

# City Council Memorandum

**To:** Mayor Fasbender & City Councilmembers

From: Justin Fortney, City Planner

**Date:** March 18, 2024

**Item:** Resolution: Site Plan – Storage rental – 2024-10 – 2489 Spiral Blvd

#### **Council Action Requested:**

Consider the request by Chad Smurawa with Legacy Crossing LLC. for site plan approval and act on the attached resolution.

Approval of a site plan requires a simple majority.

# **Background Information:**

The property is owned by Rick Ries of Northern State Services Llc who owned just slightly under 20-acres. Last year he purchased about 3.5 acres of land between his property and Spiral Boulevard from the city of Hastings. The land acquisition allowed him to have legal access to Spiral Boulevard and subdivide the property into two 10-acre lots, which is the minimum district standard. He also received approval for on site septic systems as the property is not served by city utilities. He was proposing to construct his home on the northern lot and sell the southern parcel. The northern lot appears to have been sold.

Chad Smurawa, recently developed two city owned industrial park lots at 3001 Lightbourn Court and 2030 Spiral Boulevard with similar self-storage units.

#### **Advisory Commission Discussion:**

Commissioners discussed disappointment that the property owner proposed housing originally then sold the properties for commercial uses and clearcut all the trees without following the Tree Preservation Guidelines. Chair Messina said he thinks an entrance in this location of Spiral Boulevard is dangerous. He added that the road is steep, curved, and has a lot of freezing drainage in the winter, which all make it hazardous. He said he has seen cars park on the street near the applicant's other storage locations, which would be dangerous in this location. Commissioners commented that the area drainage is an issue and they have seen the Spiral/ Glendale intersection under water. Commissioners expressed concern that the proposed driveway has too sharp of a turn for vehicles and firetrucks.

The Planning Commission voted 6-1 (Chair Messina opposed) to recommend approval of the requests at the March 11, 2024 meeting with the following two additional conditions: 10. "Work with Engineering to improve the driveway entrance".

11. "Prevent outdoor storage".

No members of the public spoke at the meeting other than the two project proponents (Chad Smurawa and Joe Haselman).

#### **Council Committee Discussion:**

In 2023, the City Council approved a few actions related to this property, prior to the submittal of this site plan application. Actions included a small land sale, onsite septic system, and platting.

#### **Attachments:**

- Site plan resolution
- Planning Commission Staff Report March 11, 2024 Updated
- Site plans

#### HASTINGS CITY COUNCIL

# A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS GRANTING SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR STORAGE RENTAL LOCATED AT 2489 SPIRAL BOULEVARD

Council member		_ introduced the following Resolution and
	_ moved its adoption:	_

WHEREAS, Chad Smurawa with Legacy Crossing LLC has petitioned for Site Plan approval to construct a storage rental business generally located at 2489 Spiral Blvd, legally described as Lot 2, Block 1, RIES ADDITION, Dakota County, Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2024, review was conducted before the Planning Commission of the City of Hastings as required by state law, city charter, and city ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the site plan to the City Council, subject to the conditions contained in this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Council has reviewed the request and concurs with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

# NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Council hereby approves the special use permit as presented to the City Council subject to the conditions:

- 1) Conformance with the Planning Commission Staff Report and plans dated March 11, 2024.
- 2) All disturbed areas of the property shall be stabilized with rooting vegetative cover to eliminate erosion problems as soon as reasonably possible.
- 3) Any uncompleted site work must be escrowed at 125 percent of the estimated value prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy.
- 4) The perimeter of the site must have erosion control, as approved by the City Engineering Department.
- 5) The City Engineering Department must approve any required drainage plan.
- 6) Approval is subject to the following phasing Sunset Clause; if significant progress is not made towards construction of the proposal within the following schedule, the approvals of unconstructed elements are null and void.
  - a. Phase one: June 2024-May 2025
  - b. Phase two: June 2025-May 2026
  - c. Phase three: June 2026-May 2027
- 7) Existing boulevard trees must be protected during construction.

- 8) Proposed trees must have a documented mature height exceeding 10-feet.
- 9) A right-of-way permit must be issued for any work in the right-of-way.
  10) Work with Engineering to improve the driveway entrance.
  11) No outdoor storage is allowed.

