



# CAMBRIDGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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## APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE

- The undersigned hereby applies to the Cambridge Historical Commission for a Certificate of (check one box):  Appropriateness,  Nonapplicability, or  Hardship, in accordance with Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws and/or Chapter 2.78 of the Municipal Code.
- Address of property: 16 Phillips Pl, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- Describe the proposed alteration(s), construction or demolition in the space provided below:  
(An additional page can be attached, if necessary).

### Washburn Common Fence Improvement - Request for Certificate of Appropriateness

This project will provide a new metal fence structure and gates to the rear of Washburn Common to provide additional screening of the loading dock and current operations that occur behind the brick wall. The proposed landscape improvements include a bi-folding gate that allows for vehicular access to the Washburn Common loading dock, and a pedestrian gate for access to the service entry on the north side of the building. The metal fence is proposed to be constructed on top of the existing brick wall that runs along Phillip's Place. Care will be taken to ensure that the existing brick wall is protected during construction.

I certify that the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
The undersigned also attests that he/she has read the statements printed on the reverse.

Name of Property Owner of Record: Lesley University

Mailing Address: 29 Everett Street, Cambridge MA 02138

Telephone/Fax: 781-858 1701 E-mail: joanne.kossuth@lesley.edu

⇒ Signature of Property Owner of Record: *Joanne Kossuth*  
(Required field; the application will not be considered complete without the property owner's signature)

Name of proponent, if not record owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(for office use only):

Date Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Case Number: 5020 Hearing Date: 10/5/23

Type of Certificate Issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions for Completing this Application:**

An application must be filed with the Cambridge Historical Commission (CHC) before work begins. Twelve (12) copies of the application should be attached to twelve (12) copies of supplementary material such as sketches, scale drawings, site plans, specifications, or photographs sufficient to enable the CHC to understand the details of the work proposed and to make a determination on the application. Plans no larger than 11" x 17" are preferred. Please submit reduced copies of plans if the originals are of a larger dimension. Do not use spiral bindings, plastic covers, or heavy stock (these will be removed prior to mailing). Double sided copies are encouraged to save paper and postage. See our website or call for a list of meeting dates and deadlines.

The CHC staff welcomes advance inquiries for interpretations or advice. Call 617/349-4683 for appointment. An application is considered incomplete without accompanying plans and drawings. The CHC reserves the right to determine an application incomplete at the time of hearing the application if it determines that the plans, drawings and other information submitted are not sufficient to enable it to determine whether to grant or deny a certificate.

Owners are urged to appear before the CHC in person or to designate an agent to act for them. The CHC will deem the agent to be authorized by the owner to make decisions regarding the extension or waiver of the period within which the CHC is otherwise required to make a determination on the application. All meetings are open to the public.

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**Administration of Historic Districts, Landmarks, and Protected Properties:**

The administration of historic districts and landmarks is guided by the provisions of Ch. 40C of the Mass. General Laws and by Ch. 2.78 of the Code of the City Of Cambridge. Other properties may also be subject to CHC jurisdiction including properties with conditional variances and properties governed by individual preservation restrictions.

Any new construction, alteration of exterior architectural features, or demolition within an historic district or on the premises of a protected property or a designated landmark must be reviewed by the CHC. No building permit for such work on a protected property, designated landmark, or property within a historic district may be issued by the Inspectional Services Department until a certificate has been issued. The CHC must approve the alteration or construction of all structures, including signs, fences, walls, terraces, walks, driveways, light fixtures and the like, which are "open to view from a public street, public way, public park or public body of water," whether or not a building permit is required, and must approve changes in exterior color for properties within a historic district or as otherwise agreed.

Prior to each hearing, the CHC staff will take slides or digital photographs of the subject property in daylight with ordinary camera equipment for the purpose of documenting the publicly visible conditions of buildings and exterior architectural features for the CHC and the public to view at the hearing. More information can be provided on request.

The CHC issues three types of certificates. A Certificate of Appropriateness will be issued when the CHC has determined that the construction or alteration will be appropriate for or compatible with the preservation or protection of the historic district, designated landmark, or other protected property. A Certificate of Nonapplicability may be issued when an application does not involve an exterior feature, or when the exterior feature is not then subject to CHC review. A Certificate of Hardship may be issued when failure to approve an otherwise inappropriate project would involve substantial hardship to the applicant and the CHC determines that the project can be accomplished without substantial detriment to the purposes of the district, preservation restriction, or landmark designation.

