

# **Staff Report**

## **Design Review Board**

File Number: 2-A-22-DT

Meeting: 3/16/2022

Project: the Outpost

**Applicant:** Michael Schmidt

### **Property Information**

**Location:** 808 State St. **Parcel ID** 95 | D 021

**Zoning:** DK (Downtown Knoxville)

**Description:** 

One-story, brick commercial building with garage door openings and windows on the façade partially enclosed. The building has received numerous exterior rehabilitation campaigns, with the most recent work removing c.1980 stone veneer and mansard roof elements.

### **Description of Work**

Level II Major Alteration of an Existing Building/Structure

Exterior rehabilitation and additions to an existing building.

Additions: Additions are proposed for the façade (west) and the left side (north) elevations. On the façade, the addition is a 23'-6" tall block of fiber cement panels, covering the leftmost bay of existing doors. In front of the fiber cement panels is a concrete planter. On the left elevation, a flat-roof addition clad in vertical fiber cement panels features a set of full-light double doors fronting the façade. The addition measures approximately 11'-6" wide by 15'-6" long, serving as a side entry vestibule and accessing a new two-story deck with a metal railing on the left side elevation.

Exterior rehabilitation: On the façade, exterior rehabilitation scopes include the enclosure of original window openings with vertical fiber cement panels. The rightmost bay of doors will be enclosed with an aluminum overhead door adjacent to a hollow metal door. A flat-roof metal canopy extends the length of the façade (with a break for the fiber cement façade panels), located 9' above the ground level. The metal canopy wraps around the left (north) side elevation, extending above an aluminum overhead garage-style door.

Signs: One painted wall sign, measuring 3' tall by 8'-10" wide (26.5 square feet) proposed for the upper left wall area of the façade. One wall sign of individual metal letters, measuring 13'-2" long by 6" wide, proposed for the fiber cement panels.

Application also includes a concrete planter on the left (north) side elevation, a new metal guardrail on the façade, the installation of mechanical equipment on the rear right (north) corner), the repair and repointing to the existing masonry walls and concrete coping,

Site elements: On the north side of the property (fronting Cumberland Avenue), the existing gravel parking lot will be converted to a two-level patio with pavers, a centrally located stair section, and landscaping. Landscaping plan provided in sheet L1.1 of application drawings.

### **Applicable Design Guidelines**

**Downtown Design Guidelines** 

- A. Public Realm
- 4. Downtown Beautification
- 4a. Foster downtown beautification with landscaping and plantings, public art, and public open space.
- 4b. Establish performance spaces for the arts including opportunities for artists to perform, display, or create work.
- 4c. Plant street trees where possible. Choose tree planting locations that will not significantly alter the setting of, or harm the materials of historic buildings.
- B. Private Realm
- 1. Building Mass, Scale, and Form
- 1a. Maintain a pedestrian-scaled environment from block to block.
- 1e. Avoid blank walls along street-facing elevations.
- 2. Building Location
- 2b. Consider using landscape elements to define the sidewalk edge where a building is to be set back from the sidewalk.
- 2d. Limit grade separations above or below the sidewalk, generally no more than 3 feet. Allow for clear sightlines into and out of buildings and plazas.
- 2e. Design private plazas to be pedestrian-friendly. Provide human-scale amenities and include landscaping.
- 3. Building Materials
- 3a. Use complimentary materials and elements, especially next to historic buildings.
- 4. Architectural Character
- 4a. Encourage first floor uses that draw walk-in traffic; businesses that do not require pedestrian traffic should be located on other floors.
- 4b. Enhance pedestrian interest in commercial and office buildings by creating a largely transparent and consistent rhythm of entrances and windows.
- 4c. Scale first floor signs to pedestrians.
- 4d. Differentiate the architectural features of ground floors from upper floors with traditional considerations such as show-windows, transoms, friezes, and sign boards.
- 5. Ground Floor doors and Windows
- 5a. Use consistent rhythm of openings, windows, doorways, and entries.
- 5b. Orient primary front entrances to the main street; secondary entrances should be clearly defined and oriented to streets or alleys, as appropriate.
- 5c. Design entrances according to the proportions of the building's height and width.
- 5e. All windows at the pedestrian level should be clear.
- 5f. Recess ground floor window frames and doors from the exterior building face to provide depth to the façade.
- 7. Mechanical Equipment and service Utilities
- 7a. Minimize the visual impact of mechanical equipment through screens or recessed/low-profile equipment.
- 7b. Do not locate units on a primary façade.
- 7c. Screen rooftop vents, heating/cooling units, and related utilities with parapet walls or other screens. Consider sound-buffering of the units as part of the design.
- 7d. Locate utility connections and service boxes on secondary walls.
- 7e. Reduce the visual impacts of trash storage and service areas by locating them at the rear of a building or off an alley, when possible.

