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### STATE OF MARYLAND CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS

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February 12, 2008

Mr. Ed Slicer, Manager Cecil County Department of Parks and Recreation 17 Wilson Road Rising Sun, Maryland 21911

Re: Elk River Park Redevelopment Project – Planting Plan

· Project Subcommittee Approval

Dear Mr. Slicer:

As you are aware, the Critical Area Commission (CAC) approved the County's proposal to redevelop Elk River Park on December 5, 2007 with the condition that the County submit a revised planting plan to the CAC Project Subcommittee for approval. The revised planting plan was required to achieve a minimum 1:1 ratio of plantings within the Buffer for the buffer disturbance. The revised planting plan and agreement from Cecil County to allow the grassed "pocket area" of 0.62 acres to naturally reforest was reviewed by the Project Subcommittee on February 6, 2008 and was unanimously approved.

Enclosed please find a Planting Agreement form. Please complete the form with an expected planting timeframe and return a signed copy to me. Also, in fulfillment of the mitigation requirements, please notify the Commission once the mitigation plantings have been implemented. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 410-260-3475.

Sincerely,

Kate Schmidt

Natural Resources Planner

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cc: Deborah Herr, Herr Landscape Architecture

Kelly Wright, Andrews Miller & Associates

# CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS 1804 West Street, Suite 100 Annapolis, Maryland 21401

#### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

Project Subcommittee

From:

Kate Schmidt

Date:

February 6, 2008

Subject:

Elk River Park Mitigation Planting Plan – Cecil County

On December 5, 2007 Cecil County Department of Parks and Recreation presented the Elk River Park Redevelopment project for Conditional Approval. It was approved by the Commission with the condition that the applicant submit a new mitigation planting plan to the Project Subcommittee. The new mitigation planting plan was to evaluate the site and provide at a minimum 1:1 mitigation for impacts to the 110-foot Buffer. On January 24, 2008 staff received a revised planting plan that achieves this goal.

Impacts to the 110-foot Buffer for the Elk River Park project totals 36,218 square feet, for 33,706 square feet of disturbance for the boat ramp, and 2.512 square feet of disturbance for creation of a wetland mitigation project. Previously the County showed only 30,650 square feet of mitigation in the Buffer. The Elk River Park site has limited area available within the 110-foot Buffer for planting and the selected sites were two existing cleared areas adjacent to the new boatramp. During project review, the Project Subcommittee determined that a minimum of 1:1 mitigation for impacts to the Buffer (33,706 sq ft) must be provided in the Buffer.

The Subcommittee also requested the County to determine whether an area of the property that currently forms a break between two riparian forests was located in the 110-foot Buffer. Upon review of aerial information the County determined this gap was located outside the Buffer (see attached).

In order to compensate for the increased mitigation, the County chose to enlarge the plantings at the previously selected Buffer sites. The new planting plan provides 36,875 square feet of mitigation which meets the requirement of 36,218 square feet. The County also intends to allow the gap area identified by the Project Subcommittee to naturally regenerate. This will connect both the existing forest areas and Planting Area C, which will be located at the base of the parking lot.



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December 10, 2007

Mr. Ed Slicer, Manager Cecil County Department of Parks and Recreation 17 Wilson Road Rising Sun, Maryland 21911

Re: Elk River Park Redevelopment Project

Critical Area Commission Conditional Approval

Dear Mr. Slicer:

The purpose of this letter is to officially notify you of the Critical Area Commission's action on the above referenced project. On December 5, 2007, the Critical Area Commission unanimously approved the County's proposal and site plan to redevelop Elk River Park. This approval included the following condition:

Cecil County Department of Parks and Recreation shall revise the proposed planting plan to achieve a minimum 1:1 ratio for buffer disturbance, with the remaining mitigation to be achieved onsite and contiguous to existing forested areas, for review and approval by the Project Subcommittee.

In fulfillment of the above conditions, please also notify the Commission once the mitigation plantings have been implemented. Please note that should any changes to the site plan be proposed in the future, additional review and approval by the full Commission will be required. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 410-260-3475.

Sincerely,

Kate Schmidt

Natural Resources Planner

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Cc: Deborah Herr

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August 23, 2007

Ms. Deborah Herr Cornwell Herr Landscape Architecture & Environmental Design 601 Locust Street, Suite 402 Cambridge, MD 21613

Re: Elk River Park Boat Ramp, Cecil County, Maryland

Critical Area Mitigation Requirements

Dear Ms. Cornwell:

Thank you for submitting the additional required information for the above referenced project. The Cecil County Department of Parks and Recreation is proposing to develop a waterfront park at Elk River Park. Approximately 38.41 acres of the park are located within the Resource Conservation Area (RCA). The work proposed consists of the following; (1) extension of River Bend Parkway, (2) construction of stormwater sediment ponds (3) construction of new parking areas, (4) construction of a new dual lane public boat ramp with floating pier, (5) construction of a fixed courtesy pier along the creek, and (6) installation of new bulkhead with stone dust walkway and stone revetment. Additionally, the County is proposing to construct a wetland mitigation area in the 100-foot Buffer for impacts to tidal and nontidal wetlands.

Therefore, due to the increase intensity of use in the Resource Conservation Area and grading in the 100-foot Buffer for the construction of the wetland mitigation area, Conditional Approval by the Critical Area Commission under COMAR 27.02.06 is required.

The following mitigation should be provided for impacts to the 110-foot Buffer and to woodland vegetation:

- 1. 2:1 Mitigation in the 100-foot Buffer for the Area of Disturbance to install the Boat Ramp (for Shoreline Access)
- 2. 1:1 Mitigation in the 100-foot Buffer for the Area of Disturbance to construct the wetland mitigation
- 3. 1:1 Mitigation in the Critical Area for removal of 7 trees and 6,500 square feet of woodland scrub/shrub vegetation

Additionally, the County Department of Public Works is proposing 2,700 square feet of mitigation in the 100-foot Buffer at Elk River Park for impacts to the 100-foot Buffer associated with sewer line improvements in the Carpenters Point Road neighborhood.