Council memberbeing put to a vote adopted by	moved a second to this resolution and upon present.
Ayes: Nays: Absent:	
ATTEST:	
Mary Fasbender Mayor	
Kelly Murtaugh City Clerk	
and adopted by the City of Hastings,	is a true and correct copy of resolution presented to County of Dakota, Minnesota, on the 18 <sup>th</sup> of March, the City of Hastings on file and of record in the
Kelly Murtaugh City Clerk  This instrument drafted by:	(SEAL)
City of Hastings (JJF) 101 East 4 <sup>th</sup> Street	
Hastings, Minnesota 55033	



# **Planning Commission Memorandum**

**To:** Planning Commission

From: Justin Fortney, City Planner

**Date:** March 11, 2024

Item: Site Plan – 2024-10 – Storage Rental – 2489 Spiral Blvd

**Planning Commission Action Requested:** The Planning Commission is asked to review the proposed site plan and make a recommendation to the City Council.

#### **Background Information:**

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#### **Site Plan Review**

#### **Comprehensive Plan Classification**

The 2040 Comprehensive Plan designates this area as Agricultural.

#### **Zoning Classification**

The subject property is zoned A, Agricultural, which allows storage rental facilities, subject to site plan review by right.

#### Adjacent Zoning and Land U

<b>Direction</b>	Existing Use	Zoning	Comp Plan
North	Vacant	Α	Α
East	Large lot SF home	Α	Α
South	Vacant	Α	Α
West	Vacant/ housing	A/ R-3 PRD	A/ Medium Res

#### **Existing Condition**

The site was mostly wooded with a mix of mature trees and scrub. Recently, the level ground portion of the two lots were clearcut. During review of proposed development, a tree inventory and preservation plan is required, inline with the City Tree Preservation Guidelines. This was never done. The applicant states that the current property owner who is selling the property removed the trees.

#### **Building Setbacks**

Setbacks in the Agriculture district are: Front/ rear: 20', sides: 10', in addition to room required for improvements and landscaping. The proposed buildings setbacks at meet the minimum standards.

#### Vehicular Access and Circulation

The site access is proposed with a driveway on the south side to Spiral Boulevard. Staff reviewed the entrance and internal configuration for vehicle cueing and firetruck maneuvering. The applicant added some vehicle stacking area to the driveway and provided a drawing of a fire truck maneuvering that showed a firetruck very tightly in the drive isles. The Engineering Department commented that the sharp turn is unnecessary and can be significantly reduced with minor realignment changes and provided two examples. Revisions have been made to the entrance that staff finds acceptable.

### **Parking**

Parking is not required. There is space for vehicle unloading within the drive isles. The use does not have any onsite staff.

#### **Architectural Standards**

The site development will be completed in three phases over the next few years. It is understood this will be allowed without subsequent site plan approvals if the schedule timing is followed:

Phase one: June 2024-May 2025: One row of three western buildings Phase two: June 2025-May 2026: One row of two buildings to the east

Phase three: June 2026-May 2027: Last two rows of four buildings to the east

Architectural standards require 65% class 1&2 materials, with 25% being class 1 (brick, stone, glass) for elevations visible from the street. The proposed building style includes small wall areas and large amount of garage doors. The applicant's other self-storage projects on Spiral Blvd and Lightbourn Court were approved with 100% class 2 materials on the visible elevations and no class 1. There will be some manufactured brick panel products facing Spiral Blvd that look like a class 1 material from a distance. The applicant states the proposal is similar to the past projects with hidden fasteners and R-

panel steel siding. The first phase will be concealed a little more after full buildout. The colors are desert sand and burnished slate on the walls. The Nichiha Vintagebrick facing south are close to gray. The roof will be Galvalume, which according to the applicant will have a light grayish/light brownish color.

The class 2 materials used on the past and current projects are slightly more attractive metal siding with hidden fasteners, rather than typical corrugated metal siding commonly found on pole sheds. This material is not specifically listed in the zoning code architectural standards. The architectural standards state the list of materials is not exhaustive and the Planning Director has the discretion to allow substitutes of materials not listed.

Architectural standards material list from the Zoning Ordiance

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Brick	EIFS or Drivit	Industrial grade concrete precast panels
Natural Stone	Masonry Stucco	Smooth concrete
Glass (including block, windows, or opaque mirrored panels)	Specialty Integral Colored Concrete Block (including textured, burnished block, rock face block)	Ceramic
Seamless metal panels (including copper)	Architecturally textured concrete precast panels	Wood
Other materials not listed elsewhere as approved by the Administrative Official	Tile (masonry, stone, or clay)	Aluminum or Vinyl Siding
	Other materials not listed elsewhere as approved by the Administrative Official	Other materials not listed elsewhere as approved by the Administrative Official

#### Landscaping

Based on the site size and amount of pavement, the zoning ordinance requires the following number of plantings, as proposed. Had the City Tree Preservation Guidelines been carried out, there would likely be a combination of mature trees maintained and additional planted to meet the replacement of loss.