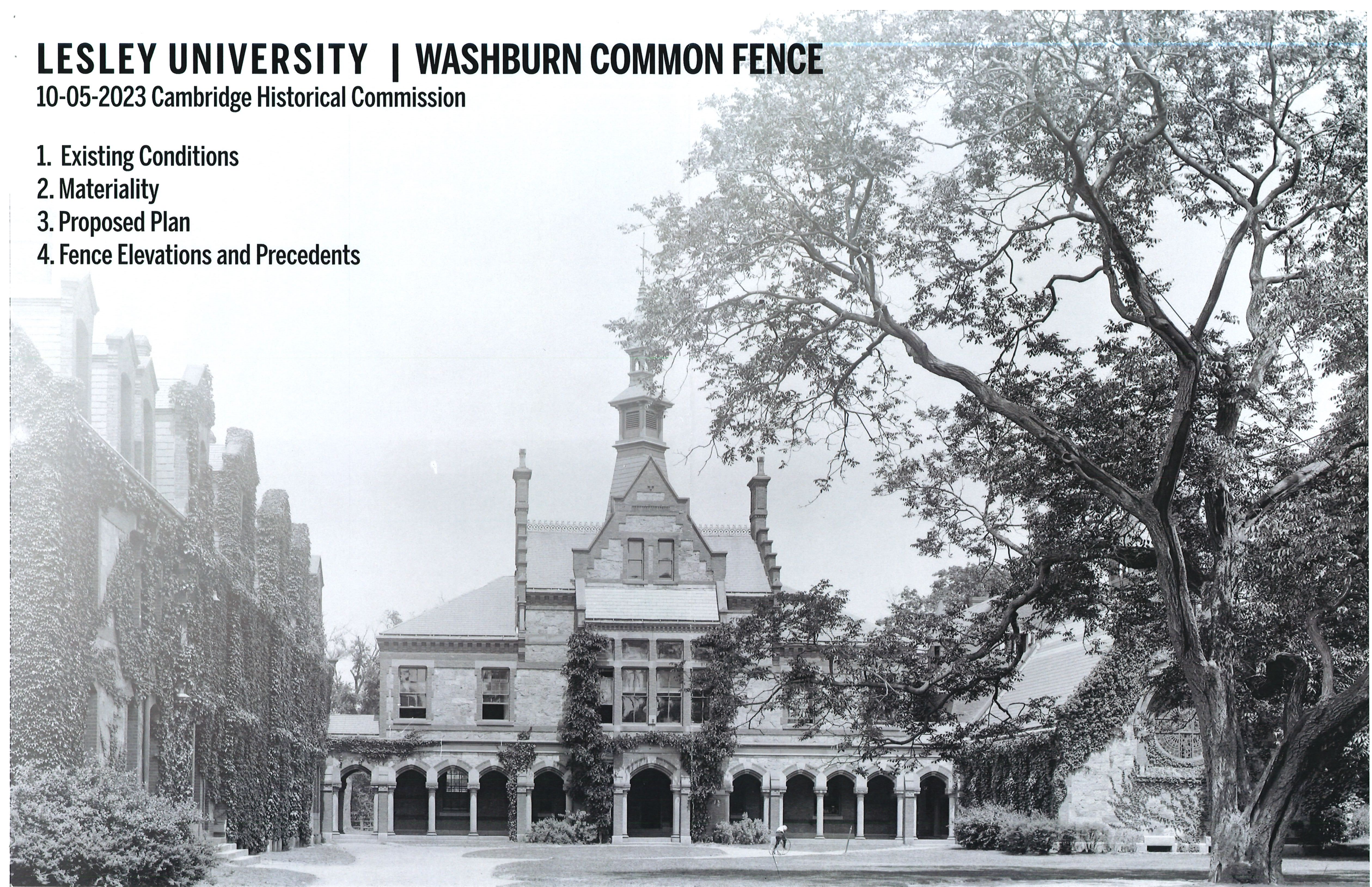
The CHC considers each application on its own merits, and does not apply specific architectural guidelines. Landscaping with plant materials is not subject to CHC review unless it is planned in conjunction with alterations or new construction. The CHC must approve projects that are not incongruous with the historic aspects or the architectural characteristics of the protected property, landmark, or historic district.