The Critical Area Commission meets the first Wednesday of every month. In order to be scheduled for the agenda, please provide a summary of mitigation requirements and planting plan if available, copies of all applicable state and local permits including any tidal and nontidal wetland permits, stormwater permits, and sediment and erosion control permits, and responses to the following six items listed below:

In order to qualify for consideration by the Commission for conditional approval, it shall be shown by the proposing or sponsoring agency that the project or program has the following characteristics:

- B.(1) That there exist special features of the site or there are other special circumstances such that the literal enforcement of these regulations would prevent a project or program from being implemented;
- B.(2) That the project or program otherwise provides substantial public benefits to the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Program;
- B.(3) That the project or program is otherwise in conformance with this subtitle;

# The conditional approval request shall, at a minimum, contain the following:

- C.(1) A showing that the literal enforcement of the provisions of this subtitle would prevent the conduct of an authorized State of local agency program or project;
- C.(2) A proposed process by which the program or project could be so conducted as to conform, insofar as possible, with the approved local Critical Area program or if the development is to occur on State-owned lands, with the criteria set forth in COMAR 27.02.05;
- C.(3) Measures proposed to mitigate adverse effects of the project or program or an approved local Critical Area program or, if on State-owned lands, on the criteria set forth in COMAR 27.02.05.

If there are any questions, I would be happy to meet with the appropriate persons regarding the above items and scheduling with the Commission. I may be contacted at (410) 260-3475.

Sincerely.

Katè Schmidt

Natural Resource Planner

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Cc: Mr. Ed Slicer, Parks and Recreation

Kelly Wright, Andrews Miller & Associates



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May 30, 2007

Mr. Ed Slicer, Manager Cecil County Department of Parks and Recreation 17 Wilson Road Rising Sun, Maryland 21911

Re: Elk River Park

Roadway and Boat Launch Expansion

Dear Mr. Slicer:

Thank you for submitting the above referenced project for review by the Critical Area Commission. The Cecil County Department of Parks and Recreation is proposing to develop a waterfront park at Elk River Park. The majority of the work proposed is within the Resource Conservation Area (RCA) of the Cecil County Critical Area.

Based on the information provided the work proposed consists of the following; (1) extension of River Bend Parkway, (2) construction of stormwater sediment ponds (3) construction of new parking areas, (4) construction of a new dual lane public boat ramp with floating pier, (5) construction of a fixed courtesy pier along the creek, and (6) installation of new bulkhead with stone dust walkway and stone revetment. Additionally, the County is proposing to construct a wetland mitigation area in the 100-foot Buffer for impacts to tidal and nontidal wetlands.

I have reviewed the proposal for consistency and have determined the project must obtain conditional approval from the Critical Area Commission under COMAR 27.02.06 'Conditional Approval of State or Local Agency Programs in the Critical Area' due to the proposed construction of the wetland mitigation project within the 100-foot Buffer.

In order for the Critical Area Commission to review the proposed wetland mitigation portion of the project, the County must provide responses for the following six elements regarding the wetland proposal:

In order to qualify for consideration by the Commission for conditional approval, it shall be shown by the proposing or sponsoring agency that the project or program has the following characteristics:

- B.(1) That there exist special features of the site or there are other special circumstances such that the literal enforcement of these regulations would prevent a project or program from being implemented;
- B.(2) That the project or program otherwise provides substantial public benefits to the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Program;
- B.(3) That the project or program is otherwise in conformance with this subtitle;

# The conditional approval request shall, at a minimum, contain the following:

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- C.(2) A proposed process by which the program or project could be so conducted as to conform, insofar as possible, with the approved local Critical Area program or if the development is to occur on State-owned lands, with the criteria set forth in COMAR 27.02.05;
- C.(3) Measures proposed to mitigate adverse effects of the project or program or an approved local Critical Area program or, if on State-owned lands, on the criteria set forth in COMAR 27.02.05.

Lastly, I have the following comments to offer regarding the information provided at this time:

- (1) Additional detail regarding the proposed project and its impacts should be provided to the Commission including;
  - a. Site area within the Critical Area
  - b. Existing impervious surface within the Critical Area
  - c. Total area of impervious surface after work is completed within the Critical Area
  - d. Area of limit of disturbance within the 100-foot Buffer, including the wetland mitigation area and basin excavation area
  - e. Total area of impervious surface within the 100-foot Buffer
- (2) Typically, when trees or vegetation are removed in the 100-foot Buffer, the Commission requests mitigation of 3:1 and expects replanting to occur in the Buffer. Additionally, while the proposed boat ramp and revetment work qualifies as water-dependent activities, the Commission also expects mitigation of 1:1 for new impervious surface and all areas of disturbance within the 100-foot Buffer for those activities.
- (3) Under COMAR 27.02.05, all applicable state and local permits must be obtained including any tidal and nontidal wetland permits, stormwater permits, and sediment and erosion control permits, prior to approval by the Critical Area Commission.

Once this information has been received and reviewed for completion, we may schedule this project for the Critical Area Commission agenda. The Critical Area Commission meets the first Wednesday of every month. Projects must be submitted one month prior to be scheduled on the agenda. I would be happy to meet with you and the Division of Planning and Zoning should you care to discuss these matters further. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments at 410-260-3475.

Sincerely,

Kate Schmidt

Natural Resource Planner

Cc: Eric Sennstrom, Planning and Zoning



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May 18, 2007

Ms. Carla Fleming Waterway Improvement Program Maryland Department of Natural Resources 580 Taylor Avenue Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Elk River Park Boating Access Facility

Cecil County Department of Parks and Recreation

Dear Ms. Fleming:

Thank you for your letter of May 10, 2007 regarding proposed improvements at the above referenced site near Elkton, Maryland. It is our understanding that Cecil County Parks and Recreation is proposing a number of improvements at the park to be funded in partly through State Waterway grants and possibly USFWS Federal Assistance in Sportfish Recreation funding. Additionally, the project has obtained a reauthorized Board of Public Works permit for the work proposed.

