

Staff Report

Case No. CU24-02

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Location: 10051 Siegen Ln

Owner: Acacia Church

Applicant: Mickey L. Robertson, MR Engineering & Surveying, LLC

Site Area: 3.13 acres

Zoning: R Rural, A2 Single Family Residential, and A2.1 Zero Lot Line

Character Area: Suburban

Flood Zone: X

Conveyance Zone: No

Existing Use: Acacia Church and

Undeveloped

Request: Conditional Use Permit to construct a new building and additional parking for an existing religious institution

Zoning Commission:

January 6, 2025

City Council (tentative)

Introduction: January 14, 2025 **Public Hearing**: January 28, 2025

Staff Recommendation: Approval, on the condition that all technical requirements and DRC comments are addressed before

issuance of any permits

Findings

- 1. The subject property is developed with a religious institution Acacia Church. The subject property has been occupied by a nonresidential use in the same existing buildings since at least February 1998, with the smaller of the two existing buildings since at least December 1989 (Source: Google Earth).
- 2. The property is comprised of five lots Tract C-1 and Lots 251-254 (Figure 1). The applicant has a concurrent application to combine the five lots into one (S24-06-F).
- 3. The property is split-zoned R, A2, and A2.1 (Figure 2). A religious institution requires a conditional use permit in these zoning districts.



Figure 1. Subject properties

- 4. Tract C-1, where the existing buildings are located, is zoned R. In 2017, the R district was amended to restrict uses to those typical of a residential zoning district (EBR Ord. No. 16444). The existing buildings are nonconforming for use, likely due to the R district amendment.
- 5. The applicant requests a conditional use permit to construct a new 12,440sqft building and additional parking for the existing religious institution.
- 6. The applicant also proposes to demolish the smaller of the two existing buildings (3,328sqft); this doesn't require a conditional use permit.
- 7. The request will result in a net increase of 9,112sqft of building area to the 12,984sqft of building area already on the site a 70.2% increase in gross floor area.

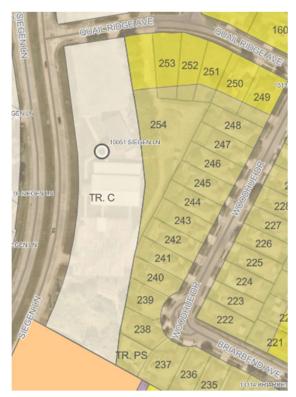


Figure 2. Zoning

Meets?

- 8. The applicant states that the existing building to remain will serve as a "children's church being for 5th graders and below, therefore no more traffic is generated by this building." As a result, the required parking is calculated based on the square footage of the assembly area in the new building.
- 9. The proposed conditional use satisfies the technical requirements of the Unified Development Code (Table 1), with minor exceptions.
- 10. The Development Review Committee (DRC) reviewed the proposed conditional use.
- 11. Any technical requirements that have not been met or outstanding DRC comments can be addressed with staff-level adjustments (UDC Sec. 3.5.5).

Table 1. Summary of Technical Requirements of the UDC*		
Standard or Guideline (UDC Sec.)	Required	Proposed
Suburban Design Standards (10.3.2.E)		

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Building design, street-facing wall	Transp. Windows or 5+ Other Elements	Transparent Windows (?%)	Likely Yes
Site design, pedestrian ways	Min. 8ft-wide to primary entrance	5-ft wide	NO
Site design, screening, mechanical	From all street frontages	Not addressed	Not yet
Site design, fences, materials	See Code	Wood	YES

Standard or Guideline (UDC Sec.)	Required	Proposed	Meets?
Site design, fences, structural support	Interior	Not addressed	Not yet
Dimensional Regulations (11.2.8)			
Setback, front (Quail Ridge Ave)	Min. 15 ft	100.41 ft	YES
Setback, side	Min. 25 ft	105.54 ft	YES
Setback, corner side	Min. 15 ft	31.75 ft	YES
Setback, rear	Min. 25 ft	200+ ft	YES
Height	Max. 35 ft	31'-4" 40'-0" for tower ¹	YES
Drainage and Water Quality			
Stormwater Management Plan (15.13)	Yes	Submitted	Likely Yes
Floodplain Conveyance Zone (15.24)	No	N/A	N/A
Stream Setbacks (15.25)	No	N/A	N/A
Parking and Loading			
Motor Vehicle Parking, number (17.4)	Min. 122 Max. 152	140	YES
Motor Vehicle Parking, location (17.5.2)	Not in required yard or buffer	Not in required yard or buffer	YES
Bicycle Parking, number (17.6.1)	Min. 7	8	YES
Landscape and Trees			
Percentage (18.3.2)	Min. 10%	39.6%	YES
Buffer to single-family (18.3.3)	L2	L2	YES
Street yard, trees, Siegen Ln (18.3.4)	Min. 15 Class B or C	15 Class B	YES
Street yard, trees, Quail Ridge (18.3.4)	Min. 10 Class	10 Class A	YES
Parking lot, spaces to a tree (18.3.5)	W/in 100ft	W/in 100ft	YES
Parking lot, interior islands (18.3.5)	Every 10 spaces	Every 10 spaces	YES
Parking lot, median islands (18.3.5)	Every 6 rows	N/A	YES
Screening, utilities (18.4.1)	Shrubs	Shrubs	YES
Sight triangle (18.7.2)	Clear	Clear	YES

