

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

831 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge MA 02139

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BZA Application Form

BZA Number: 268596

General Information

The undersigned hereby petitions the Board of Zoning Appeal for the following:

Special Permit: <u>X</u>

Variance: _____

Appeal: _____

PETITIONER: Marijane & John Jensen C/O Damon Sidel

PETITIONER'S ADDRESS: 10 Grand View Ave, Somerville, MA 02143

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 270 Huron Ave , Cambridge, MA

TYPE OF OCCUPANCY: Residential

ZONING DISTRICT: Residence B Zone

REASON FOR PETITION:

/Additions/

DESCRIPTION OF PETITIONER'S PROPOSAL:

Add a set of below-grade exterior stairs, open to the sky, to improve basement access.

SECTIONS OF ZONING ORDINANCE CITED:

- Article: 5.000 Section: 5.31 (Table of Dimensional Requirements).
- Article: 8.000 Section: 8.22.2.d (Non-Conforming Structure).
- Article: 10.000 Section: 10.40 (Special Permit).

Original Signature(s):

(Petitioner (s) / Owner)

DAMON SIDEL

(Print Name)

10 Grand View Ave, Somenville 02143

Address: Tel. No.

6178636491

E-Mail Address: dsidel@mixdesigndevelop.com

Date: _____

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DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION

Applicant:Marijane & John JensenLocation:270 Huron Ave , Cambridge, MAPhone:6178636491

Present Use/Occupancy: <u>Residential</u> Zone: <u>Residence B Zone</u> Requested Use/Occupancy: Residential

		Existing Conditions	<u>Requested</u> <u>Conditions</u>	<u>Ordinance</u> <u>Requirements</u>	
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA:		3537	3537	2131	(max.)
LOT AREA;		4262	4262	5000	(min.)
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA: ²		.83	.83	.50	
LOT AREA OF EACH DWELLING UNIT		2131	2131	2500	
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	47	47	50	
	DEPTH	n/a	n/a	n/a	
SETBACKS IN FEET:	FRONT	10.8	10.8	15	
	REAR	23.8	23.8	25	
	LEFT SIDE	12	12	10	
	RIGHT SIDE	9	3.2	10	
SIZE OF BUILDING:	HEIGHT	38.5	39.5	35	
	WIDTH	na	na	na	
	LENGTH	na	na	na	
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:		39.3	36.4	40	
<u>NO. OF DWELLING</u> <u>UNITS:</u>		2	2	2	
<u>NO. OF PARKING</u> <u>SPACES:</u>		4	4	na	
NO. OF LOADING AREAS:		0	0	na	
DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG. ON SAME LOT		2.5	2.5	10	

Describe where applicable, other occupancies on the same lot, the size of adjacent buildings on same lot, and type of construction proposed, e.g; wood frame, concrete, brick, steel, etc.:

Lot contains 2-car garage of brick construction. Construction proposed consists of exterior stairwell, open to the sky. Retaining walls will be C.I.P. concrete or block walls with masonry or metal stairs. The existing adjacent brick walkway will be extended to the new stairs.

BZA APPLICATION FORM - OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

To be completed by OWNER, signed before a notary and returned to The Secretary of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

_{I/We} Marijane & John Jenson, Candice Anne Dunlap	
(OWNER)	
Address: 270 Huron Ave, Cambridge, MA 02138	

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State that I/We own the property located at 270 Huron Ave, Cambridge, MA 02138, which is the subject of this zoning application.

The record title of this property is in the name of Jensen, John R and Jensen, Marijane D and Dunlap, Candice Anne

	*Pursuant to a deed of duly recorded in the date, Middlesex South
	County Registry of Deeds at Book 20547 , Page 37 ; or
	Middlesex Registry District of Land Court, Certificate No
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	SIGNATURE BY LAND OWNER OR AUTHORIZED TRUSTEE, OFFICER OR AGENT*
	*Written evidence of Agent's standing to represent petitioner may be requested.
	The above-name Marijane & John Jenson, Candice Anne Dunlap personally appeared before me, this $23^{\circ0}$ of Marijane & John Jenson, Candice Anne Dunlap personally appeared before me, this $23^{\circ0}$ of Marijane & John Jenson, Candice Anne Dunlap personally appeared before me, My commission expires $5/14/2024$ (Notary Seal).
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 If ownership is not shown in recorded deed, e.g. if by court order, recontinuity deed, or inheritance, please include documentation.

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SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT

Please describe in complete detail how you meet each of the following criteria referring to the property and proposed changes or uses which are requested in your application. Attach sheets with additional information for special permits which have additional criteria, e.g.; fast food permits, comprehensive permits, etc., which must be met.

Granting the Special Permit requested for <u>270 Huron Ave , Cambridge, MA</u> (location) would not be a detriment to the public interest because:

A) Requirements of the Ordinance can or will be met for the following reasons:

The proposal are for increases in existing nonconformances, allowable by Special Permit.

B) Traffic generated or patterns of access or egress would not cause congestion hazard, or substantial change in established neighborhood character for the following reasons:

The proposal does not change traffic on or around the property.