Currently, this project is under review by Critical Area Commission staff to determine consistency with the Cecil County Critical Area Program. Nearly all of this property is within the Critical Area of Cecil County and designated as Resource Conservation Area (RCA). Therefore, prior to start of construction by Cecil County, the proposed project requires review by the Commission to determine consistency. At a minimum, the project must demonstrate that it can meet the following guidelines:

- Demonstrate all impacts to any Habitat Protection Areas are avoided, or in the case of access, minimized
- Provide stormwater management measures
- Provide sediment and erosion control measures
- Provide mitigation for any required clearing

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• Demonstrate the proposed impervious area will not exceed the 15% threshold

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please contact me at (410) 260-3475.

Sincerely.

Kate Schmidt

Natural Resource Planner

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Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor John R. Griffin, Secretary Eric Schwaab, Deputy Secretary

May 10, 2007

State of Maryland Critical Area Commission Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 1804 West Street, Suite 100 Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: <u>DNR CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW - Project Proposal Enclosed for Review</u>

"Elk River Park Boating Access Facility - Elkton, Maryland"

To Whom It May Concern:

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources was contacted a number of years ago by the Cecil County Government regarding their interest in redeveloping their property at the Elk River Park located less than two miles south of Elkton, Maryland on the Elk River. Over the years, the MD DNR Waterway Improvement Program has secured a number of State Waterway grants for the project and is in the process of submitting documentation requesting USFWS Federal Assistance in Sportfish Restoration funding for the project. The actions proposed will take place between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2010. The actions proposed are described in the attached Wetlands License no. 98-1187. As part of the federal grant process, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was required for the project. The EA has been approved by the USFWS Federal Assistance office and was advertised in the Cecil Whig for a 30 day comment period. No comments were received from the public.

Please submit any comments you may have concerning this project within two weeks of the date of this letter. If no comments are received within two weeks, it will be understood that this project does not conflict with the programs, plans, or objectives of your Agency. If you require additional information before you can complete your review, please contact me and I'd be glad to meet with you or provide you with additional information.

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1.	The project does not conflict with the plans, programs or objectives of this Agency.		
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3.	The project conflicts with this Agency's plans, programs or objectives for the reasons indicated on the attachment.		

Upon completion of review, please return to my attention at DNR Waterway Improvement Program Division, Tawes State Office Building (E-4) Annapolis, MD 21401. Please call me at 410-260-8452 or e-mail me at <a href="mailto:cfleming@dnr.state.md.us">cfleming@dnr.state.md.us</a> f you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

Carla Fleming

Federal Project Coordinator

Waterway Improvement Program



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April 10, 2007

Mr. James Price, Director Program Open Space Tawes State Office Building 580 Taylor Avenue (E-4) Annapolis, MD 21401

Re:

POS#5116-7-221

Elk River Park Phase II, Cecil County

Dear Mr. Prince:

We are in receipt of the above referenced project to provide funding to construct a stone entrance road and multi-purpose athletic field at Elk River Park. Nearly all of this property is within the Critical Area of Cecil County and designated as Resource Conservation Area (RCA). Therefore, prior to start of construction by Cecil County, the proposed project will require review by the Critical Area Commission to determine if it is consistent with Cecil County Critical Area Program.

Cecil County has not yet provided us with a copy of a site plan for the proposed project and will need to submit a consistency determination to Commission staff for review and concurrence. If our office disagrees with a consistency determination, then the project will require Commission review and approval. In any case, the project must meet the following requirements:

Demonstrate all impacts to any Habitat Protection Areas are avoided, or in the case of access, minimized

Provide stormwater management measures

Provide sediment and erosion control measures

· Provide mitigation for any required clearing

Demonstrate the proposed impervious area will not exceed the 15% threshold

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please contact me at (410) 260-3475.

Sincerely,

Kate Schmidt

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Cc: Mr. Eric Sennstrom, Cecil County Planning & Zoning Department

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# CECIL COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Department of Parks and Recreation 200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Suite 1200, Elkton, MD 21921

February 20, 2008

Ms. Kate Schmidt Natural Resources Planner Critical Area Commission 1804 West Street, Suite 100 Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Elk River Park – Planting Plan

Dear Ms. Schmitd:

We are collecting proposals for contract management of the park's development, following this I hope we can bid the work. At this time I can only project a general time period when the required planting will be accomplished; however as soon as the general contractor is hired I will be in a better position to establish a more precise schedule.

Thank you and the Commission for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely.

Edward W. Slicer, Jr. Grants Administrator

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Reply to Cecil County Department of Parks and Recreation, County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Suite 1200, Elkton, Maryland 21921, Telephone: 410-996-8104, Fax: 410-996-8105, E-mail: eslicer@ccgov.org

# Planting Agreement for State/Local Projects

State/Local Agency	Project Number	
Cecil County Department of Parks and Recreation	CE270-07	
Agency Contact Ed Slicer	Phone Number	
Commision Approval Date  December 5, 2007	CAC Planner  Kate Schmidt	
December 5, 2007	Kate Schmidt	
Project Name  Elk River Park - Boat Ramp Redeve	lompent	
Elk River Park, Elkton, Maryland		
Square Feet Cleared Outside 100ft Buffer	Mitigation Ratio for Clearing Outside Buffer	
6,500 sq ft	1:1	
	Mitigation Calculation Outside Buffer	
	6,700	
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Responsible Contact for Mitigation (Print)	Signature 3/20/08	

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# **CECIL COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

Administrator's Office 200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Suite 2100, Elkton, MD 21921

February 1, 2008

Kate Schmidt, Natural Resource Planner State of Maryland, Critical Area Commission 1804 West Street, Suite 100 Annapolis, MD. 21401

Re: Elk River Park Boat Ramp, Cecil County, Maryland, Buffer Mitigation

Dear Ms. Schmidt:

Pursuant to the request of the Maryland Critical Area Commission (CAC), Cecil County is submitting this letter to your office regarding the proposed use of a "pocket area" located in the proposed Elk River Park project. As you are aware, the County is proposing to construct a dual lane boat ramp on the Big Elk River. Along with the boat ramp, the project proposes a paved parking area, a paved overflow parking area, and a paved access road from River Bend Parkway.