^{*}Any requirement not marked as YES will meet prior to issuance of any permits.

¹ Towers are allowed to exceed height.

Consistency with Comprehensive Plan

St. George has not adopted a comprehensive plan, but this section refers to FuturEBR, which is the Parish's comprehensive plan that covered St. George prior to its incorporation.

- Future Land Use is Residential Neighborhood (RN)
- "This category includes predominantly single-family homes... Uses such as live-work units, neighborhood scale office and commercial at intersections or along primary streets, private schools, and religious institutions, should also be permitted subject to discretionary review."
- Staff finds that a religious institution as a conditional use is consistent with the RN future land use.

Standards Applicable to All Conditional Uses (UDC Sec. 3.5.3)

- A. The design of the proposed development minimizes adverse effects, including visual impacts, of the proposed use on adjacent properties.
 - The proposed new building is in the same location as the existing building that is being demolished, is closer to Siegen Ln than to adjacent residential properties, and is screened from adjacent residential properties by existing and new trees. The proposed new parking lot is set back 20 feet from the adjacent residential properties and is screened by new trees, shrubs, and a fence.
- B. The proposed use will not unduly burden essential public infrastructure and services including roadways, existing parking spaces, police and fire protection facilities, drainage systems, refuse disposal, water and sewers, and schools.
 - The proposed use is a 70% expansion of an existing religious institution. Existing essential public infrastructure is adequate and the applicant proposes to add new parking spaces to accommodate the expansion.
- C. The proposed use will not allow land or building usage that is incompatible with the existing character or usage of the neighborhood.
 - The existing religious institution, and its expansion, is compatible with the existing character of the area, and serves as a buffer between Siegen Ln, a principal arterial road, and a residential neighborhood.

Public Notification

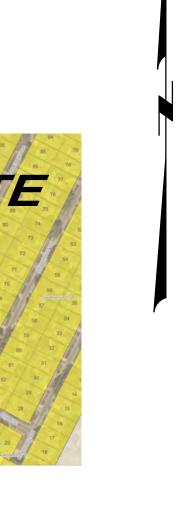
- The subject property sign was posted on December 18, 2024.
- Letters were mailed to owners of property within 300 feet on December 20, 2024.
- Legal advertisement was published on December 22 and 29, 2024, and January 6, 2025.