# LESLEY UNIVERSITY | WASHBURN COMMON FENCE

10-05-2023 Cambridge Historical Commission

1. Existing Conditions
2. Materiality
3. Proposed Plan
4. Fence Elevations and Precedents







WASHBURN COMMON LOADING DOCK



EXISTING WALL LOOKING WEST DOWN PHILLIPS PLACE



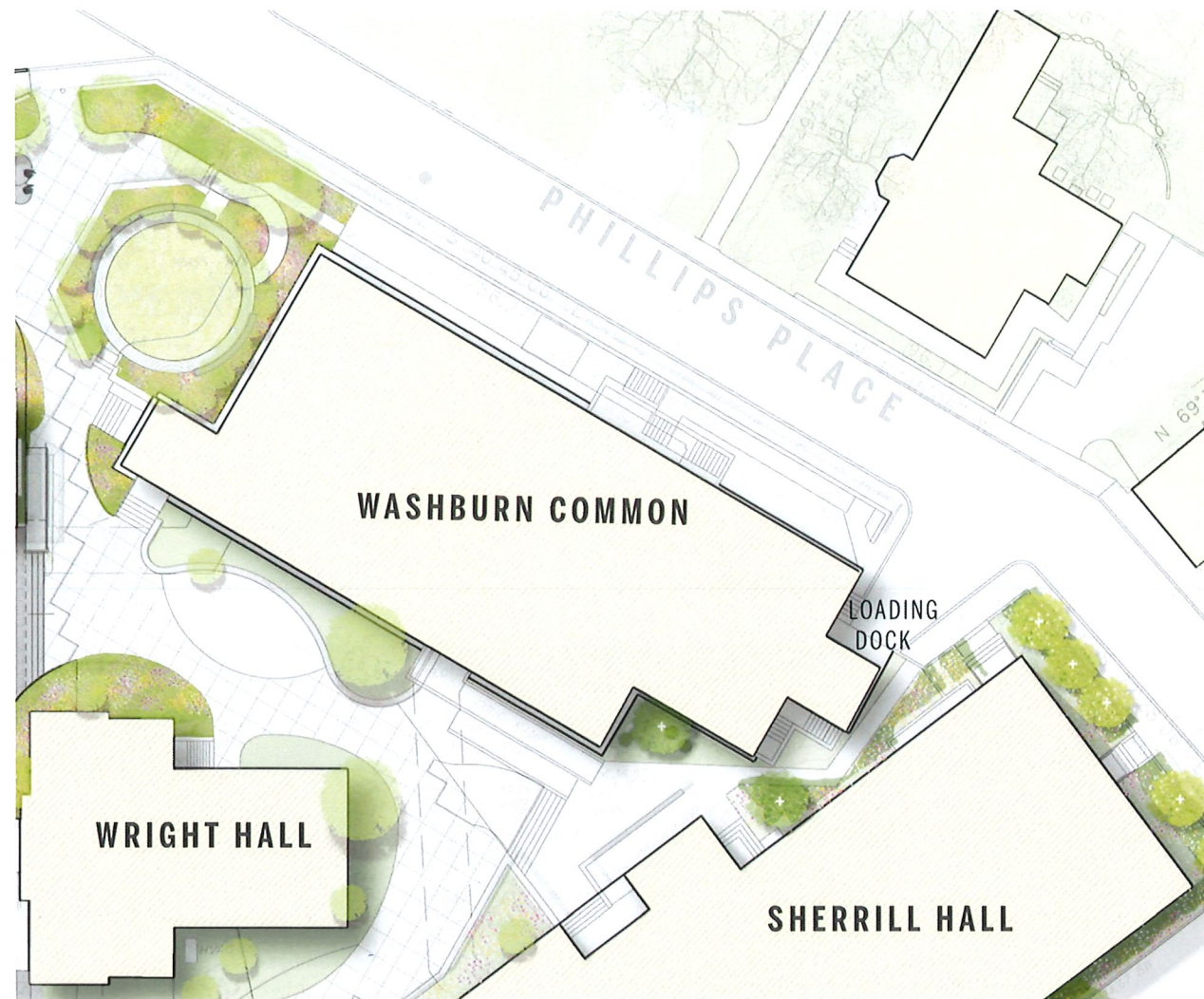
EXISTING WALL ON PHILLIPS PLACE LOOKING SOUTHEAST



TURN-IN WALL AT LOADING DOCK

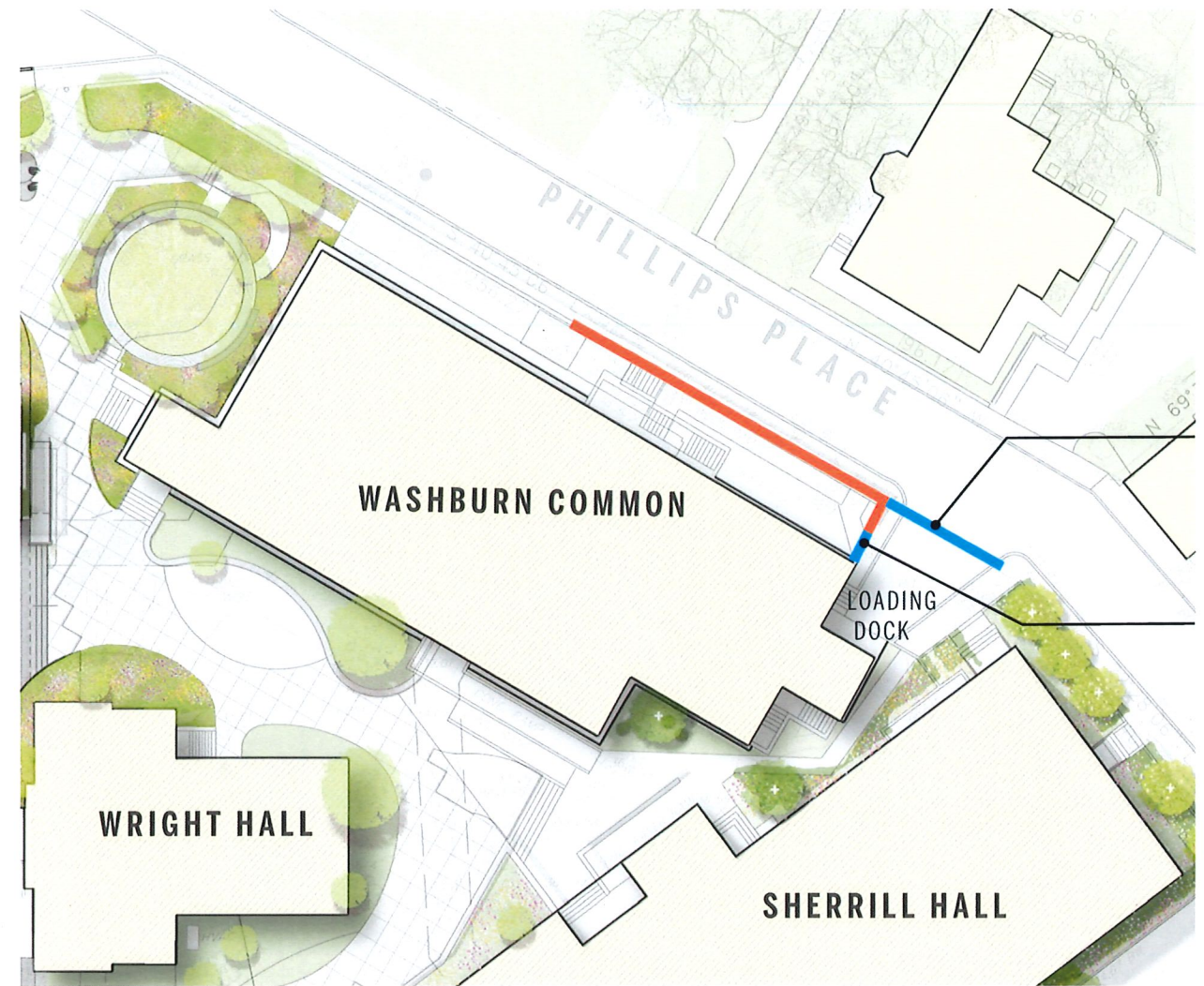
## WASHBURN COMMON FENCE | EXISTING CONDITIONS