Our engineering consultants, Andrews, Miller & Associates (AMA) and Herr Landscape Architecture and Environment Design have developed a Buffer Mitigation Plan for this project showing three areas that are to receive landscaping as mitigation for the boat ramp project. The three planting areas are situated adjacent the proposed development.

An open meadow area exists on the property just southeast of the proposed development. This open meadow area, or "pocket area", is shown in blue on the Critical Area Map Aerial Photograph Exhibit developed by AMA and previously forwarded to your office. At the request of CAC, the Board of County Commissioners of Cecil County (owner of property) agree to let this "pocket area" re-vegetate on its own. No mowing or maintenance plan will be performed thereby allowing the area to grow in naturally and connect the adjacent woodland areas.

Should you have any questions regarding this "pocket area" and/or this agreement, please contact our Department of Parks and Recreation at (410) 996-8104, attention Edward W. Slicer, Jr., Grants Administrator for the Department.

Sincerely,

cc:

Alfred C. Wein, Jr. County Administrator

Mr. Kelly Wright, Andrews, Miller & Associates

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November 5, 2007

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Ms. Kate Schmidt, Natural Resource Planner State of Maryland, Critical Area Commission 1804 West Street, Suite 100 Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Elk River Park Boat Ramp, Cecil County, Maryland Critical Area Conditional Approval

Dear Kate:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation and your correspondence dated August 23, 2007, the enclosed materials are being provided for your review of the project for Conditional Approval.

The following permits and approvals have been received for the project:

- Cecil County Department of Public Works Stormwater Management, Grading, Boat Ramp and Shoreline Improvements
- Cecil County Department of Public Works Road and Storm Drain Plans
- Cecil Soil Conservation District Erosion and Sediment Control
- MDE Letter of Authorization Tidal/Nontidal Wetlands
- State of Maryland Board of Public Works Wetlands License #98-1187

One set of the Buffer Mitigation Planting Plans – Sheets 1 through 4, dated November 2, 2007 is provided.

The following addresses the six points required for the project to be considered by the Critical Area Commission for conditional approval:

- B. (1) The proposed site will provide water access that is unavailable in other areas of the County. While the entire site has over 38 acres within the Critical Area, a small portion lies within the 110' buffer. Due to the water dependent use of the proposed project, it can only occur within the buffer.
- B. (2) The proposed project will provide a stabilized public boat launch area with minimal impact to the Critical Area buffer. The existing open grass area is being used for the project, with a minimal amount of woody vegetation being disturbed.
- B. (3) The proposed boat launch project is a water dependent facility.
- C. (1) Due to the existing vegetation onsite and the layout of the property, it is not possible to provide the 2:1 mitigation requirement within the 110' buffer area. There are open areas onsite that have been utilized for the mitigation area, thereby recreating woodland habitat within the Critical Area.

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- C. (2) The project has been designed so as to conform with the Critical Area program to the maximum extent possible. The eroding shoreline will be stabilized and the boat launch area will be constructed within the buffer. A wetland mitigation area is being created within the 110' buffer to mitigate onsite the disturbance caused by the project. A minimum amount of pavement is being installed within the buffer area the majority of paving for parking and accessibility is located outside of the buffer.
- C. (3) As state previously, the project is being constructed within open or previously disturbed areas of the site, minimizing any disturbances to woody vegetation. Those same disturbed/open areas are being used to create woodland habitat areas, improving the quality of the Critical Area.

As you review the project, please contact me if you require any additional materials or if  $\mathbf{I}$  may answer any questions.

ery truly yours,

Deborah Herr Cornwell, ASLA, RLA

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cc: Kelly Wright, AMA

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August 14, 2007

Ms. Kate Schmidt, Natural Resource Planner State of Maryland, Critical Area Commission 1804 West Street, Suite 100 Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Elk River Park Boat Ramp, Cecil County, Maryland Additional Information

Dear Kate:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation on Monday, August 13, 2007, I am providing the additional information requested to determine the mitigation requirements for the Elk River Park Boat Ramp Project.

Enclosed please find a set of plans for Elk River Park – Sheets G-1 to G-5. A total of 10 trees are being removed as part of this project and are highlighted on Sheet G-5. Three trees are within the 110′ buffer and seven are located in the Critical Area, outside of the buffer. On the plans you will note that three open areas have been designated as mitigation planting areas. No planting designs have been completed for these areas yet.

As requested in your correspondence dated May 30, 2007 and addressed to Mr. Ed Slicer, we are providing the following calculations for your review:

- The portion of the site lying within the Critical Area is 38.41 Acres
- The existing impervious areas within the Critical Area are 21,914 SF
- The total impervious area within the Critical Area at completion of the project will be 99,905 SF
- The total disturbed area within the 110' buffer (including the wetland mitigation and basin excavation areas) is 43,202 SF
- The total impervious area within the 110' buffer at the completion of the project will be 8,374 SF

I look forward to working with you to determine the mitigation requirements for this project and preparing an acceptable mitigation plan. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Deborah Herr Cornwell, ASLA, RLA

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cc: Kelly Wright, AMA

# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, GRADING. **BOAT RAMP & SHORELINE IMPROVEMENTS**

# **Elk River Park**

**Commissioners of Cecil County 3rd Election District** Cecil County, Maryland



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Environmental Consultants, Inc.