Type	Required	Proposed
Trees	80	80
Shrubs	65	65

The applicant proposes to install a decorative aluminum fence along Spiral Boulevard, a vinyl coated black chain-link fence along Glendale Road and the north property line, with a galvanized fence along the west.

#### Lighting

The proposed photometric plan shows light levels at the property lines to be below the limit of one foot-candle. There is one wallpack light on the most SW corner that has a couple readings of 1.5 at the property line along spiral Boulevard, but it is in close

proximity to an existing streetlight, so the area will be lighted regardless. The lighting fixtures are all wallpacks shielded downward. Staff finds the proposal acceptable.

# Security

Police Department staff has met with the applicant to discuss their security system and measures to reduce criminal activity.

#### Attachments:

- Aerial Photograph
- Photographs
- Elevation Drawings/ Driveway Revisions
- Site Plans









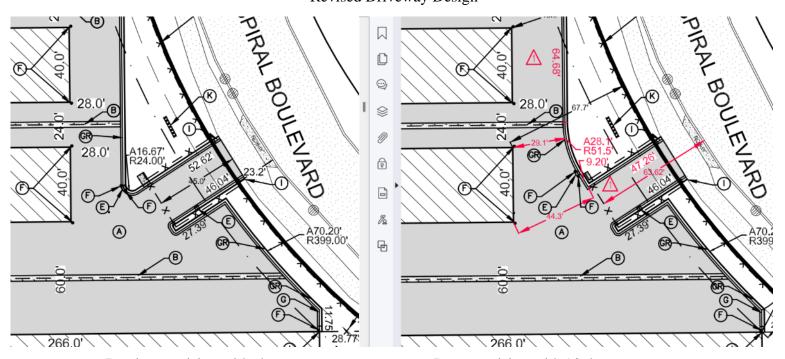


Existing facility at 2030 Spiral Boulevard



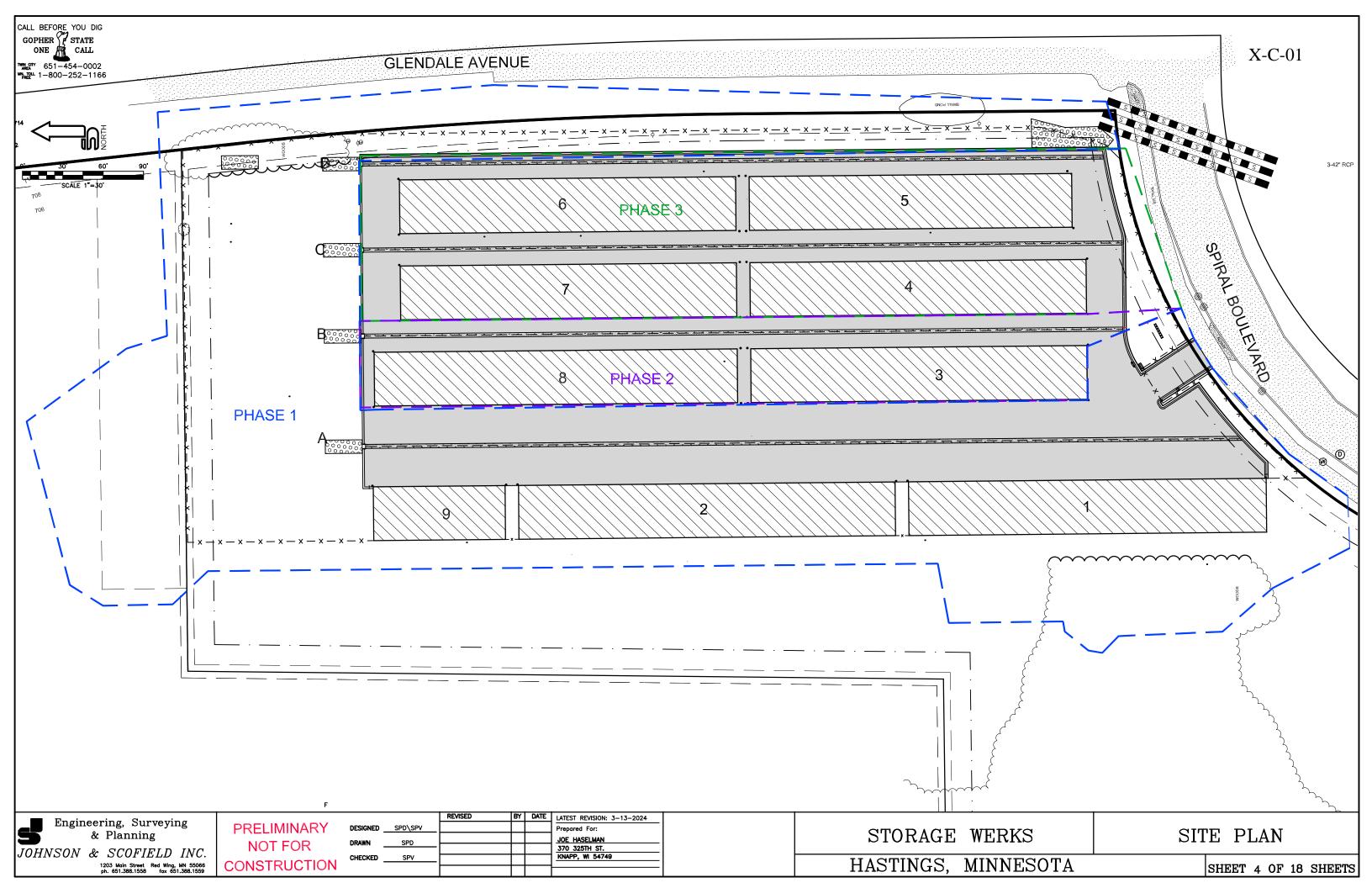


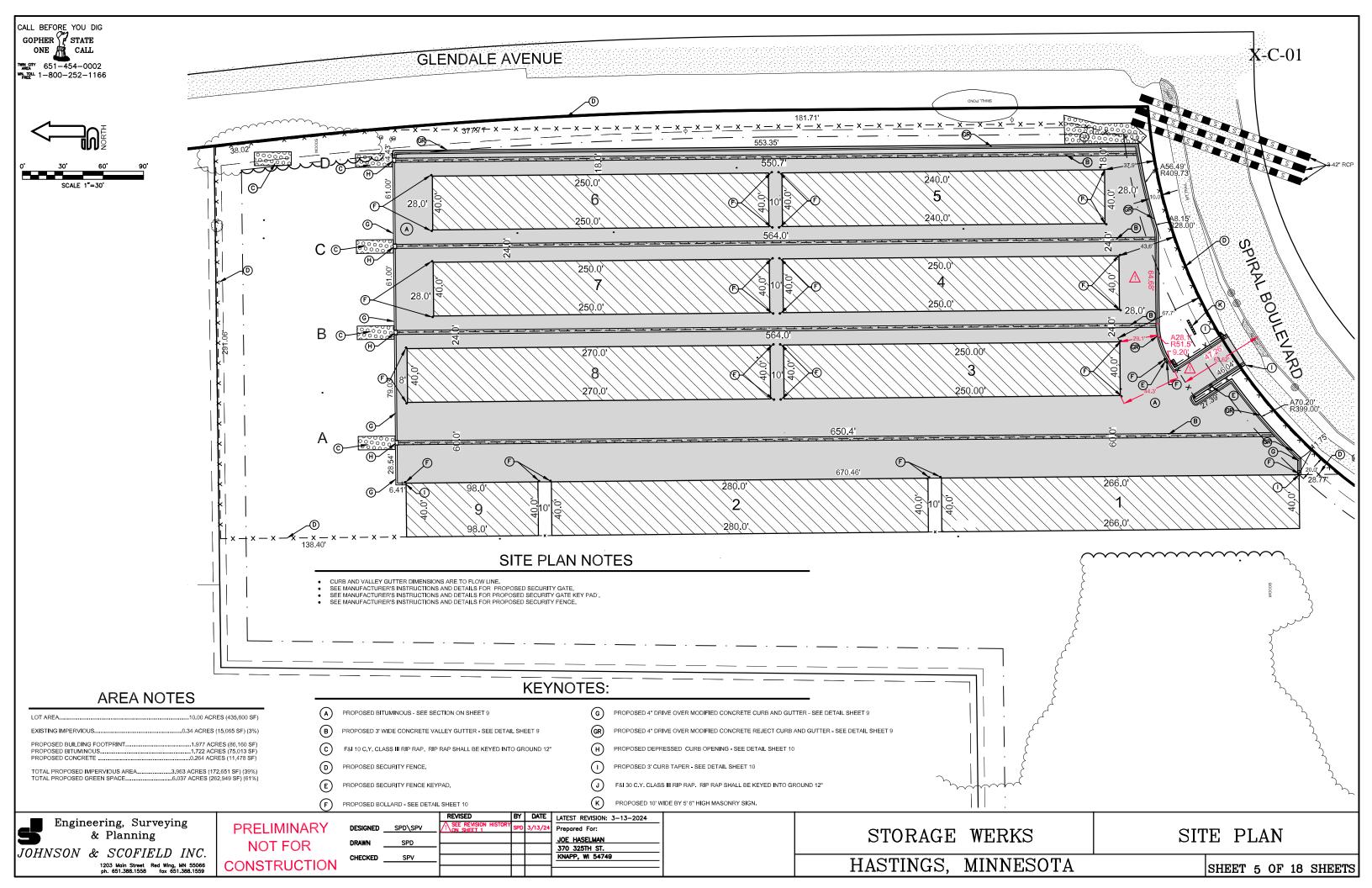
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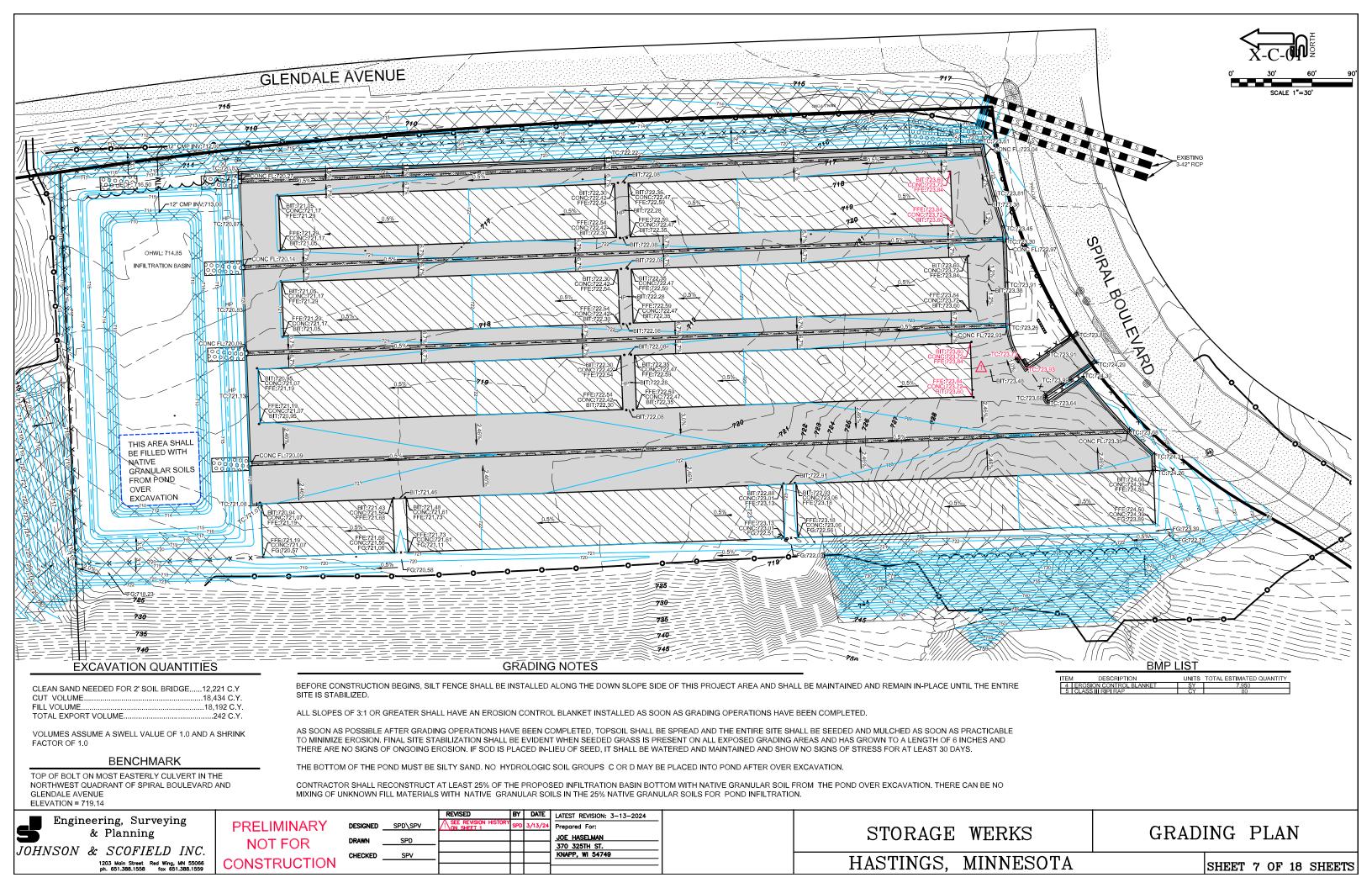