EXISTING CONDITION

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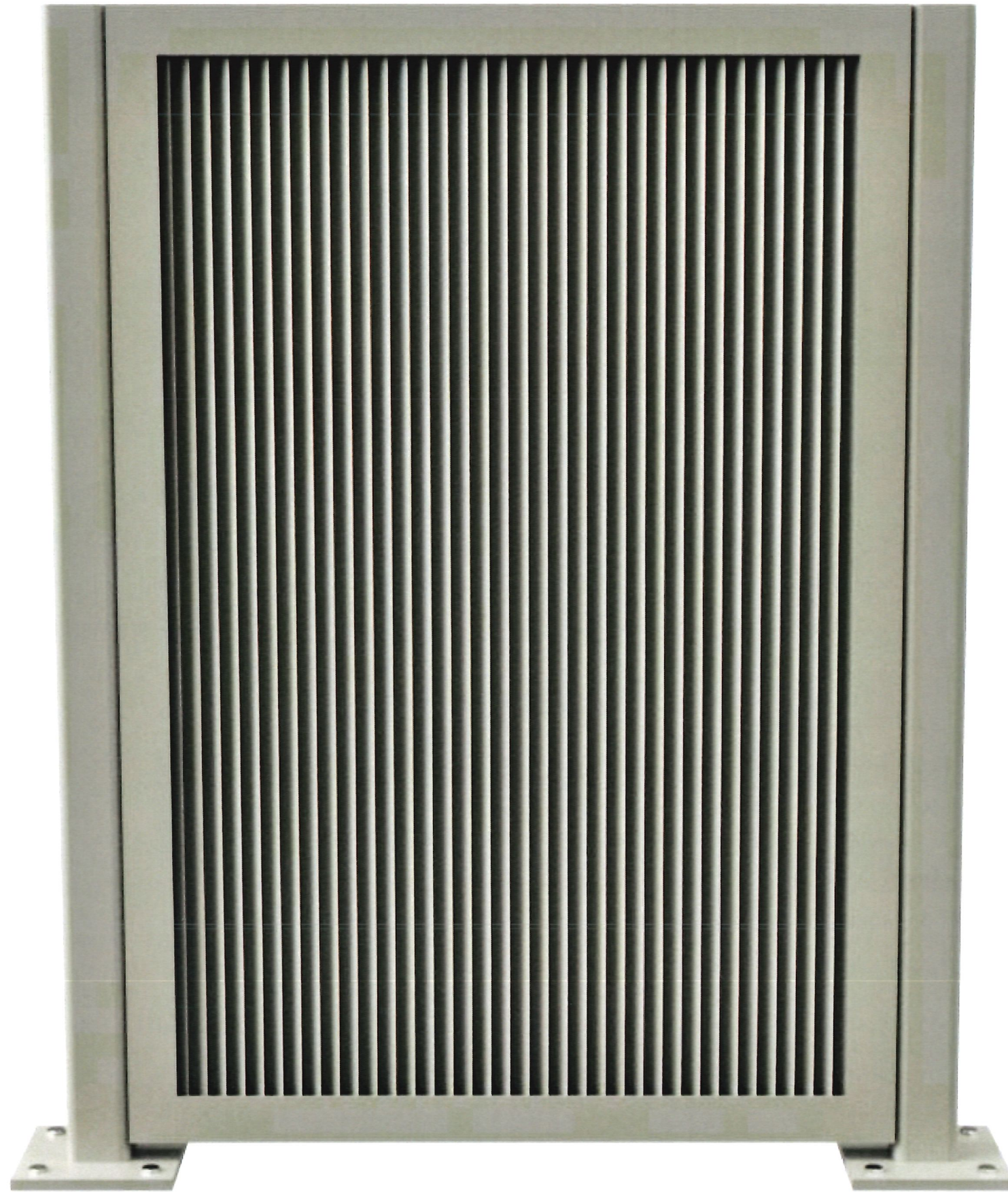