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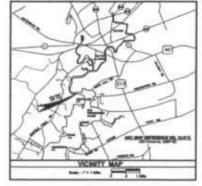
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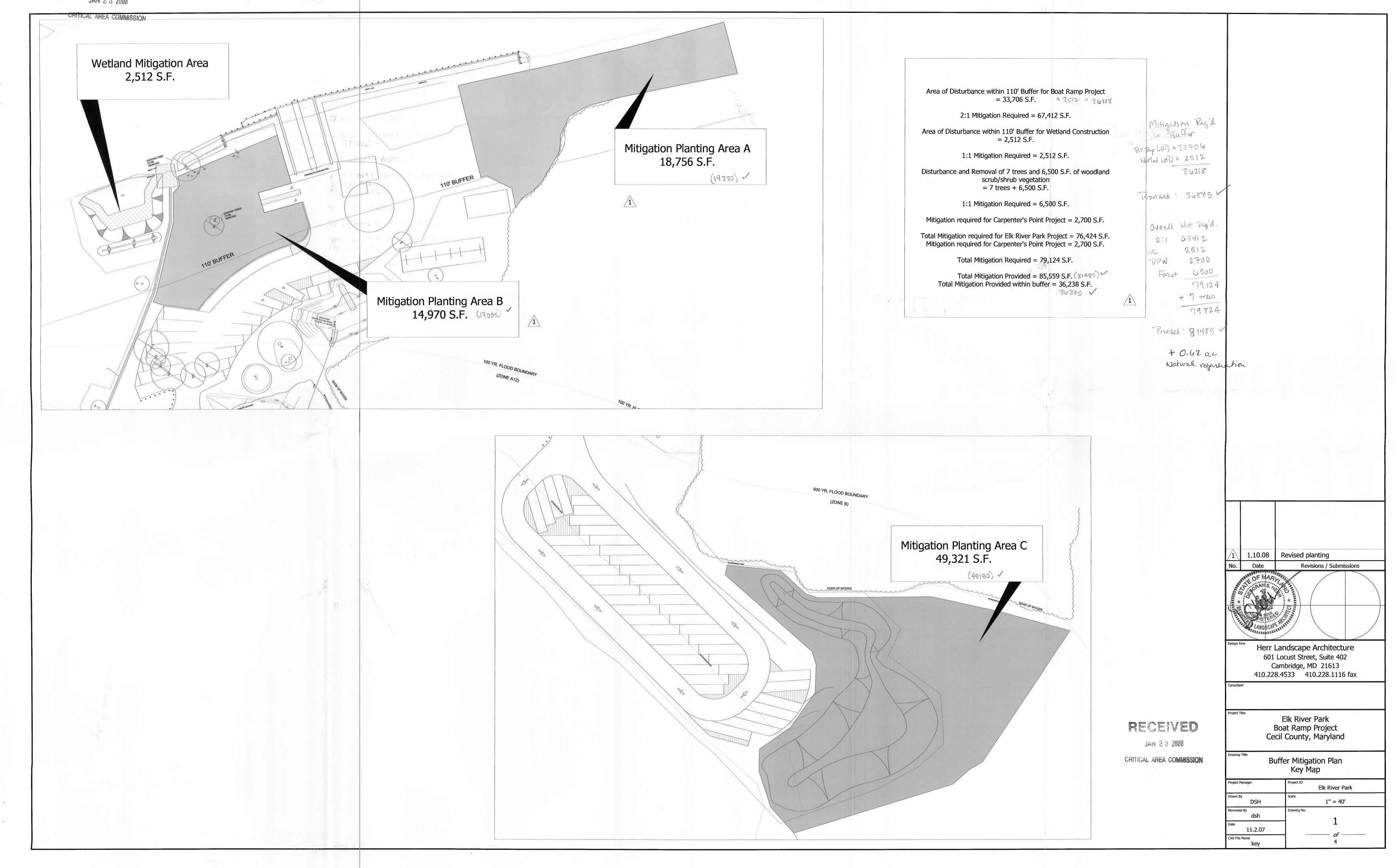
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