- B. The Traditional Grid District
- 1. Recommended signs
- 1a. Wall signs on sign boards that are above a transom or first story and mounted flush to the building façade
- 1b. Projecting signs of modest size (9 square feet, maximum); a larger sign must be approved by the board
- 1c. Window signs, less than 30 percent coverage, including neon signs
- 1d. Building name sign and/or building directory

### **Comments**

808 State Street is not listed on the National Register of Historic Places, so the Historic Resources section of the design guidelines does not apply. The modest midcentury brick commercial building has received several campaigns of exterior rehabilitation, most recently removing non-historic stone veneer and a c.1980 wood shake mansard roof.

In general, exterior rehabilitation scopes meet the design guidelines. Driven by both seismic upgrade requirements and programmatic goals (locating the stage along the façade instead of to the rear of the building), the applicant has proposed to enclose the majority of the windows and reduce the amount of transparency along the façade. The Design Standards of the DK-G zoning district (Section 5.5.C, Table 5-4) require a minimum transparency of 30% on the ground floor of a front façade. The applicant is proposing to reduce the transparency to 15.23%.

The proposed windows and doors to be removed are not original to the building, though the original size of the fenestrations is visible in the openings to be infilled or covered with the fiber cement panels. Design guidelines recommend "enhancing pedestrian interest" by "creating a largely transparent and consistent rhythm of entrances and windows," and recommend "avoid[ing] blank walls along street-facing elevations."

Approval of the large reduction in transparency on the street elevation is pending Board of Zoning Appeals approval on 3/15/2022 (3-A-22-VA). The Board should discuss the enclosure of window and door openings on the façade in comparison with the guidelines.

The mechanical equipment located on the rear section of the right (north) elevation is large in scope and would benefit from screening or painting to minimize its visual impact.

While the proposed wall signs are large, they are proportionate to the wall areas where they'll be placed and do not detract from the overall building. Signs should be confirmed to meet section 13.9.F.b of the City sign code and not exceed 10% of the wall area of the primary building elevation.

The proposed landscape and patio areas meet the design guidelines for downtown beautification, along with creating pedestrian-friendly private plazas with extensive landscaping. The proposed grade separations on the patio correspond with the site's existing topography, and the plaza will be accessible via a stair off the Cumberland Avenue elevation.

### Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Certificate 2-A-22-DT, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Receiving the necessary variances at the 3/15/2022 BZA meeting, and pending Board's approval of the removal of façade ground floor transparency;
- 2) Minimize visual impact of mechanical equipment on north/right elevation via screening or paint;
- 3) Meeting the relevant standards of City zoning code for landscaping (Article 12);
- 4) Meeting the relevant standards of the City sign code.





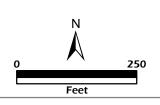
## APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS



808 State St.

Level 2: Major alteration of an existing building/structure

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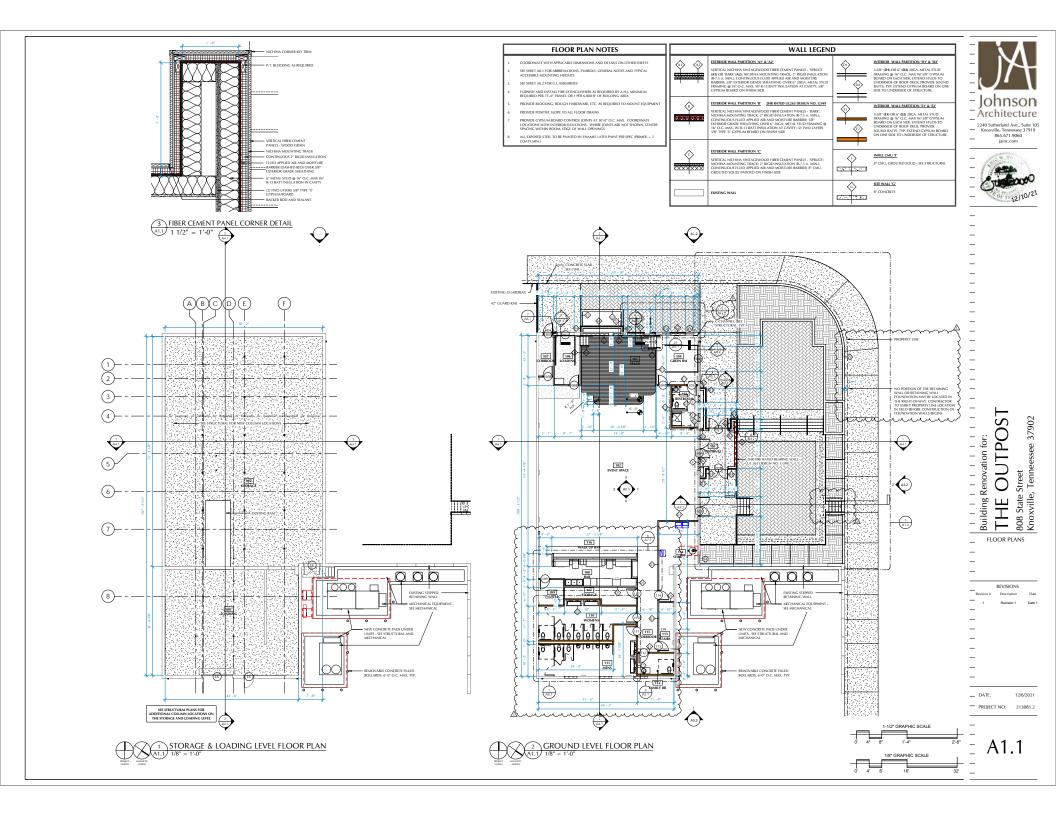
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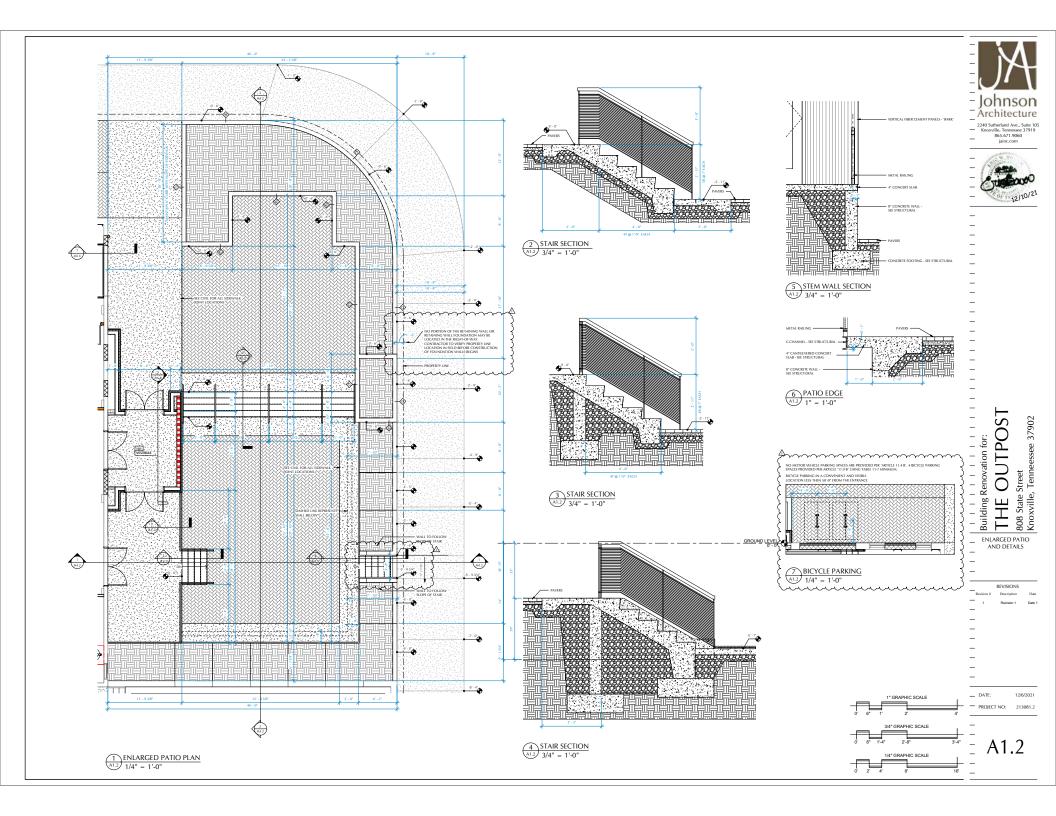
■ DOWNTOWN DESIGN (DK)