EXTENT OF PROPOSED FENCE AND GATES

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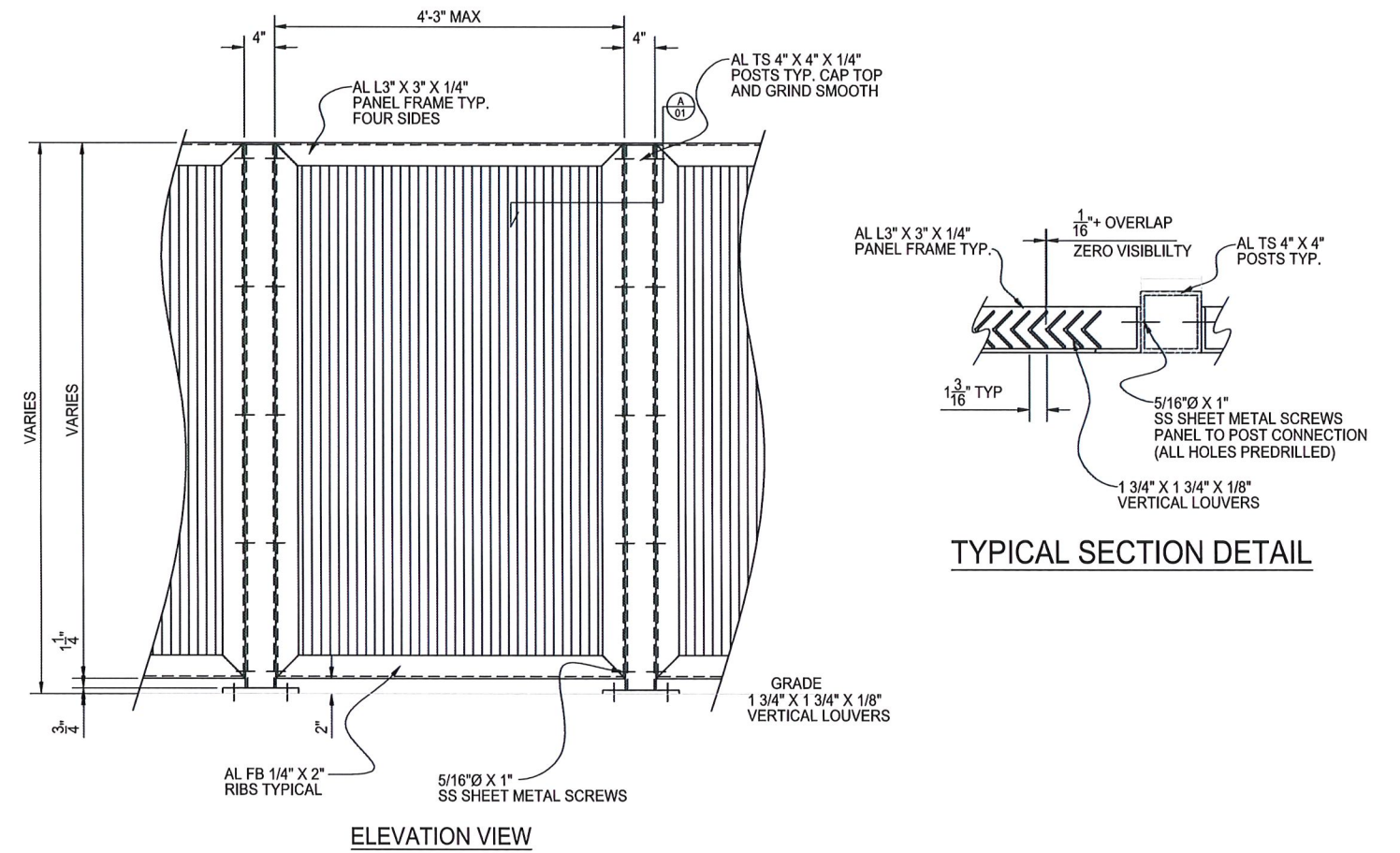
- FENCE
- GATE