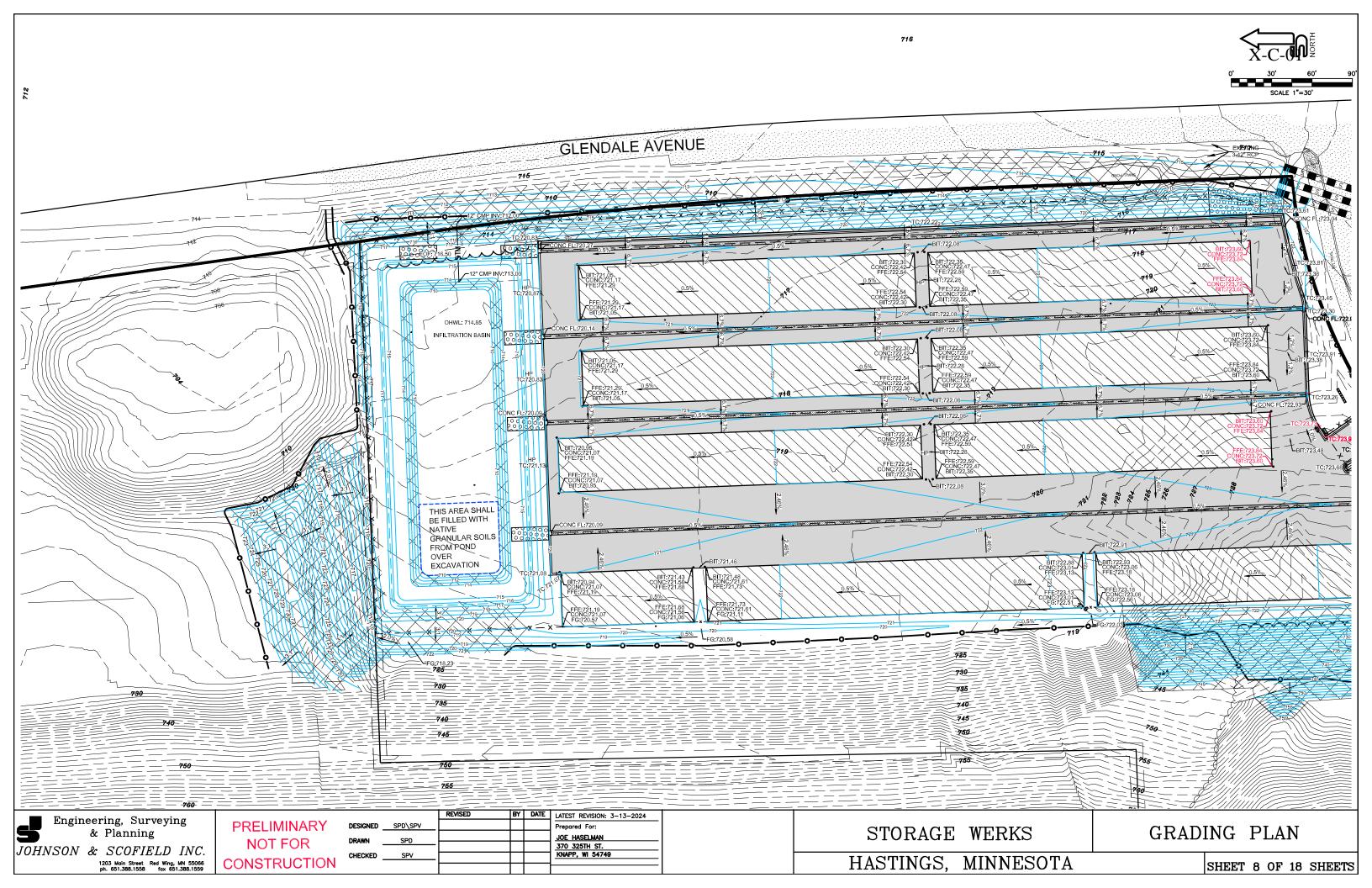
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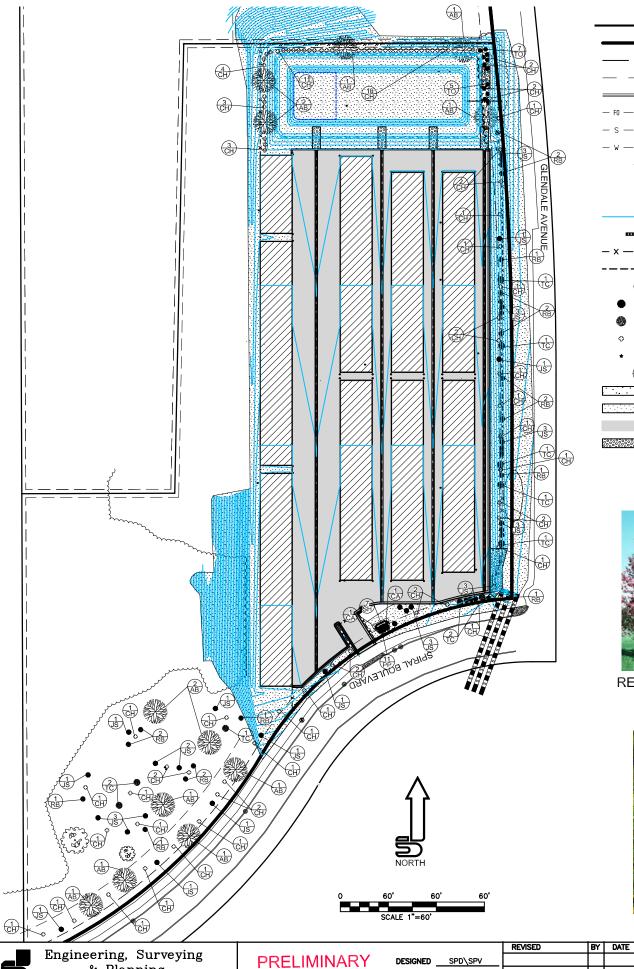
Latest revision with 90 degree turn