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Buddy Cruze				
Applicant				
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Date Filed	Meeting Date (if applicab	ole)	File Number(s)	
CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence related to this application	n should be directed to th	ne approved contact liste	d below.	
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Owner Name (if different from applicant)	Owner Address		Ov	vner Phone
808 State Street		095ID021		
Property Address		Parcel ID		
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AUTHORIZATION				
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## **REQUEST**

ESIGN	Level 1:							
	Level 2:	Signs Alteration of an existing building/structure  Level 2:						
	Addition to an existing building/structure							
N	Level 3:							
DOWNTOWN DESIGN	☐ Construction of new building/structure ☐ Site design, parking, plazas, landscape							
	See required Downtown Design attachment for more details.							
	Brief description of Work: The Outpost is an existing building, and we are proposing to transform it into an indoor music venue. Proposed additions to the building are located							
	on the North and East elevations. Each addition stands proud of the original masonry and features a fiber cement panel with a woodgrain finish façade. These panels are also used in the required infill portions of wall. Signage will be located on the North addition, along with a new planter at the base. A new canopy will wrap the North and East elevation, covering the masonry pockets from a							
	previously demolished structure. The existing asphalt parking lot will be converted into a two level outdoor patio surrounded by vegetation.							
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		Level 1:						
	☐ Signs ☐ Routine repair of siding, windows, roof, or other features, in-kind; Installation of gutters, storm windows/doors  Level 2:							
פַ	☐ Major repair, removal, or replacement of architectural elements or materials ☐ Additions and accessory structures							
Z	Level 3:							
HISTORIC ZONING	Construction of a new primary building							
	Level 4:							
L	Relocation of a contributing structure Demolition of a contributing structure  See required Historic Zoning attachment for more details.							
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	Brief description of work:							
	Level 1:							
		☐ Driveways, parking pads, access point, garages or similar facilities ☐ Subdivisions						
٢	Level 2:	visible from the primary street						
HOUSING	☐ Additions visible from the primary street ☐ Changes to porches visible from the primary street							
Ē	Level 3:  New primary structure							
	☐ Site built ☐ Modular ☐ Multi-Sectional							
INFIL	See required Infill Housing attachment for more details.							
	☐ Brief description of work:							
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>	ATTACHMENTS  Downtown Design Checklist							
STAFF USE ONLY	☐ Historic Zoning Design Checklist	555.0						
	☐ Infill Housing Design Checklist	FEE 2:						
	ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS							
	Property Owners / Option Holders	FEE 3:						
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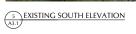
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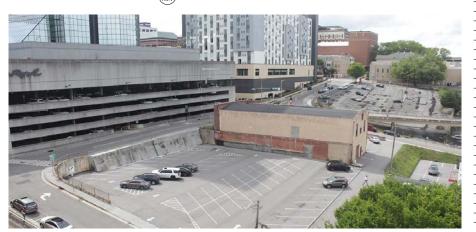