POWDER-COATED FINISH

WASHBURN COMMON FENCE | ALUMINUM VERTICAL LOUVERS AND FENCE MATERIALITY



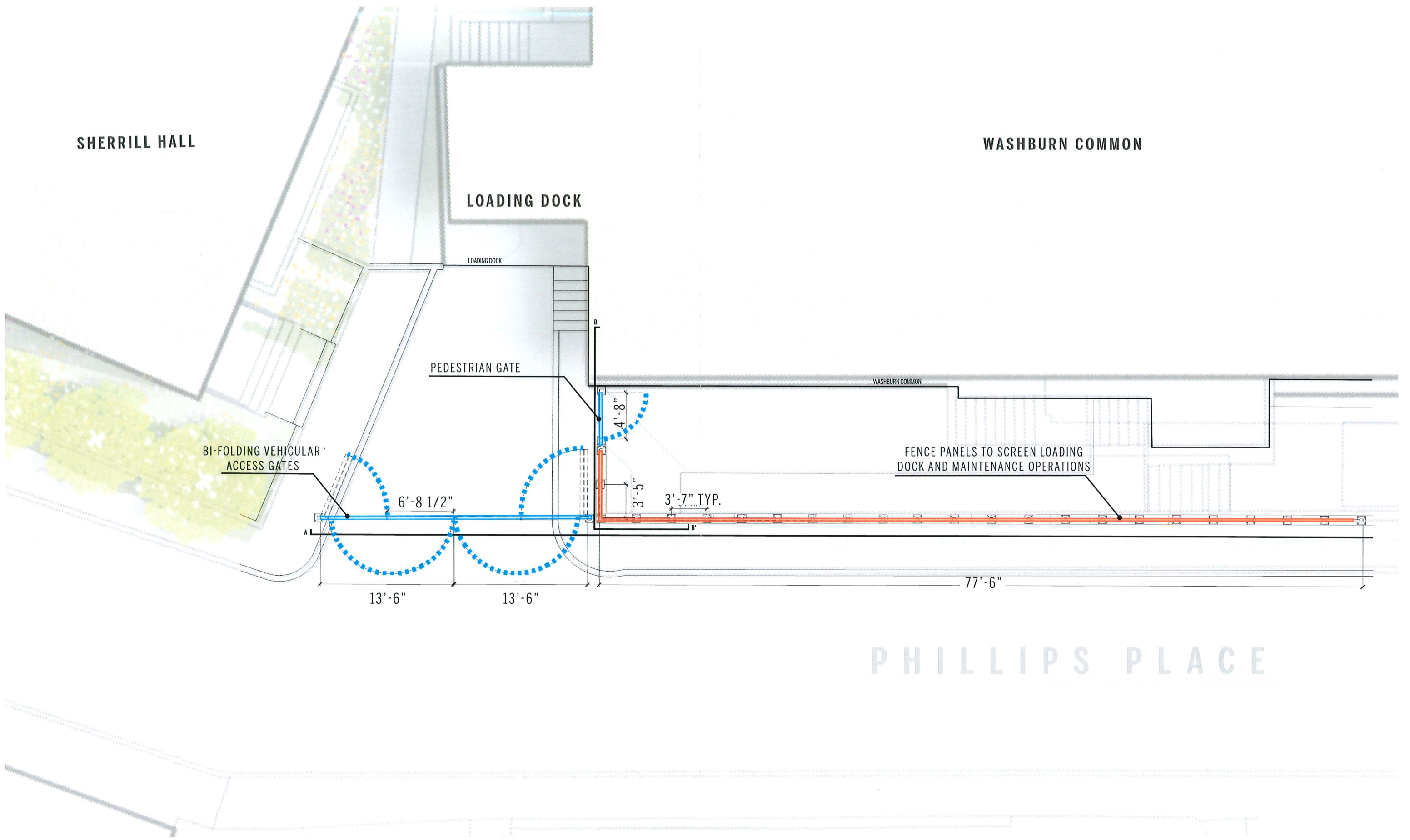
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NOTE: COLOR AND FINISH TO BE DETERMINED WITH CAMBRIDGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION.