CONDITIONAL USE SITE PLAN FOR

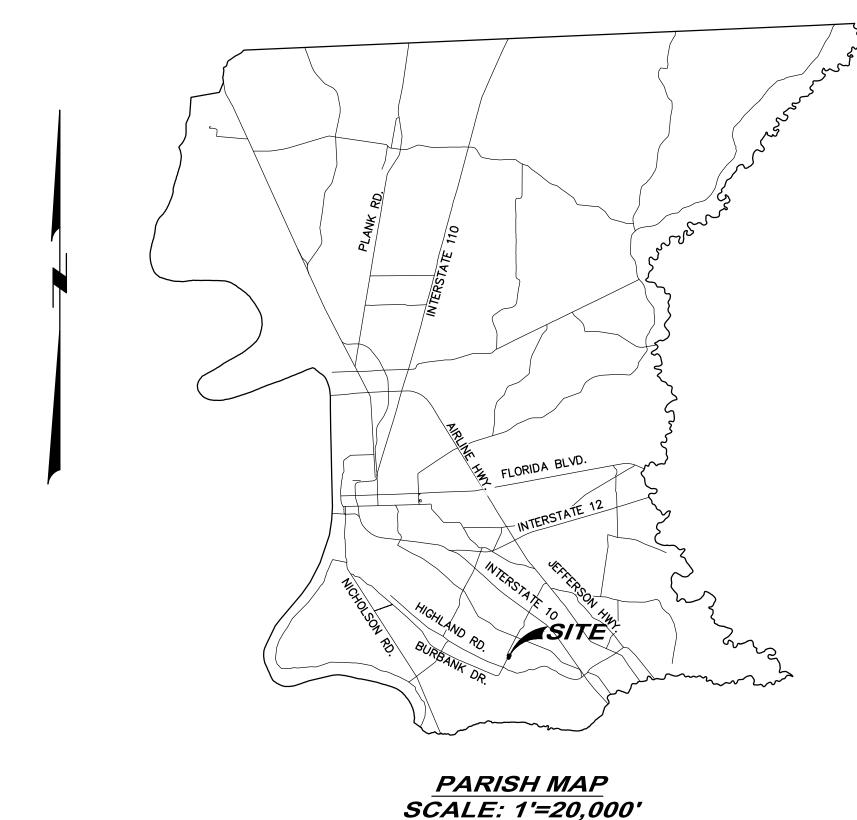
CU 24-02 ACACIA CHURCH

LOCATED ON SIEGEN LANE TRACT C-1 QUAIL RIDGE 1ST FILING & LOTS 251, 252, 253, & 254 QUAIL RIDGE 3RD FILING LOCATED IN SECTION 38, T8S, R1E, GREENSBURG LAND DISTRICT, THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH, LOUISIANA DECEMBER 2024

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LOT AND BLOCK MAP SCALE: 1"=400"



PLANNING SUMMARY:

EXISTING ZONING: RURAL (R) & SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (A2) & ZERO LOT LINE (A2.1) EXISTING LAND USE: INST & UND FUTURE LAND USE: RN CHARACTER AREA: SUBURBAN EXISTING ZONING (ADJOINING PARCELS): A2 & A2.1 LOT & BLOCK MAP NO.:81 PROPERTY INFO: TRACT C-1 QUAIL RIDGE 1ST & LOTS 251, 252, 253 & 254 QUAIL RIDGE 3RD SEC 38 T8S-R1E 13054 QUAIL RIDGE AVE. LOT 253

13116 QUAIL RIDGE AVE LOT 251 FLOOD ZONE: "X" PROPOSED INTENSITY: 7,060 SQ.FT./ACRE FEMA PANEL: 22033C0330E

MIN LOT WIDTH/AREA: 50 FT/6,000 SF # OF BLDGS: 2 MAX BLDG HEIGHT: 35' (1 STORY) TOTAL BLDG SQ.FT.: 22,096 SQ.FT. EXISTING BUILDING SQ.FT.: 9,565 SQ.FT.

PROPOSED NEW BUILDING SQ. FT.: 12,440 SQ.FT. PROPOSED BLDG HEIGHT: 30' PROPOSED USE: NEW CHURCH BUILDING AND ADDITIONAL PARKING

LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS:

A PARTICULAR PIECES OF LAND BEING "TRACT C-1" & LOTS 251, 252, 253, & 254 BEING PART OF QUAIL RIDGE SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN SECTION 38, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH-RANGE 1 EAST, CITY ST. GEORGE, EAST BATON ROUGE