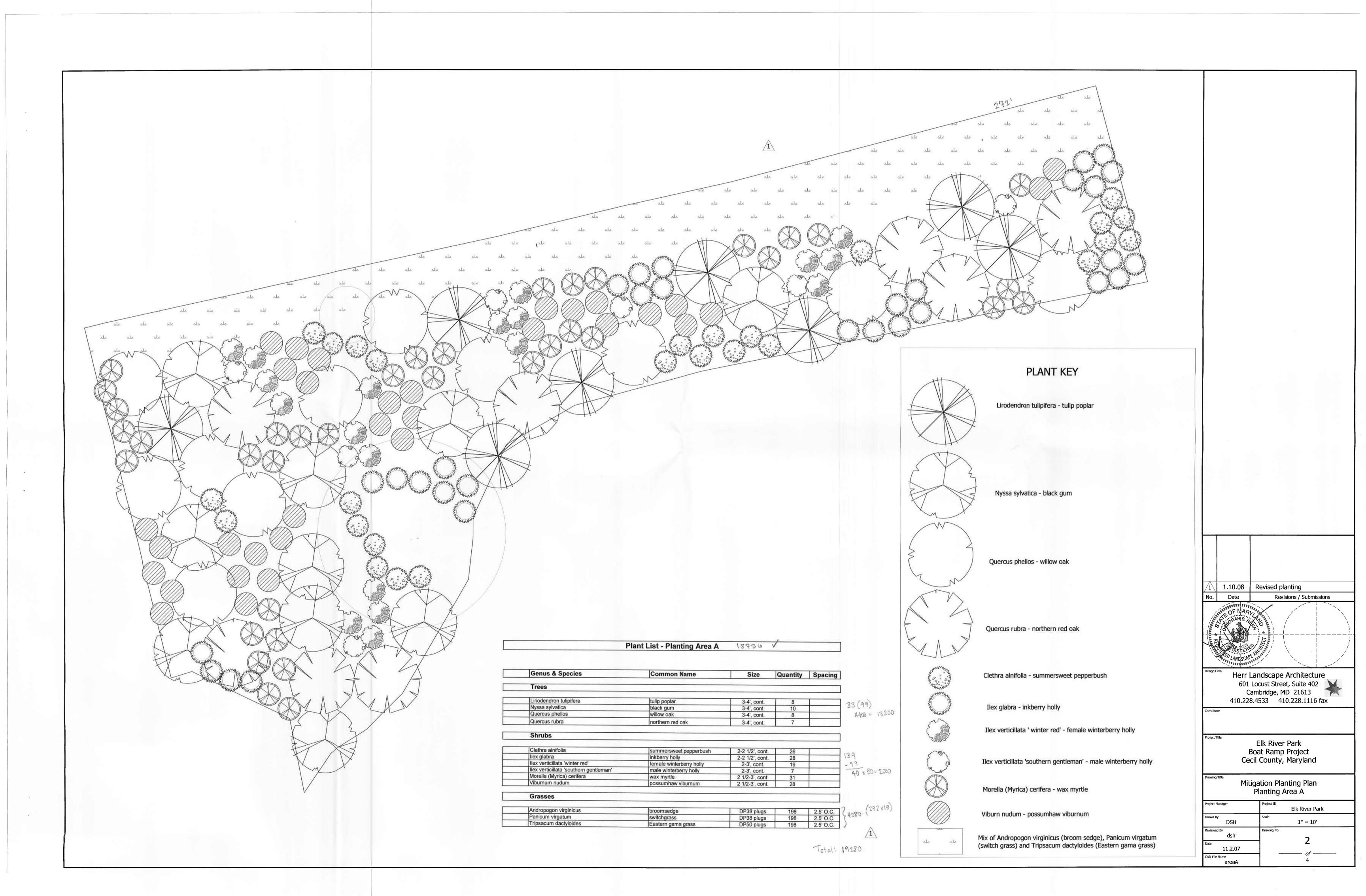
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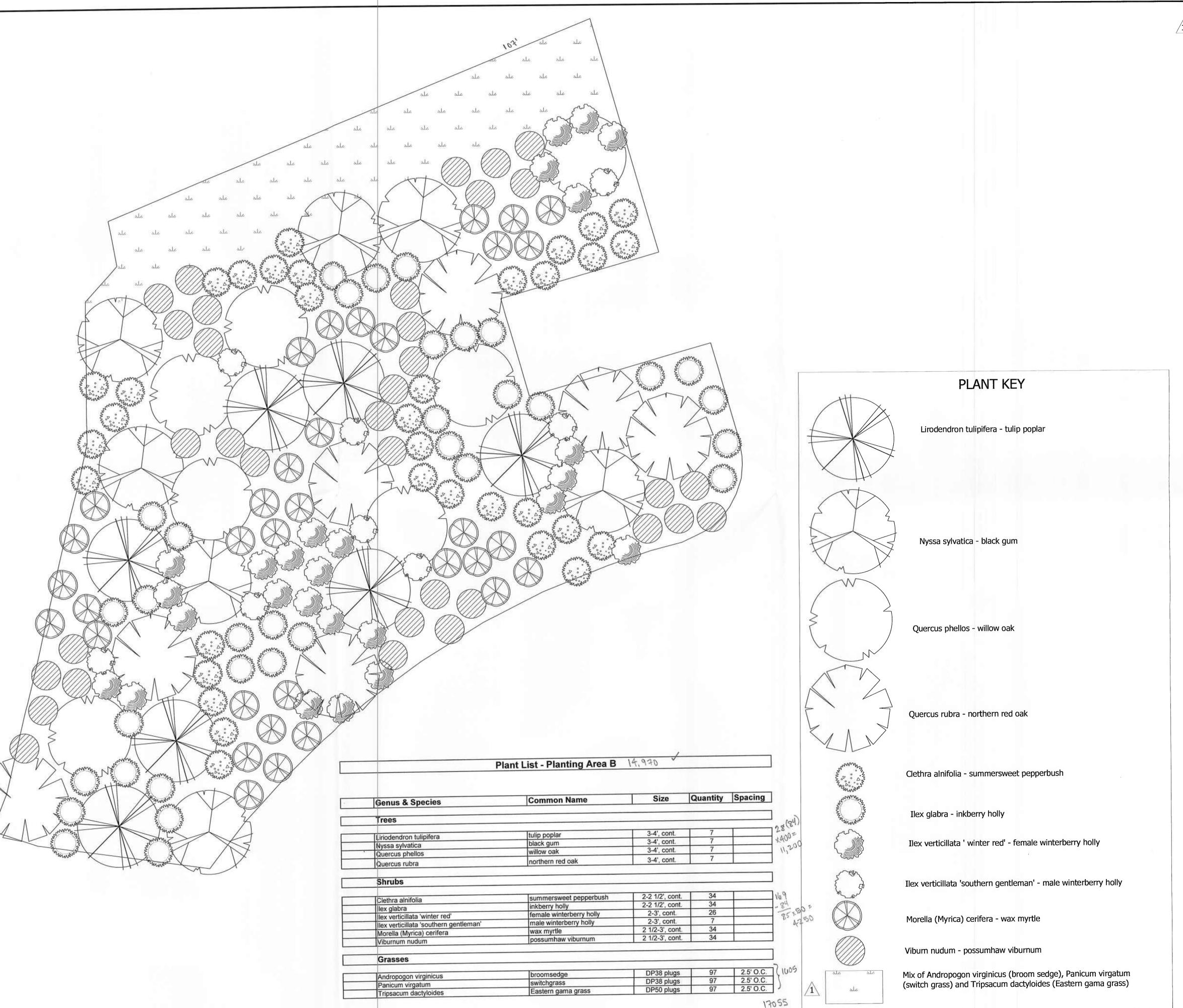
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# Site Preparation