SHERRILL HALL

WASHBURN COMMON

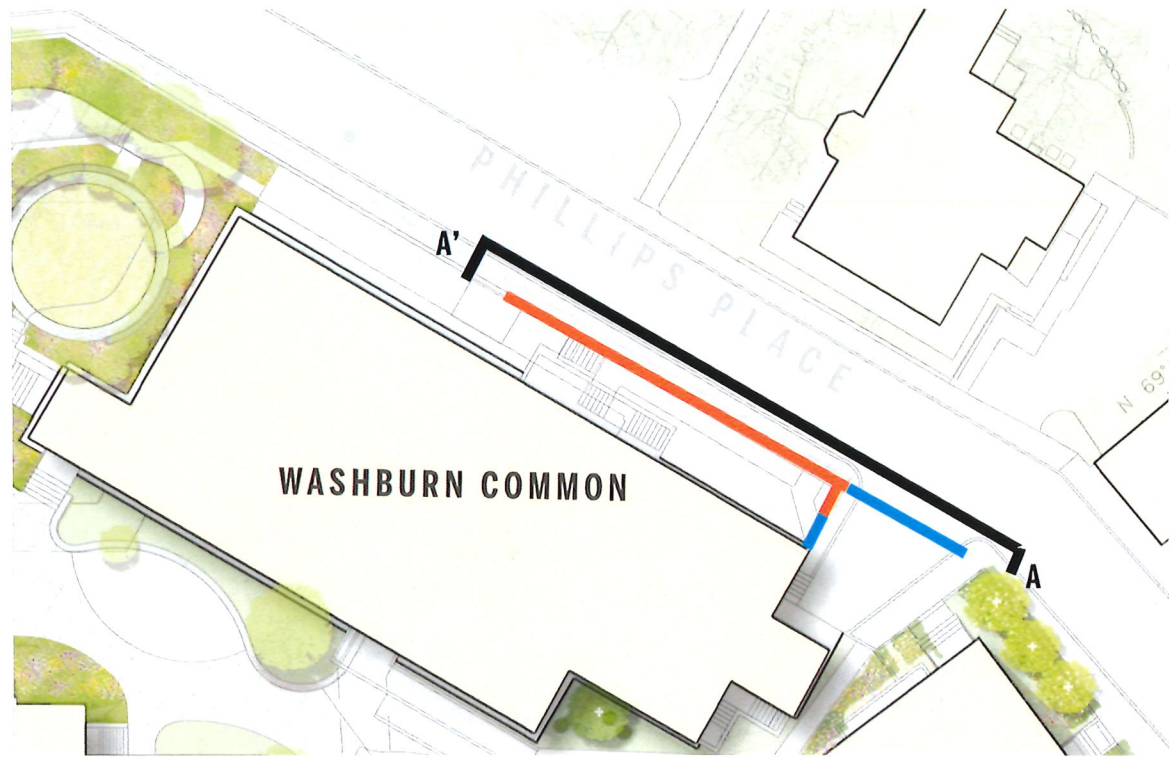


WASHBURN COMMON FENCE | PROPOSED FENCE AND GATE PLAN

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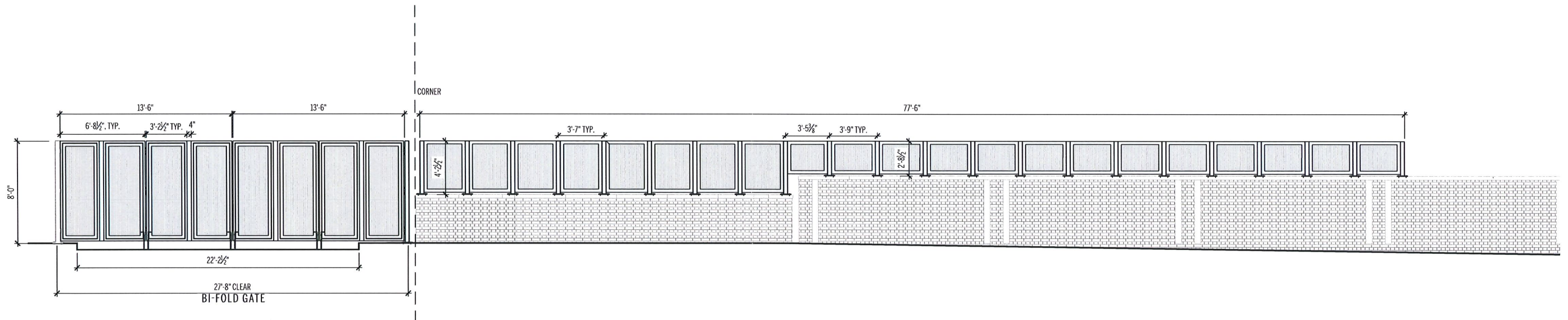
LOADING DOCK