TRACT "C-1: 1630815685 LOT 251: 1630818891 LOT 252: 1630818892 LOT 253: 1630818893 LOT 254: 1630818894

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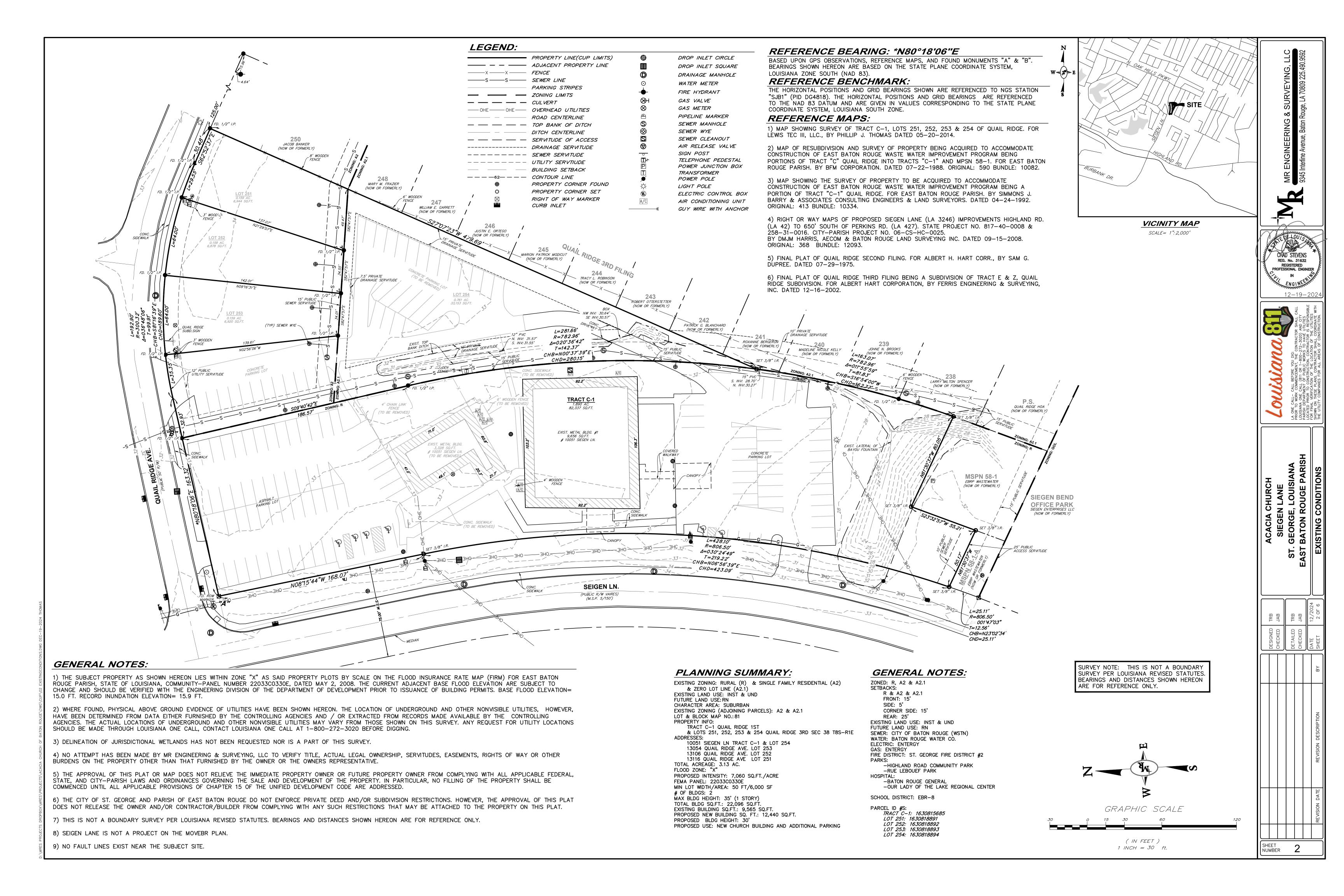
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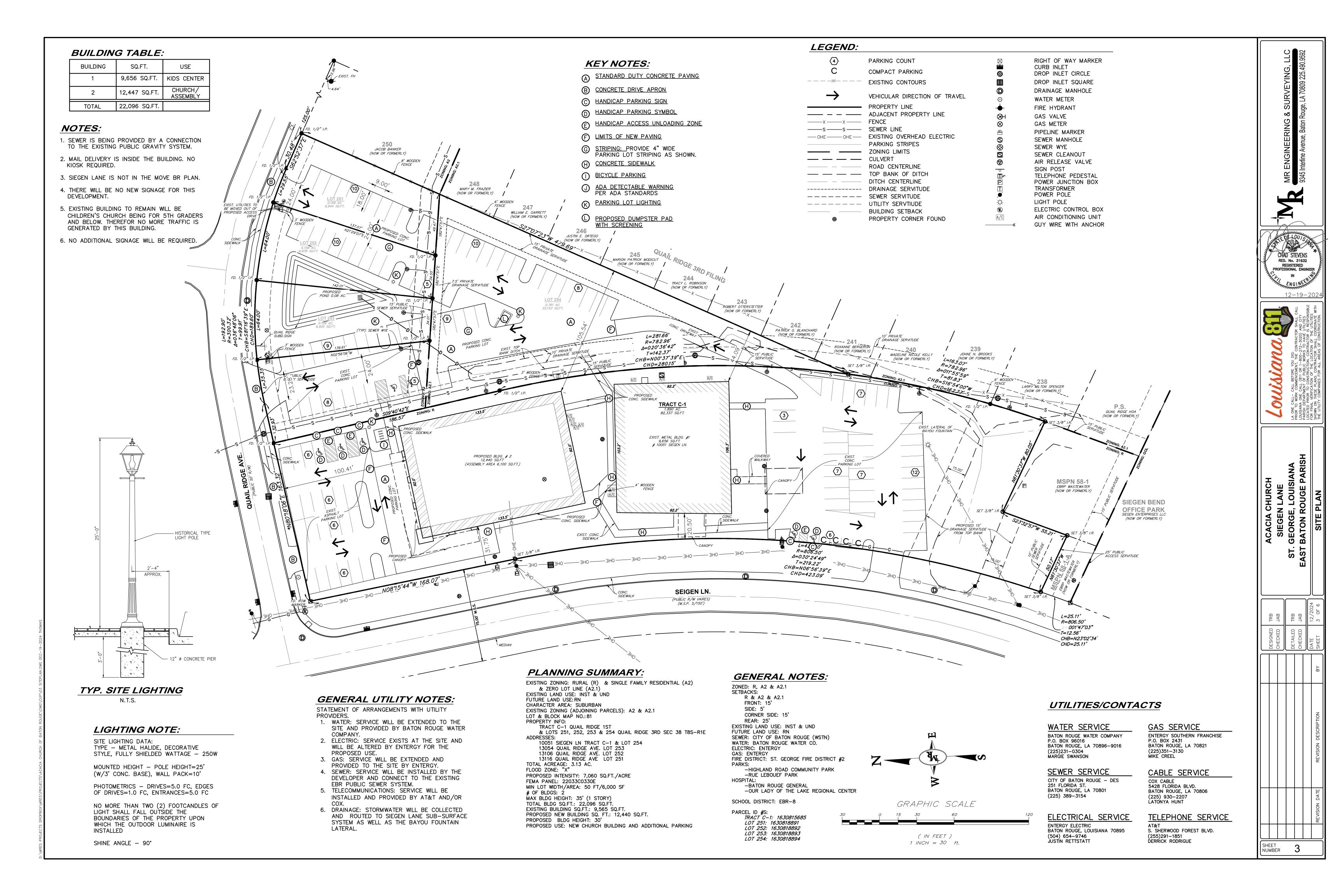
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