The continued operation of or the development of adjacent uses as permitted in the Zoning
Ordinance would not be adversely affected by the nature of the proposed use for the following reasons:

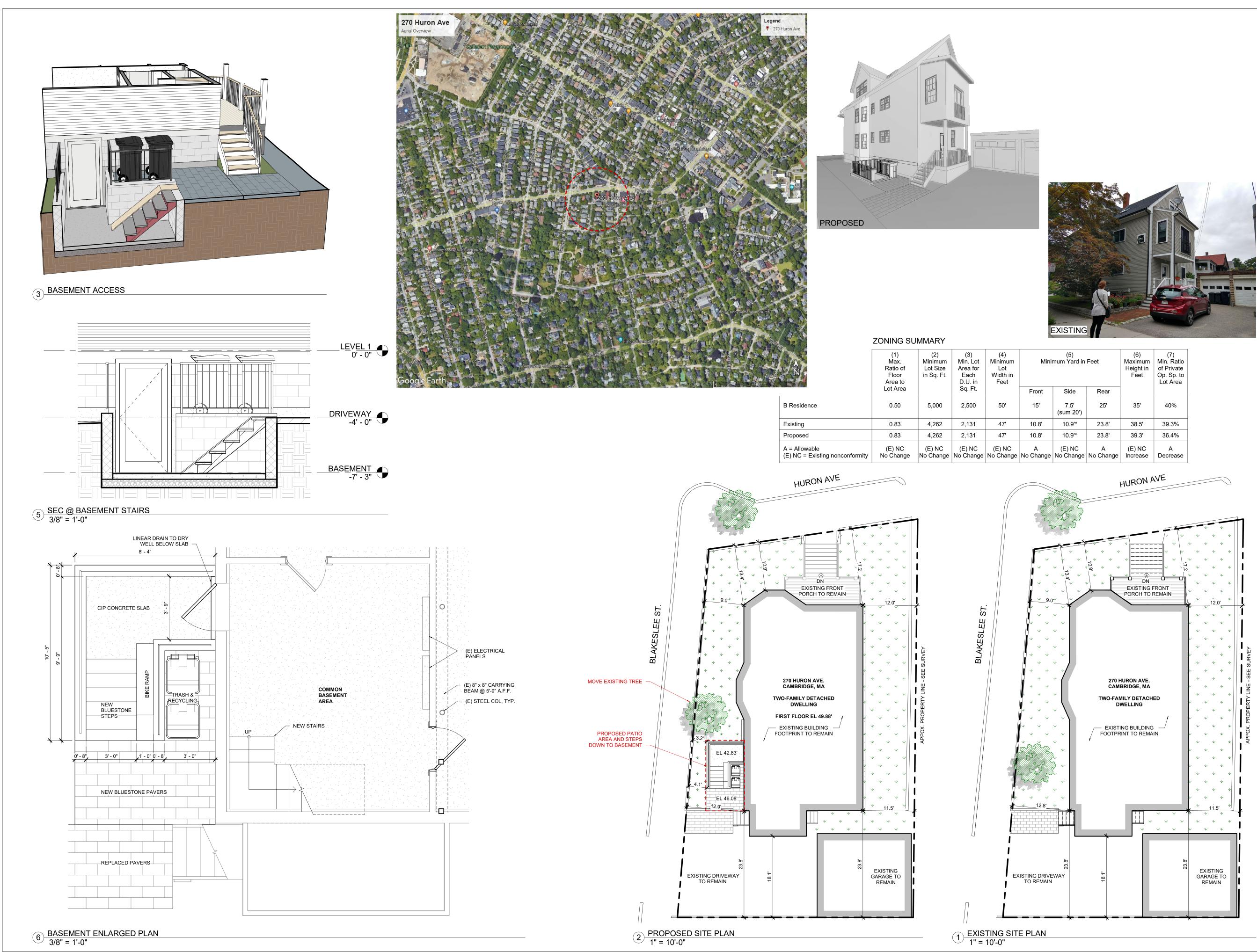
The proposal improves access to the basement and does not negatively impact any other use on the property. It does not impact surrounding uses.

Nuisance or hazard would not be created to the detriment of the health, safety, and/or welfare of the occupant of the proposed use or the citizens of the City for the following reasons:

The proposal does not impact the neighborhood and will be minimally visible as it will be mostly below grade.

For other reasons, the proposed use would not impair the integrity of the district or adjoining
district or otherwise derogate from the intent or purpose of this ordinance for the following reasons:

The proposal does not change the use or functionality of the property and is minimally visible otherwise.



	(1) Max. Ratio of Floor Area to	(2) Minimum Lot Size in Sq. Ft.	(3) Min. Lot Area for Each D.U. in	(4) Minimum Lot Width in Feet	Minir	(5) mum Yard in	Feet	(6) Maximum Height in Feet	(7) Min. Ratio of Private Op. Sp. to Lot Area
	Lot Area		Sq. Ft.		Front	Side	Rear		
B Residence	0.50	5,000	2,500	50'	15'	7.5' (sum 20')	25'	35'	40%
Existing	0.83	4,262	2,131	47'	10.8'	10.9'*	23.8'	38.5'	39.3%
Proposed	0.83	4,262	2,131	47'	10.8'	10.9'*	23.8'	39.3'	36.4%
A = Allowable (E) NC = Existing nonconformity	(E) NC No Change	(E) NC No Change	(E) NC No Change	(E) NC No Change	A No Change	(E) NC No Change	A No Change	(E) NC Increase	A Decrease



INTERIOR PARTITIONS AT BATHROOMS TO BE 2x4 WOOD STUD WALLS W/ 1/2" MOISTURE RESISTANT BOARD AND PLASTER OR 1/2" CEMENT BOARD AND TILE WHERE INDICATED.