KEY PLAN

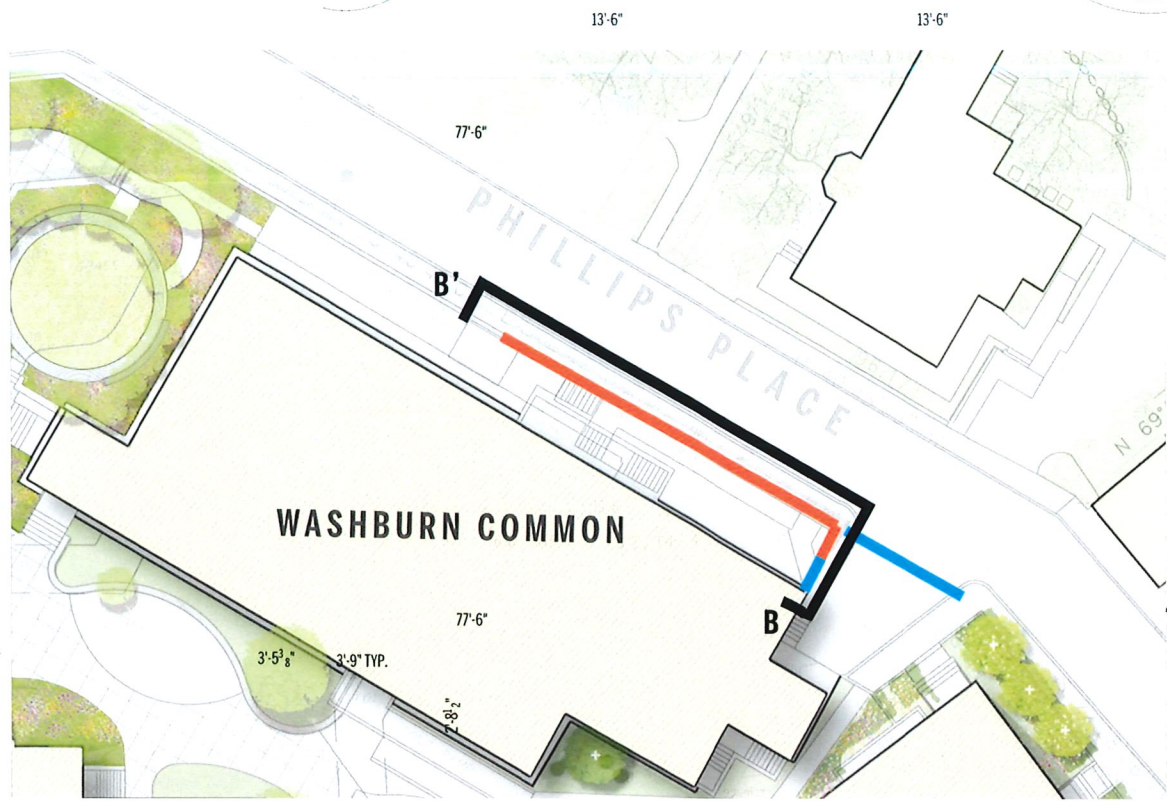


BI-FOLD GATE PRECEDENTS



WASHBURN COMMON FENCE | ELEVATION A-A' WITH BI-FOLDING GATE

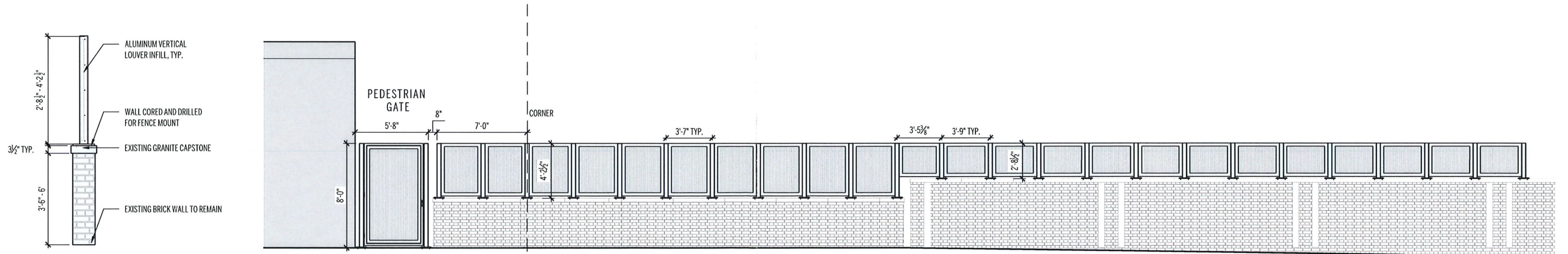
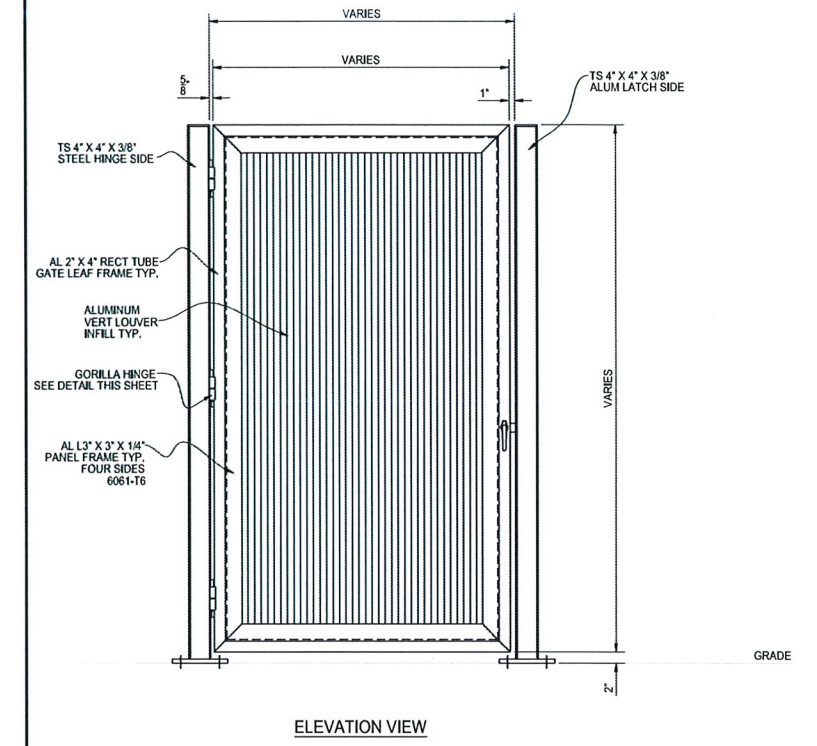




KEY PLAN



OPTIONAL DISPLAY GATE



MOUNTING DETAIL

WASHBURN COMMON FENCE | ELEVATION B-B' WITH PEDESTRIAN GATE