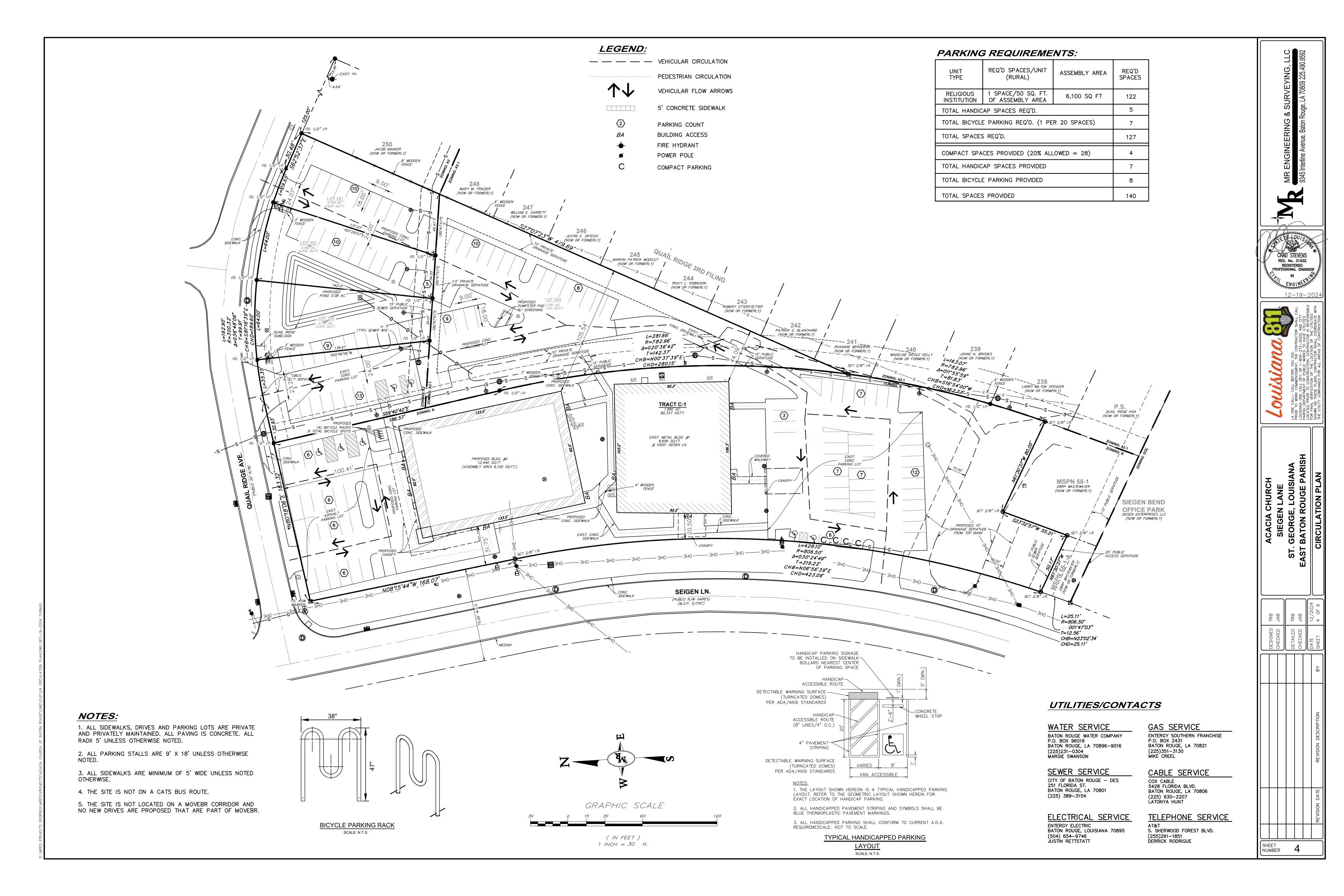
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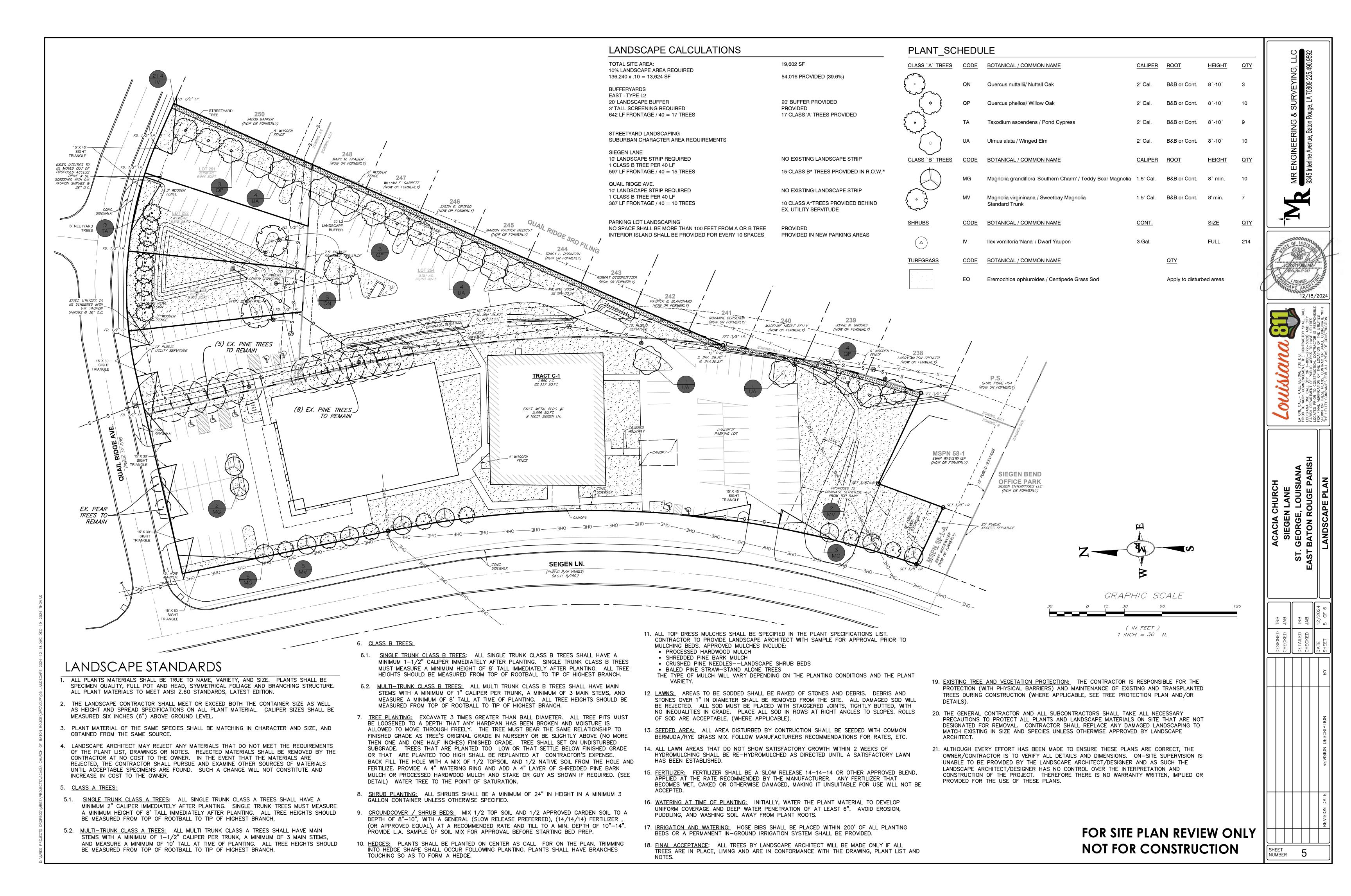
