}$

CONNECT TO EXISTING SEWER CLEANOUT. CONTRACTOR SHALL FIELD VERIFY SIZE LOCATION AND DEPTH PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.

 $\langle 12 \rangle$ 8" PVC SDR-35 PUBLIC SANITARY SEWER MAIN AT MIN. 1.0% SLOPE.

CONTINUATION.

Attachment 1

FIRE AND DOMESTIC SERVICES DETAIL NORTH



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