# LANDSCAPE NOTES

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FULLY MAINTAINING ALL PLANT MATERIALS AND LAWN DURING PEP. THIS INCLUDES WATERING, MULCHING, SPRAYING, OR FERTILIZING ALL LAWN

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL AVOID ALL UNDERGROUND UTILITIES. THE UTILITIES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN ARE APPROXIMATE. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL HAVE ALL UTILITIES LOCATED PRIOR TO ANY

LANDSCAPE BED SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM 6" DEPTH OF WOOD MULCH, OR WASHED LANDSCAPING ROCK. THE ENTIRE PERIMITTER OF THE BED SHALL HAVE 6" TALL EDGING INSTALLED.

TREE SCHEDULE

QTY	KEY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE
16	RB	Malus 'Red Barron'	Red Barron Crabapple	MIN. 1 1/2" caliper
12	TO	Thuja Occidentalis 'BallJohn' PP15,850	Technito Arborvitae	MIN. 1 1/2" callper
10	TC	Malus 'Tina'	Tina Crabapple	MIN. 1 1/2" caliper
33	JS	Juniperus Scopulorum 'Wichita Blue'	Wichita Blue Juniper	MIN. 1 1/2" caliper
12	AB	Acer x Freemanii	Autumn Blaze Maple	MIN. 1 1/2" caliper
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SHRUB AND PERENNIAL SCHEDULE

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QTY	KEY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE
7	SH	Stella d' oro Heremerocallis	Daylily	#1
80	CH	Cornus Hessel 'Garden Glow'	Garden Glow Dogwood	#1
2	CA	Calamagrostis Acutiflora 'Karl Foerster'	Feather Reed Grass	#1
11	PP	Heuchera 'Plum Pudding'	Plum Pudding Coral Bells	#1

# TURF ESTABLISHMENT

SEED MIX SHALL BE MNDOT #35-221 DRY PRAIRIE GENERAL, OR THE EQUIVALENT AREA TO BE SEEDED........2.632 ACRES



**LEGEND** 

**BOUNDARY LINE** 

EXISTING WATER MAIN EXISTING DECIDUOUS TREE

EXISTING FIRE HYDRANT EXISTING WATER VALVE

PROPOSED MASONRY SIGN

EXISTING DECIDUOUS TREE

PROPOSED CONIFEROUS TREE

PROPOSED AREA TO BE SEEDED

PROPOSED CLASS III RIP RAP

PROPOSED DECIDUOUS TREE

PROPOSED FENCE

PROPOSED SHRUB

LANDSCAPE KEY

PROPOSED PERENNIAL

EXISTING BITUMINOUS PROPOSED BITUMINOUS

DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENT EXISTING CURB AND GUTTER