- 1. Planting areas to be graded pursuant to Engineering plans.
- 2. Soils shall be kept free of waste material and debris.
- 3. Remove sticks, rubbish and other extraneous matter.

# General Requirements

- 1. All plants shall be true to type and name, have normal well developed branch structure with a vigorous root system and be healthy vigorous plants free from defects, injuries and all forms of infestations.
- 2. All plant material shall be consistent with the guidelines published by the American Association of Nurseryman
- Standards for Nursery Stock. 3. The Contractor shall provide container grown plants as specified in the plant list. Do not bend or bind-tie trees or plants in such a manner as to damage bark, break branches or destroy natural shape. Provide protective covering during delivery, and insure that all materials are handled properly and are not dropped.
- 4. All plant materials shall be protected from drying out and from wind damage during delivery.
- 5. The Contractor shall deliver trees and plant after preparations for planting have been completed and plant
- immediately. If planting is delayed after delivery, set trees and plants in shade, protect from weather and mechanical damage, and keep roots moist by covering with mulch, burlap or other acceptable means of retaining moisture. Water as necessary.
- 6. The Contractor shall not remove container grown stock from container until planting time.
- 7. All materials shall be stored in upland areas that are protected from weather.
- 8. The Contractor shall proceed with and complete landscape work as rapidly as portions of site become available, working within seasonal limitations for each kind of landscape work required.
- 9. The Contractor shall determine location of any underground utilities and perform work in a manner which will avoid
- possible damage. Hand excavate, as required.

# Installation - Planting

- 1. Layout All trees, shrubs and herbaceous materials shall be laid out in random and naturalistic arrangements as shown on the landscape plans.
- 2. Remove any rock, rubble or other underground obstructions to the depth necessary to permit proper planting.
- 3. Remove and dispose of all excess excavations and unsuitable materials. Dispose in accordance with all local laws and regulations at Contractor's cost.
- 4. Plant all plants to the same depth as their place of growth, unless otherwise directed. Center the plants in their planting pits. Set in the natural upright position at such a level that, after settlement, a normal or natural relationship of the crown of the plant with the ground surface shall be established. Be careful not to exert any pressure that will damage any portion of the plant.
- 5. Avoid compacting the soil. As clay soils are particularly prone to compaction especially if worked wet transplant into clay soils when they are not saturated to the greatest extent possible. Do not leave plants exposed to sun or wind prior to planting. Take special care to avoid desiccation of fibrous-rooted plants.

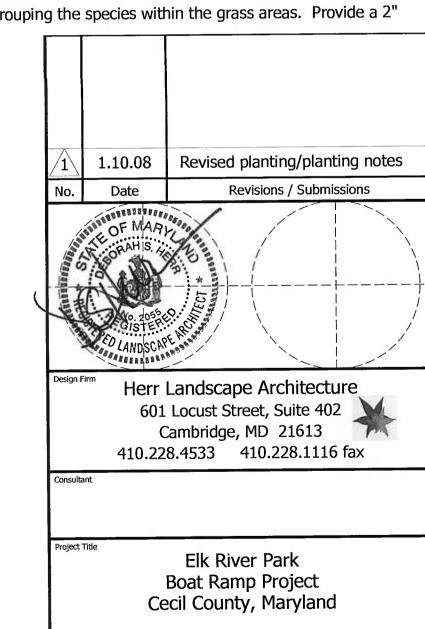
# Planting Trees and Shrubs

- 1. Container Cut containers on 2 sides with an approved can cutter and remove plant from container. Set container grown stock as specified. If container grown plant is root-bound or can be easily pulled from container, plant shall be rejected. Place plant and carefully work soil mix around roots by hand.
- 2. Provide a 2" layer of shredded hardwood mulch for all plants. Do not place mulch within 6" of trunks, nor should the base of shrubs and other plants be covered by mulch.
- 3. Prune, thin out and shape trees in accordance with standard horticultural practice. Do not cut tree leaders and remove only injured or dead branches, if any. Prune plant material to retain natural character. The top of the root ball of the plant shall be level with the substrate surface. Excess substrate shall be distributed around the planting sites. No saucers shall be constructed around the planting sites with the excess substrate.