4 EXISTING SOUTHEAST ELEVATION









7 SURROUNDING PROPERTIES



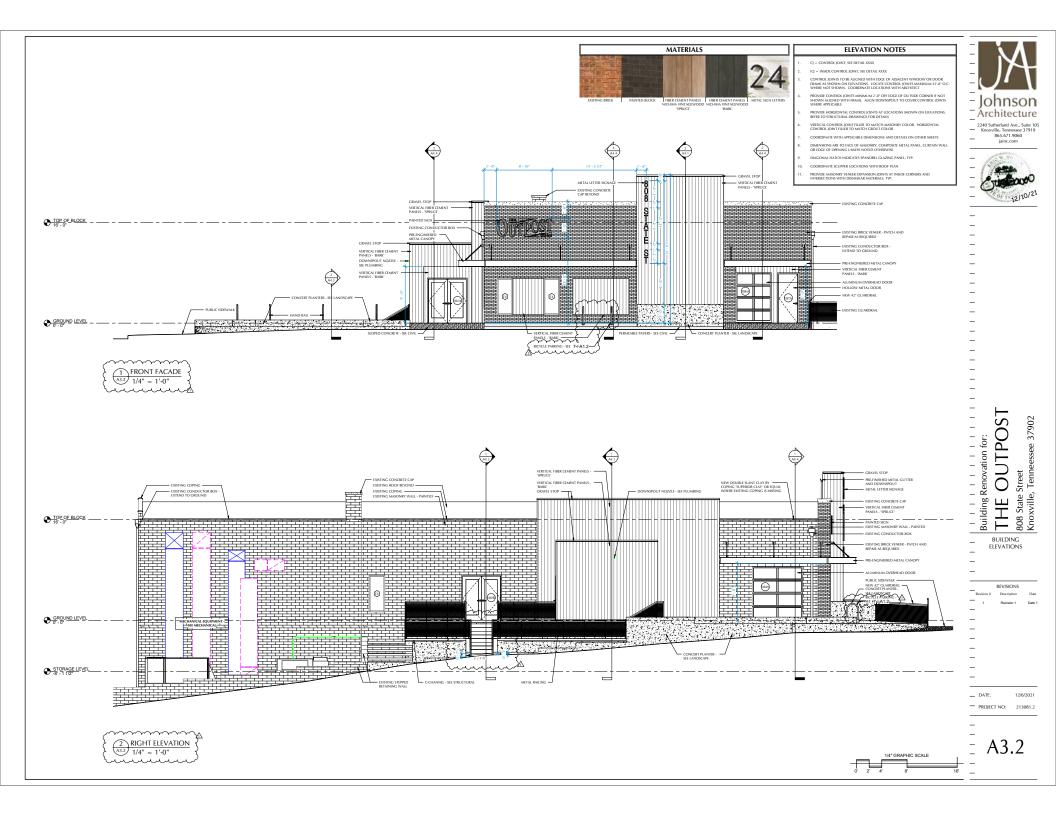
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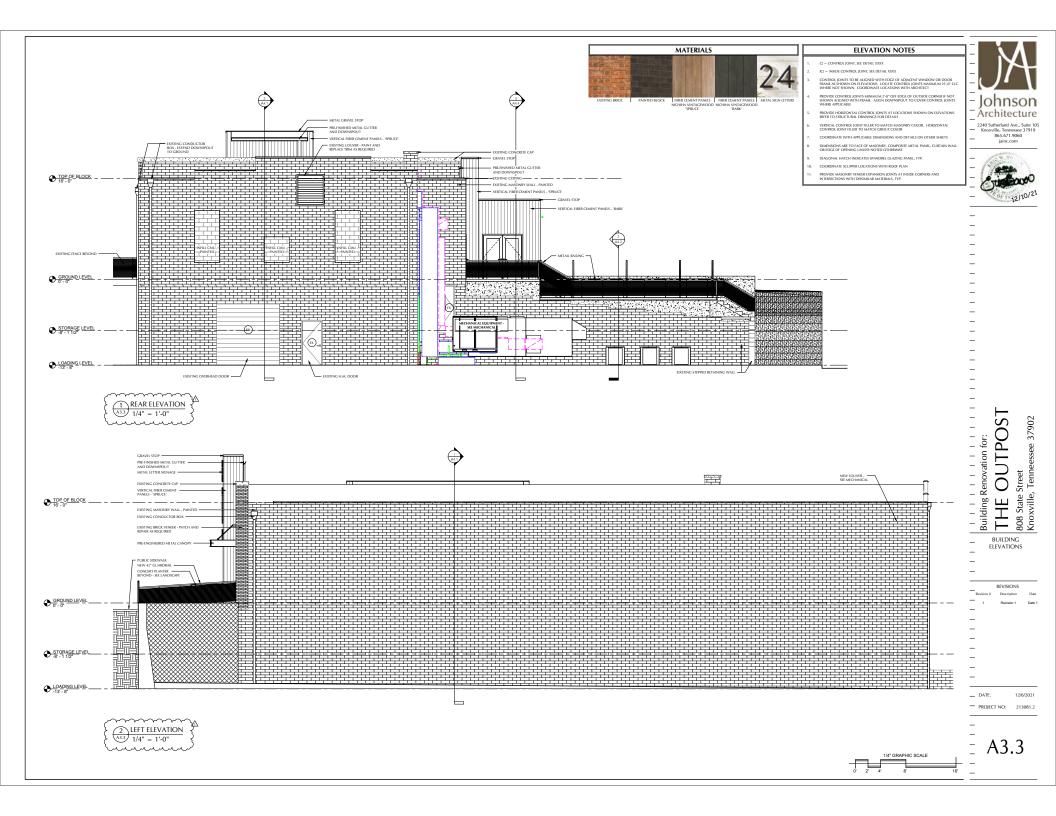
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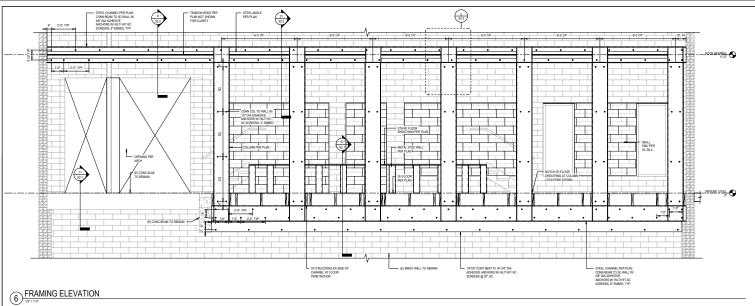
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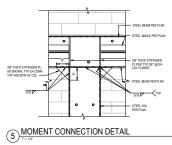
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Building Renovation for: 808 State Street Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