EXISTING UNDERGROUND FIBER OPTIC LINE EXISTING STORM SEWER LINE AND CATCH BASIN

PROPOSED CONTOUR AND ELEVATION

PROPOSED STEP IN FINISHED FLOOR ELEVATION

RED BARRON CRABAPPLE



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TINA CRABAPPLE



WICHITA BLUE JUNIPER



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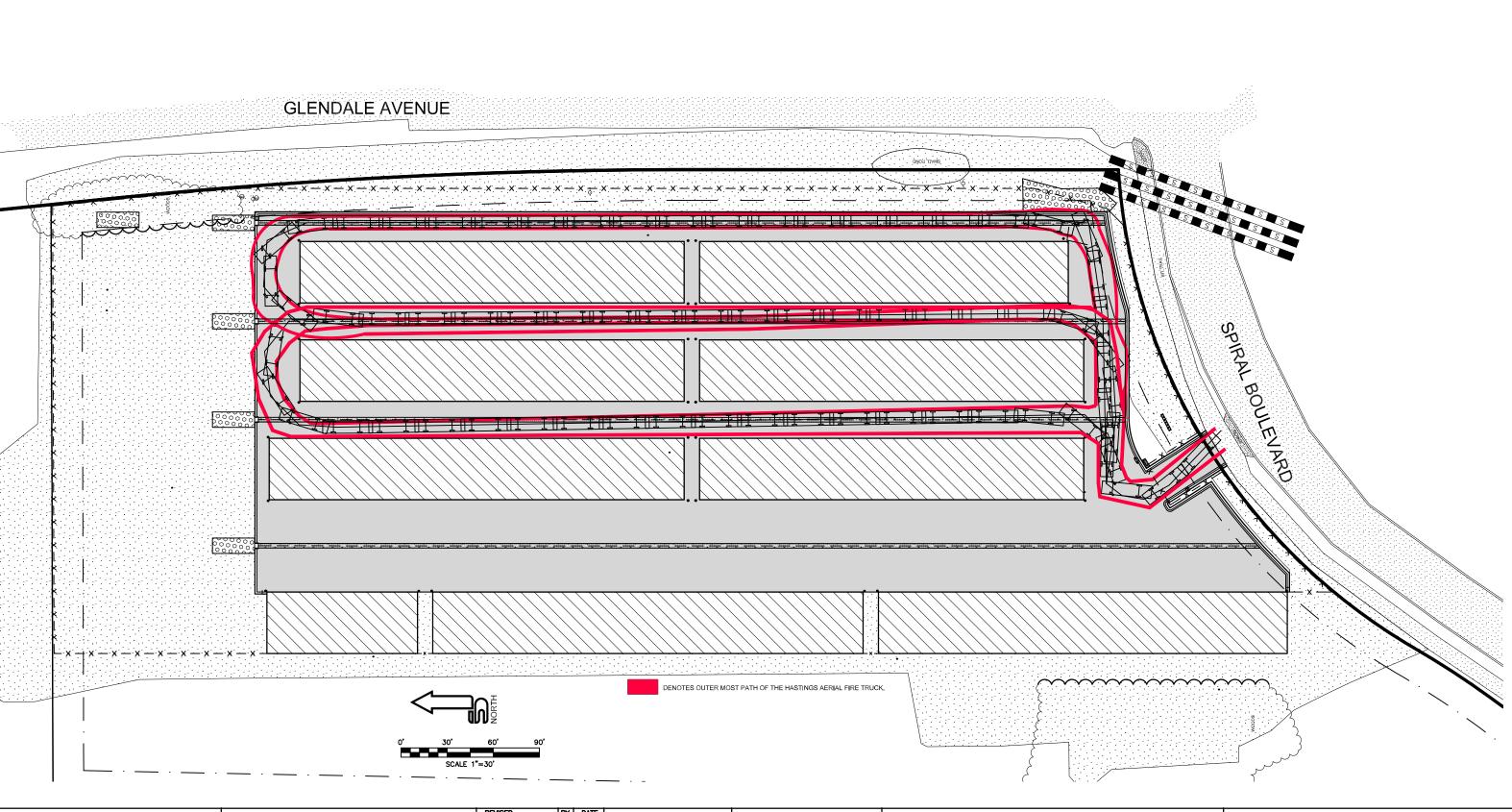
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LANDSCAPE PLAN

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