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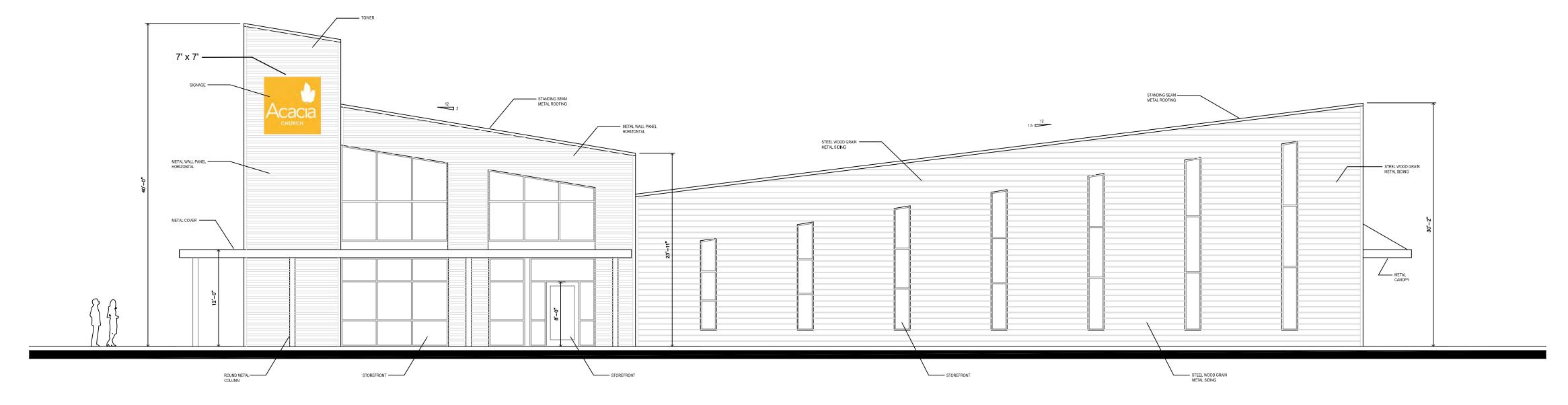
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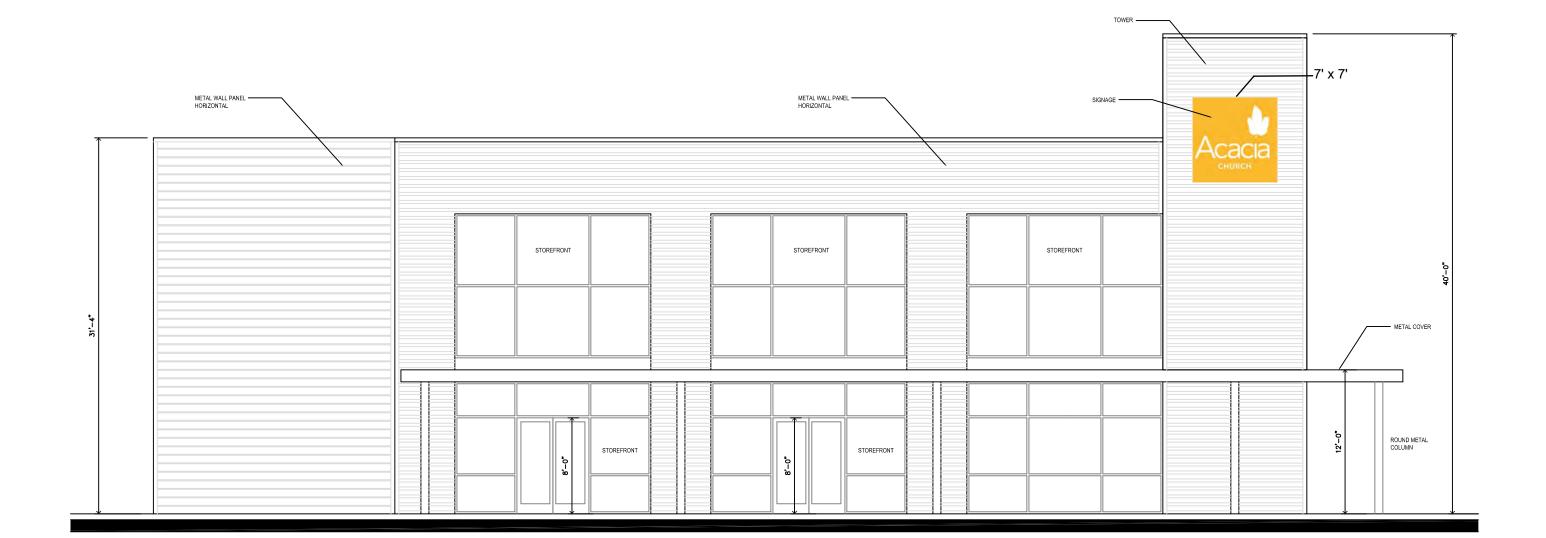