DESIGN/BUILD NOTES:

- ALL WORK RELATED TO HVAC, PLUMBING, AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS SHALL BE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED ON A DESIGN/BUILD BASIS. ALL WORK SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL RELEVANT FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL CODES AND ORDINANCES.
- HVAC, ELECTRICAL, AND PLUMBING LAYOUTS WHERE SHOWN ARE FOR INFORMATION AND COORDINATION PURPOSES ONLY. INSTALLERS SHALL HAVE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE CODES AND SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE ARCHITECT FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY IN CONNECTION THEREIN.

ELECTRICAL NOTES:

- MOUNTING HEIGHTS FOR ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLES AND SWITCHES SHALL MATCH EXISTING BUILDING EQUIPMENT AND CODE. ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLES MAY BE NO LOWER THAN 18" A.F.F (CENTERLINE) MAXIMUM HEIGHT FOR CONTROLS IS 48" A.F.F.
- COVER PLATES FOR ANY DEVICES SHALL NOT BE INSTALLED UNTIL APPLICATION OF ALL FINISH MATERIALS HAS BEEN COMPLETED.
- ALL ELECTRICAL WORK SHALL BE COORDINATED WITH HVAC, CABINETWORK, PARTITION CONSTRUCTION AND ANY OTHER WORK WHERE SO REQUIRED/APPROPRIATE EVEN IF NOT SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED.
- ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR WILL COORDINATE ANY CHANGES OR CHANGE REQUESTS IN ELECTRICAL POWER OR DEVICE REQUIREMENTS WITH OWNER AND ARCHITECT.
- COMPLY WITH ALL MANUFACTURER REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL, TELEPHONE, AND OTHER ASSOCIATED DEVICES.

APPLICABLE CODE:

MASSACHUSETTS STATE BUILDING CODE (780 CMR) 9TH EDITION AND 2015 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE

Description No.