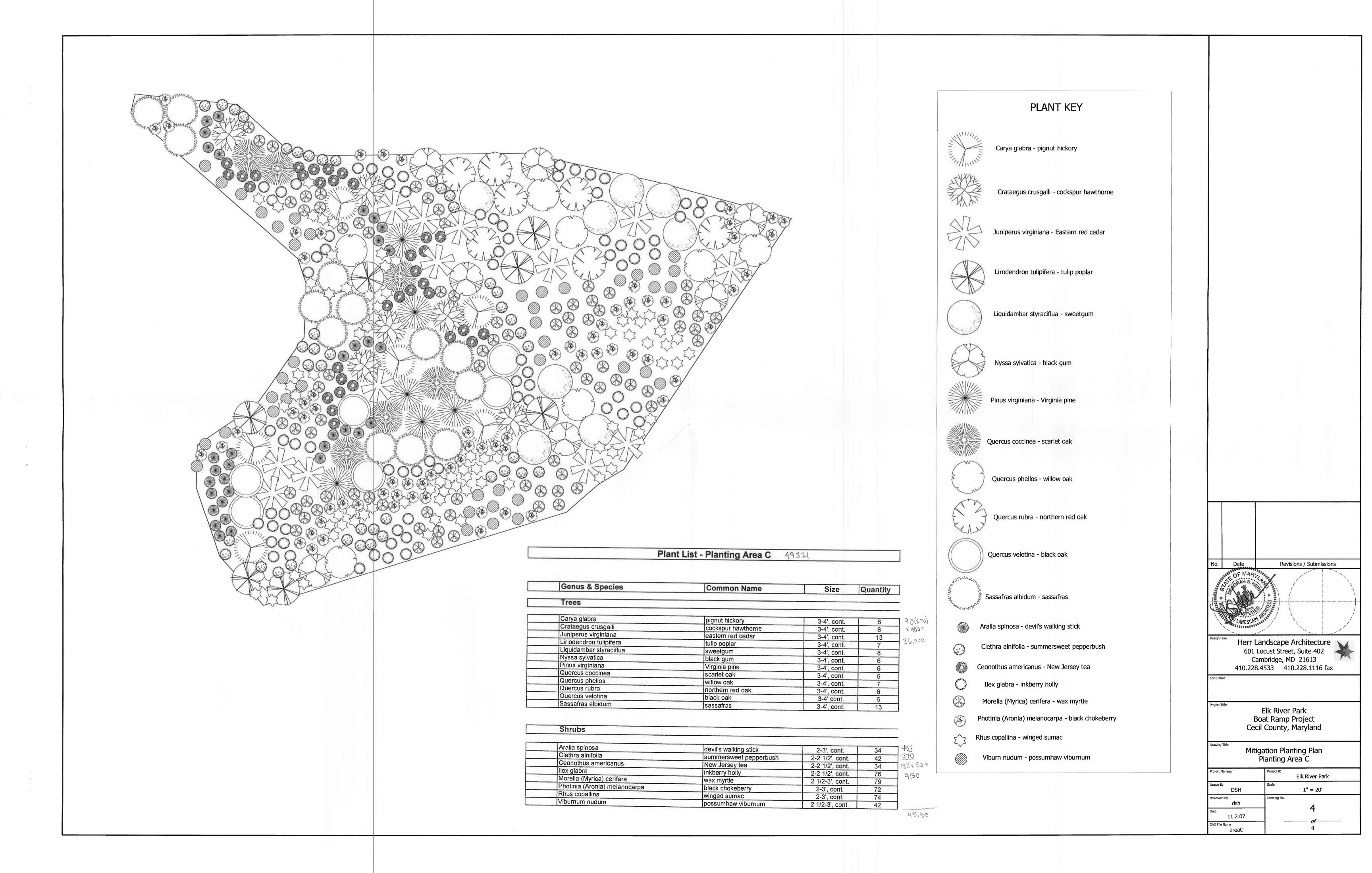
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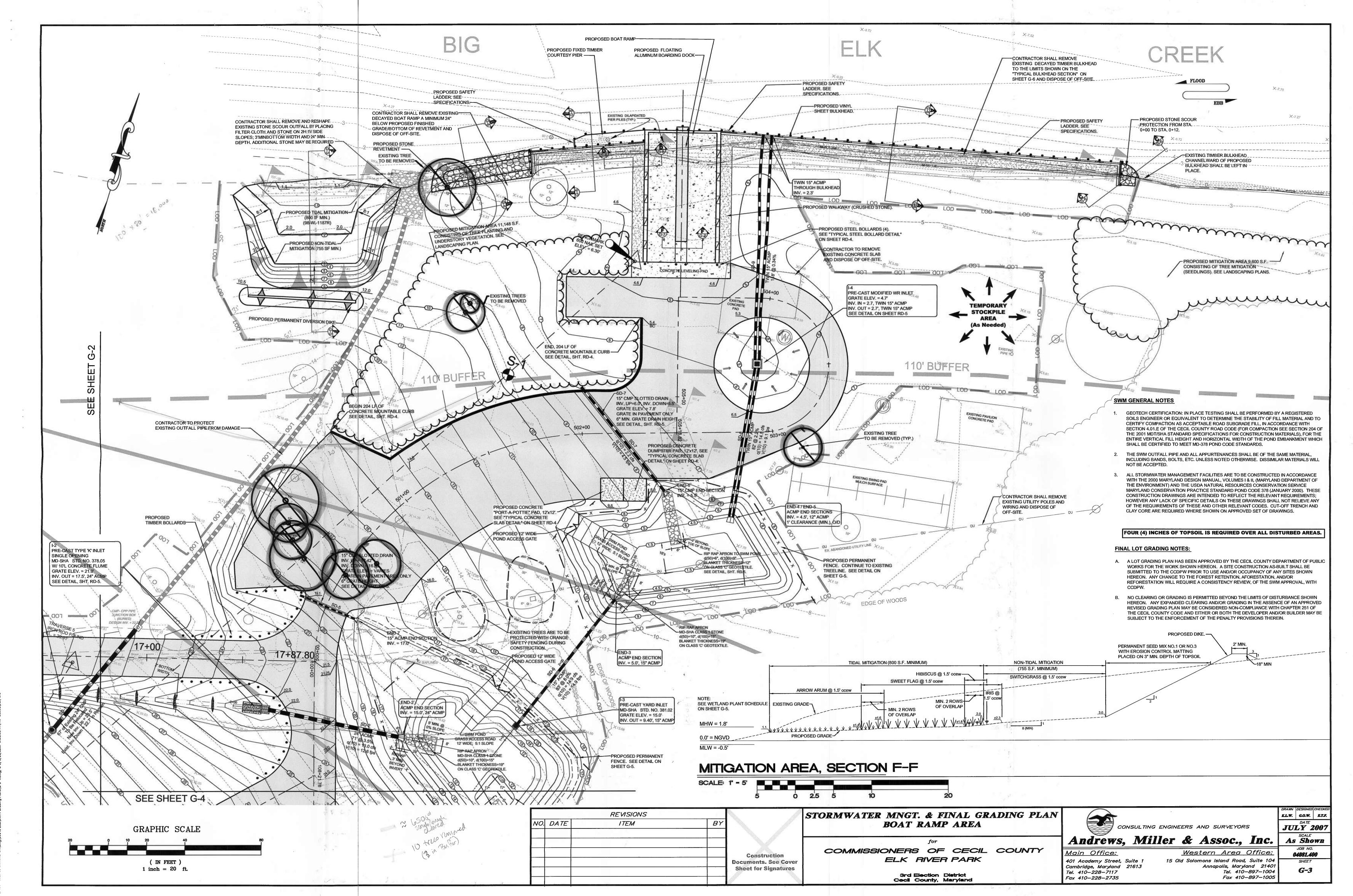
1. Plugs shall be installed at 2.5' O.C. spacings, randomly grouping the species within the grass areas. Provide a 2"

layer of shredded hardwood mulch for each plug.



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