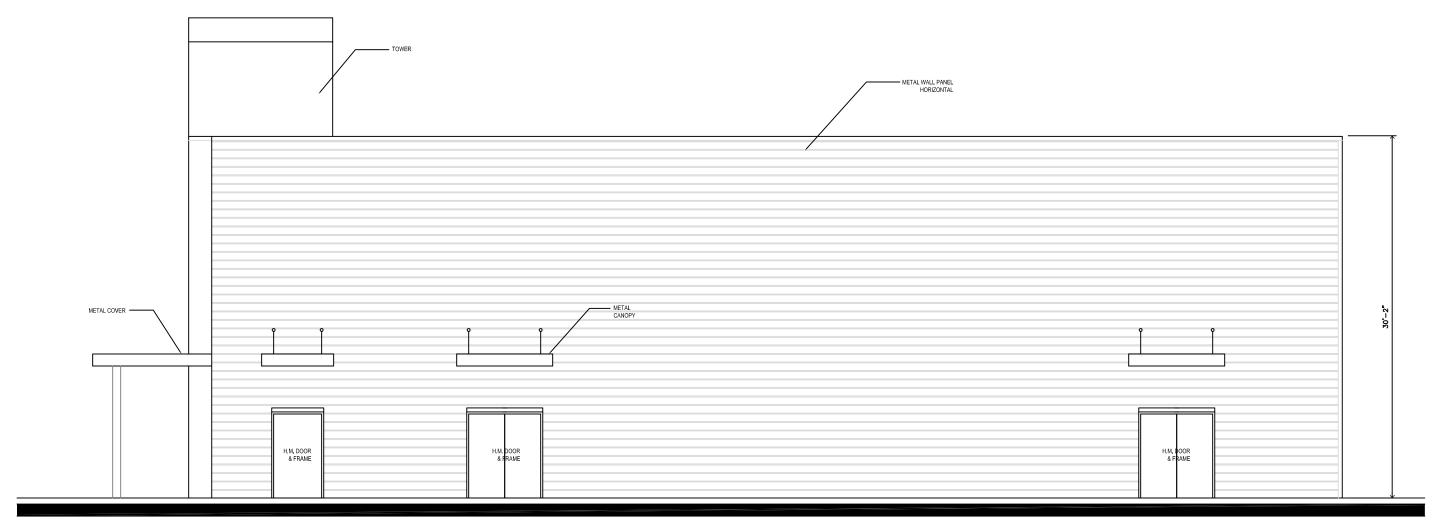




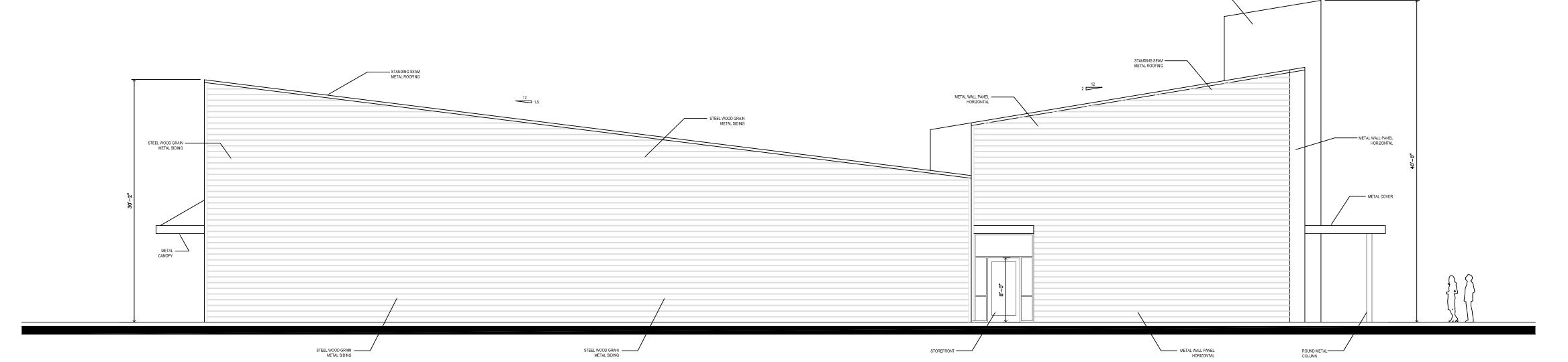


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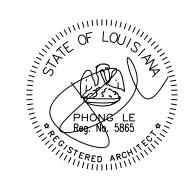
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4 EAST ELEVATION

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