SECTIONS & DETAILS

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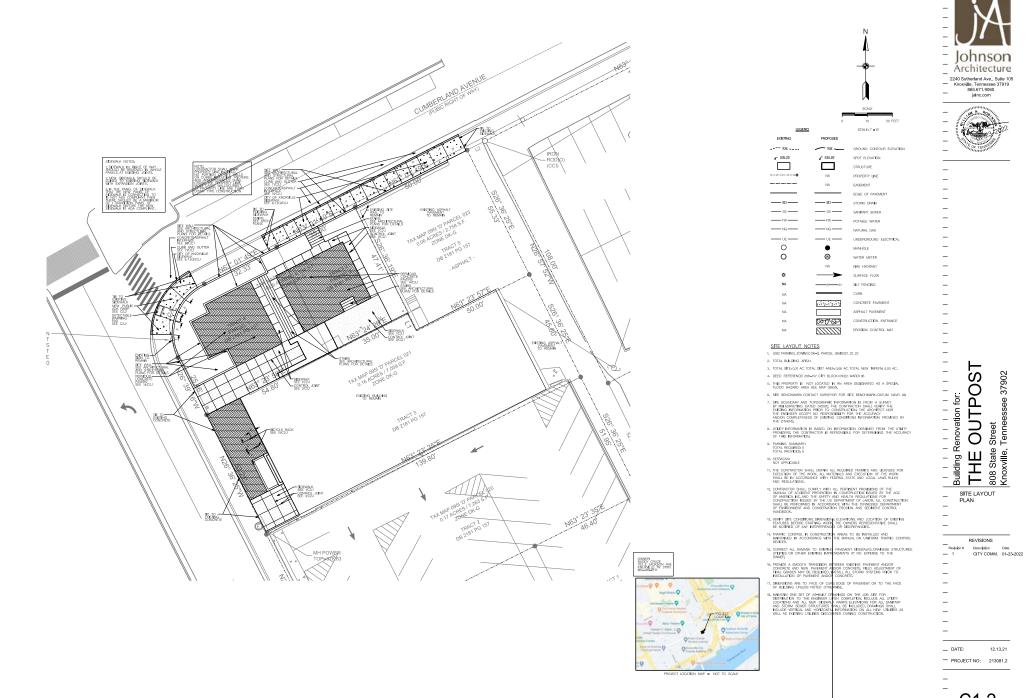
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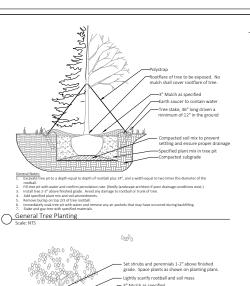
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 Specified plant mix in planting pit Compacted soil mix to prevent settling and ensure proper drainage