Date

JENSEN RESIDENCE

270 HURON AVE CAMBRIDGE, MA

SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION

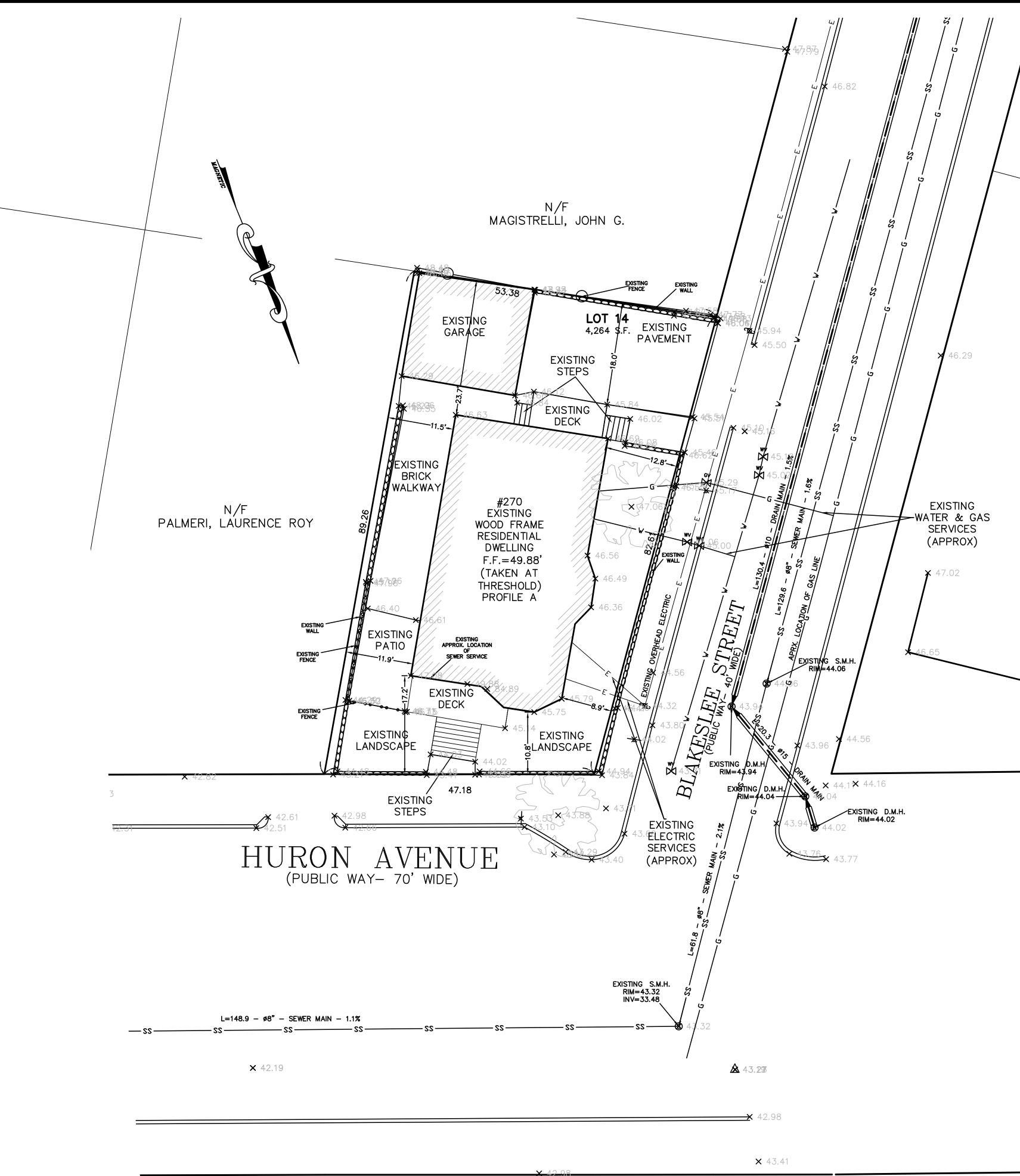
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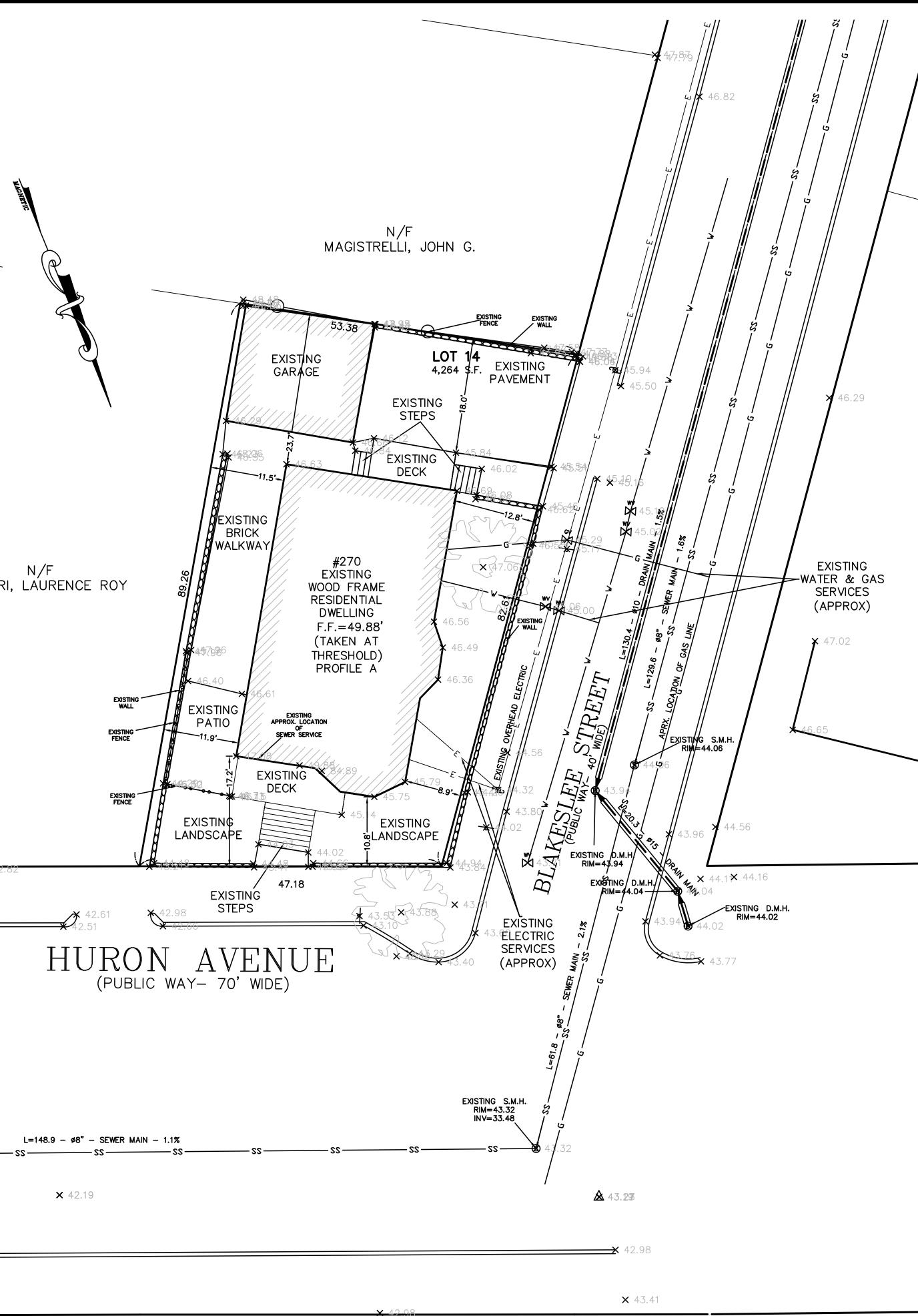
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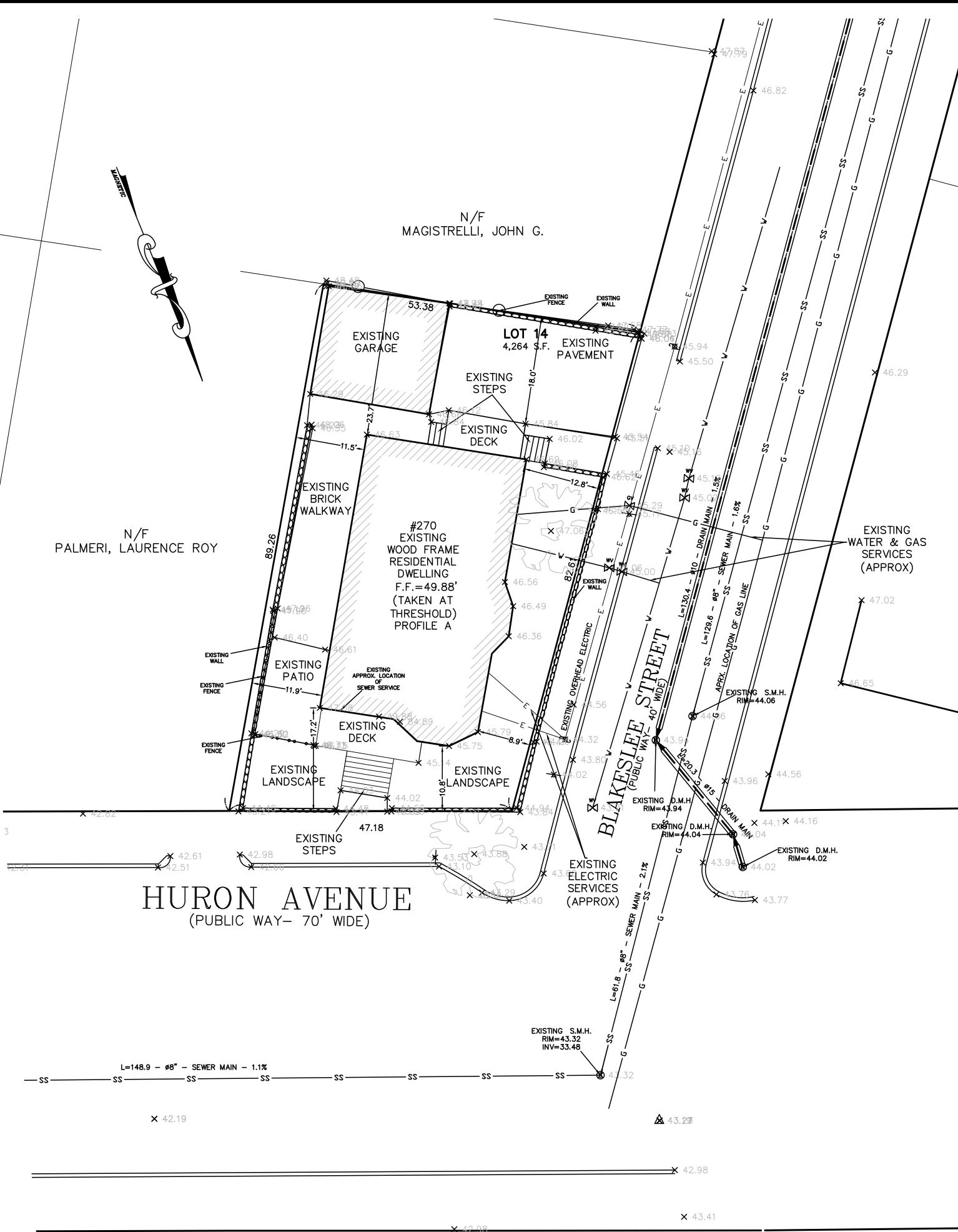
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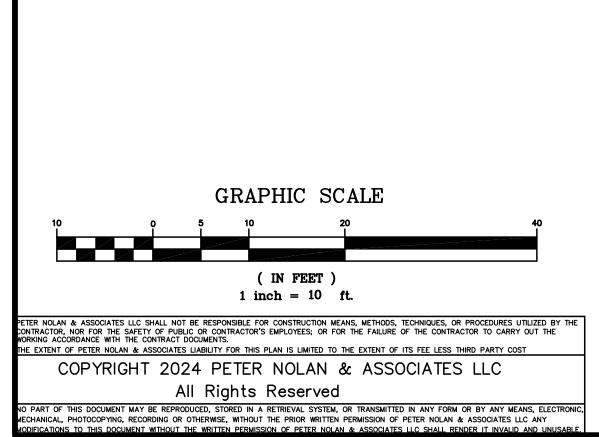
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NOTES:

1. INFORMATION SHOWN ON THIS PLAN IS THE RESULT OF A FIELD SURVEY PERFORMED BY SUPRUHAN ENGINEERING P.C AS OF 11/17/2020.

2. DEED REFERENCE: BOOK 20547, PAGE 037, DEED REFERENCE: BOOK 551 OF 2007

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3. THIS PLAN IS NOT INTENDED TO BE RECORDED.

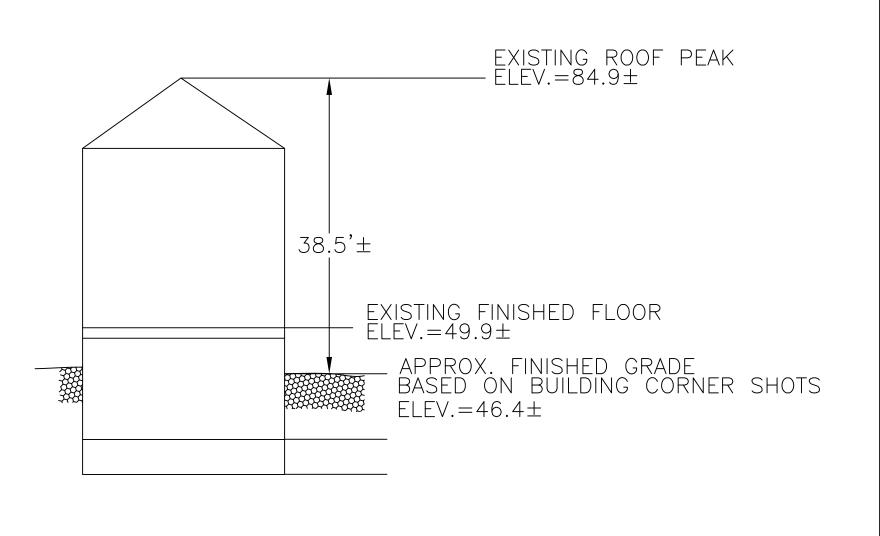
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5. THIS PLAN DOES NOT SHOW ANY UNRECORDED OR UNWRITTEN EASEMENTS WHICH MAY EXIST. A REASONABLE AND DILIGENT ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO OBSERVE ANY APPARENT USES OF THE LAND; HOWEVER THIS NOT CONSTITUTE A GUARANTEE THAT NO SUCH EASEMENTS EXIST.

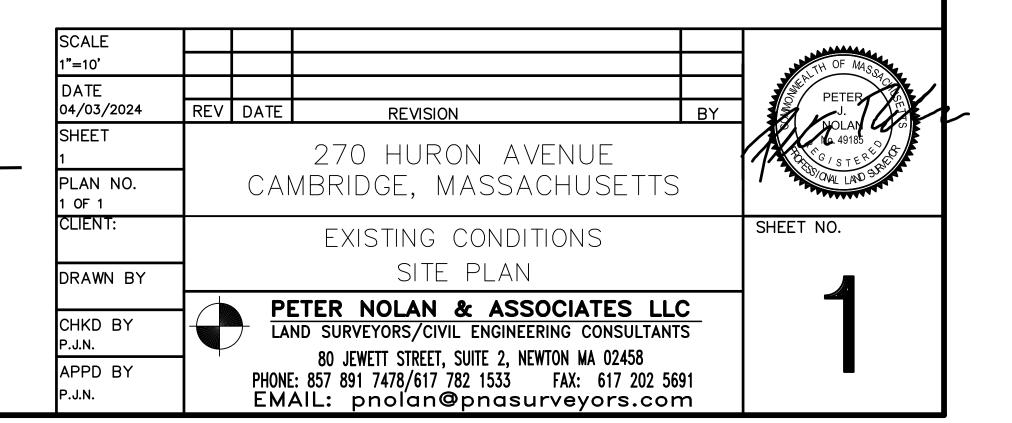
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7. THE ELEVATIONS SHOWN ARE BASED ON CITY OF CAMBRIDGE DATUM.

8. ZONING DISTRICT: RESIDENCE B









Fwd: Special Permit

I <mjjensen270@yahoo.com> To: Damon Sidel <dsidel@mixdesigndevelop.com> Thu, Mar 14, 2024 at 8:18 AM

These are our neighbors across the street on the opposite corner - they look directly at the side yard.

Sent from my iPhone, Please excuse typos and brevity.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Judith Pemstein <judith.pemstein@gmail.com> Date: March 10, 2024 at 7:46:33 PM EDT To: MJ Jensen <Mjjensen270@yahoo.com> Subject: Re: Special Permit

Totally cool with this plan!

On Sun, Mar 10, 2024 at 5:27 PM MJ Jensen <mjjensen270@yahoo.com> wrote: Judith and Alan,

I hope you are all well and maybe enjoying the milder weather.

John and I are working on our last construction project, which will include upgrading the kitchen and our back stairs and adding an entrance to the basement from the outside.

We are applying for a special permit for the latter. I believe it is required due to setbacks, etc.

We want to add access to the basement that will allow us to get our bicycles in and out and make it safer to get into the basement. Our current and only access is small, the stairs are narrow and curved, and we aren't getting any younger. The plans are attached. Would you mind looking at them and seeing if you are ok with them, have questions, etc., or are totally against them? We want to make sure the neighbors are ok with this.

Happy to meet up in person, but I thought I would start the ball rolling.

Thanks

MJ and John

Judy Pemstein 508.380.5829



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I <mjjensen270@yahoo.com> To: Damon Sidel <dsidel@mixdesigndevelop.com>

These are the first floor neighbors across the street.

MJ Sent from my iPhone, Please excuse typos and brevity.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Margo Lindauer <margolindauer@gmail.com> Date: March 10, 2024 at 2:55:35 PM EDT To: MJ Jensen <Mjjensen270@yahoo.com> Subject: Re: SPecial Permit

No issue whatsoever!!