Compacted subgrade

#### LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENT NOTES:

Shrub & Perennial Planting

12.5 PARKING LOT PERIMETER LANDSCAPE YARD
- N/A, parking is less than 10,000 SF

12.6 INTERIOR PARKING LOT LANDSCAPE N/A, parking is less than 20,000 SI

12.7 SITE LANDSCAPE N/A, existing structure w/ less than 30% SF additions

12.8 BUFFER YARDS

No buffer yard required as there are no adjacent residential zoning.

Trees
Total property area = .3 acres. 8 trees per acre required. .3\*8 = 2.5, 3 trees required. 9 trees proposed

#### PLANTING LEGEND:

Qnty	Botanical Name	Common Name	Size	Notes	Matu
Deciduo	ous Trees				
3	Ginkgo biloba	Ginko	2" cal.	central leader, full and dense, male	25' t
1	Platanus x acerifolia	London Plane Tree	2" cal.	central leader, full and dense	40' t
Evergre	en Trees				
3	llex opaca	Green Leaf Holly	6' ht.	central leader, full and dense	15' to
2	Magnolia virginiana	Sweetbay Magnolia	6' ht.	central leader, full and dense	20° t
1	Chamaecyparis obtusa	Hinoki Cypress	6' ht.	central leader, full and dense	
Deciduo	ous Shrubs				
6	Hydrangea paniculata	Lime Light Hydrangea	3 gallon	full and dense	
9	Itea virginica 'Sprich'	Little Henry Itea	3 gallon	full and dense	
3	Physocarupus	Ninebark	3 gallon	full and dense	
17	Pennisetum alopecuroides	Cassian	3 gallon	full and dense	
Evergre	en Shrubs				
12	Juniperus horizontalis	Blue Rug Juniper	3 gallon	full and dense	
18	llex glabra	Inkberry Holly	3 gallon	full and dense	
7	Juniperus virginiana	Grev Owl Juniper	3 gallon	full and dense	

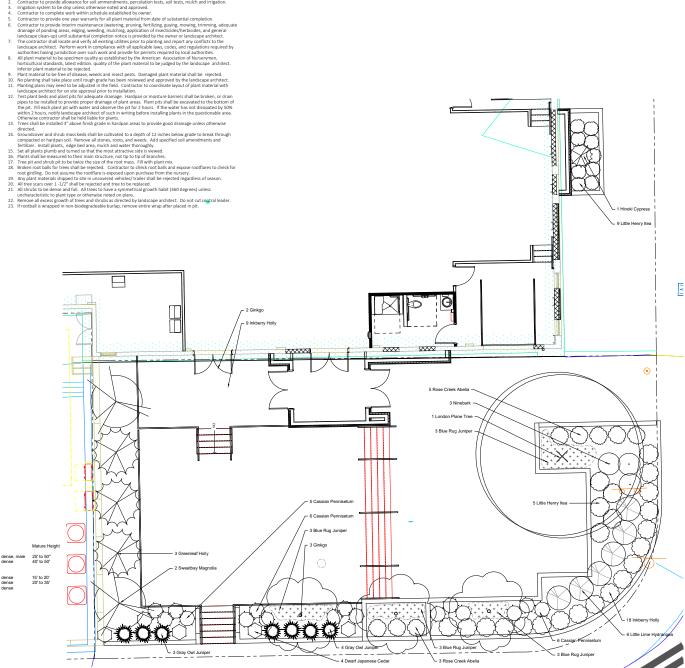
#### Planting Notes:

- Contractor's base bid to include all materials, labor, permits, equipment, tools, insurance, etc. to perform the work as described in the contract documents.
- work as described in the contract documents.

  Contractor to provide allowance for soil ammendments, percolation tests, soil tests, mulch and irrigation.

  Irrigation system to be drip unless otherwise noted and approved.
- Contractor to complete work within schedule established by owner.

Landscape Plan









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LANDSCAPE PLAN

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