On Sun, Mar 10, 2024 at 2:32 PM MJ Jensen <mjjensen270@yahoo.com> wrote:

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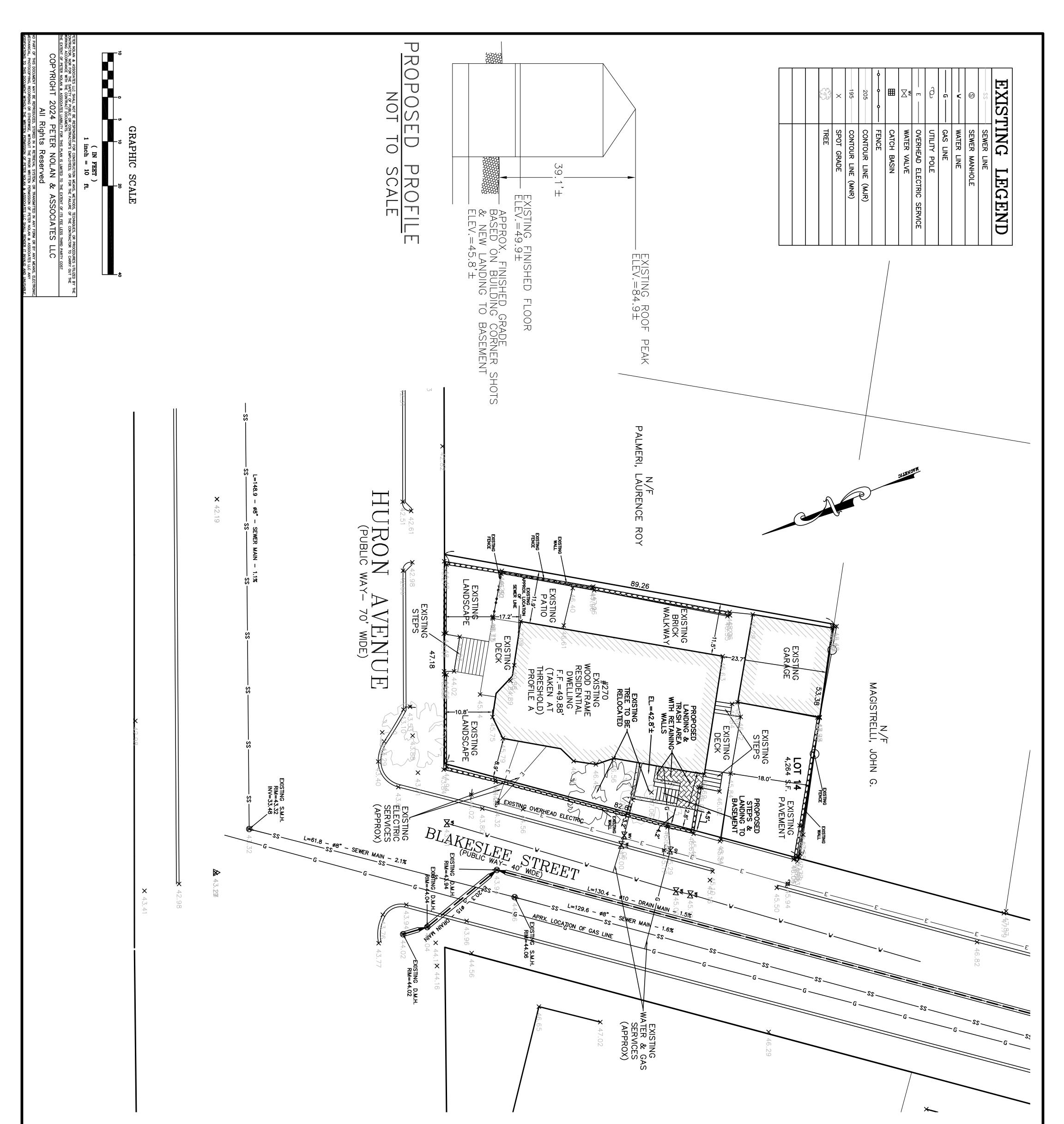
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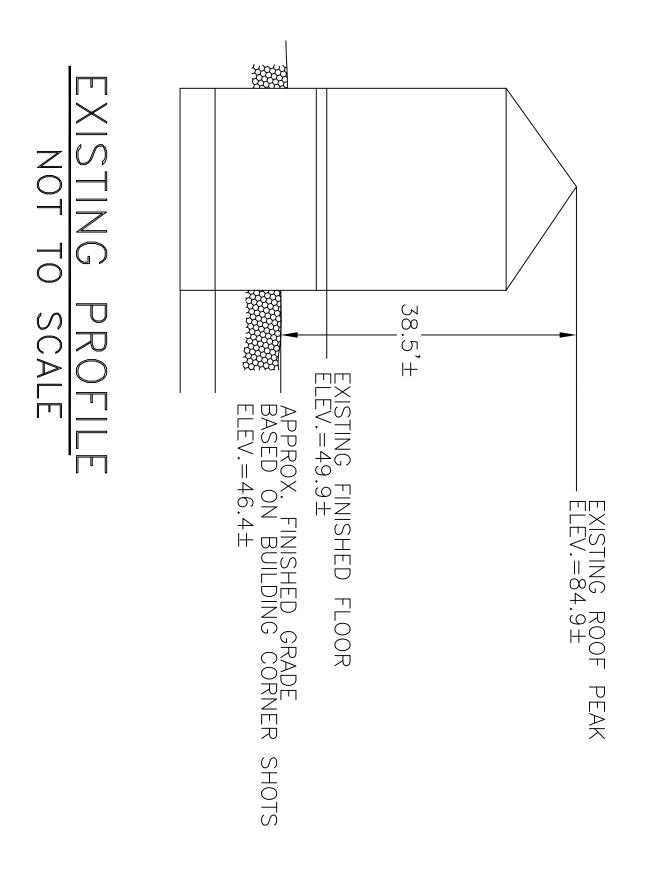
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MJ and John

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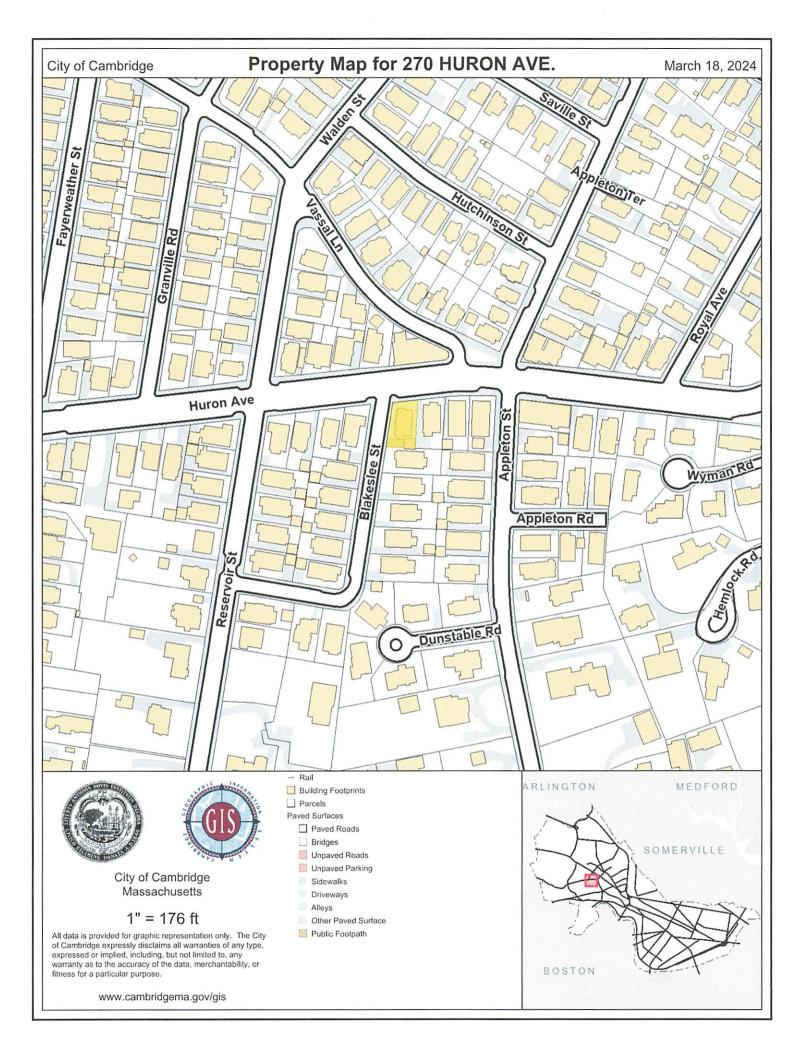
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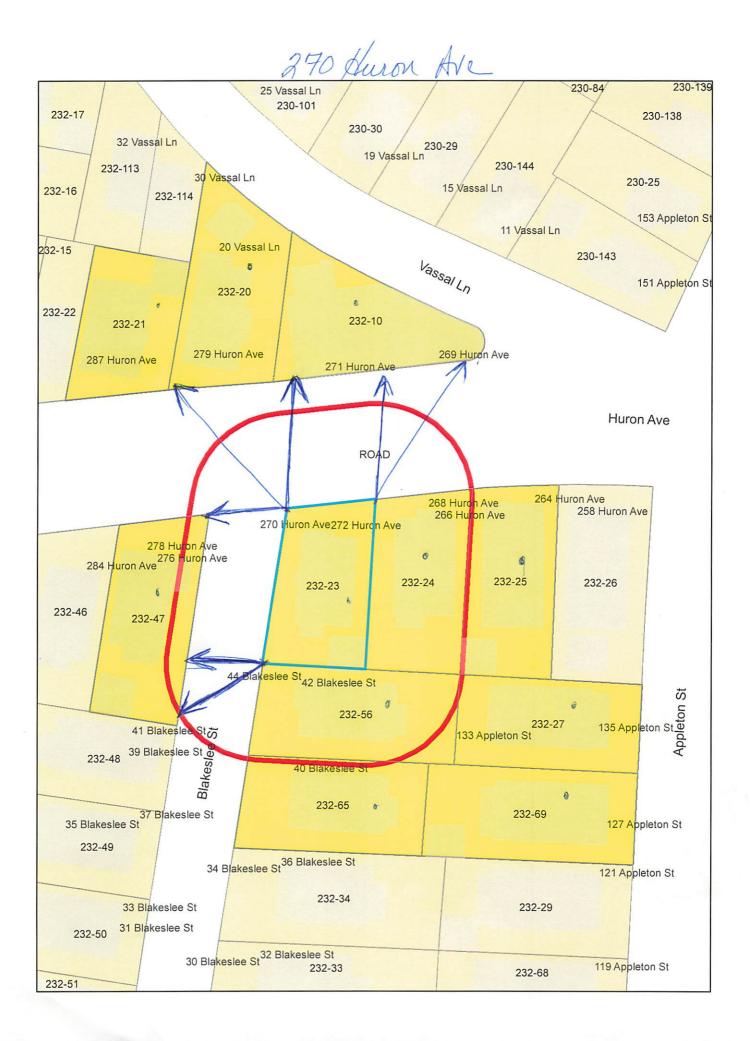
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