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Statement on Hamilton Plaza New York City Council Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises October 20, 2015

Chair Richards, and my colleagues on the Zoning and Franchises Subcommittee, thank you for your time in reviewing the application of Hamilton Plaza Associates for permission to rent upper floor space at Hamilton Plaza to a gym/health club. I apologize that I cannot be with you today in person, but want to share my position. With modifications that the applicant has agreed to, I support their application.

While the applicant originally sought to eliminate the use restrictions governing the upper floors that are part of the restrictive declaration, they have instead agreed that the City Council will grant permission for a gym/health club use, as well as neighborhood retail. This way, they can rent the upper floors to a gym, and also have some increased flexibility to keep the site viable as a retail shopping center, which the community supports. However, many of the existing restrictions will remain in place, which protect the Gowanus Industrial Business Zone from intrusions by a hotel, new big-box store, self-storage facility, or nightclub. These are important protections in the context of our broader community planning work to preserve the Gowanus IBZ.

I also want to thank the applicant for their effort to maintain a supermarket on the ground floor, in light of the bankruptcy of A&P (unrelated to this application, but critical for the project, and taking place simultaneously). Unfortunately, the winning bidder in bankruptcy court for the ground floor lease at this site was not a supermarket operator. However, in light of the community's need, and the fact that the special permit was granted specifically to provide for a supermarket, the owner has petitioned the court to award the project to the second-highest bidder, who would continue to operate a supermarket on the site. I strongly support their effort, and have sought permission from the judge to file an amicus brief to this effect in the case.

Finally, it is important in this context to express my support for the Grocery Workers Retention Act (Intro 632, sponsored by Council Member Daneek Miller), which would require grocery stores that undergo a change in ownership to retain employees for a 90-day period, to give them a chance to show their individual worth and keep their jobs, and to provide some respect for seniority and experience. The workers at the Hamilton Plaza Pathmark are not responsible for the A&P bankruptcy, and they deserve a chance to keep their jobs and support their families.

Thank you for your consideration of this application. I urge a vote of "aye" on the modified application.

Applicant:

Hamilton Plaza Associates

Application:

Proposed Modification of Previously Approved and Recorded Restrictive Declaration (1977, 1981)

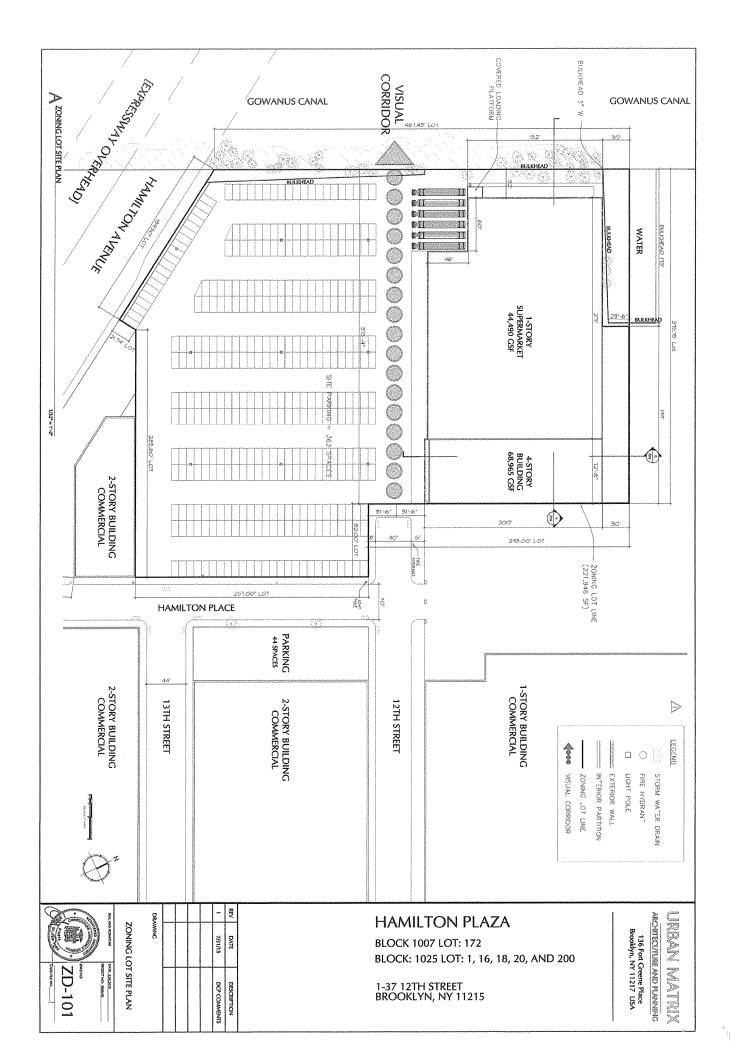
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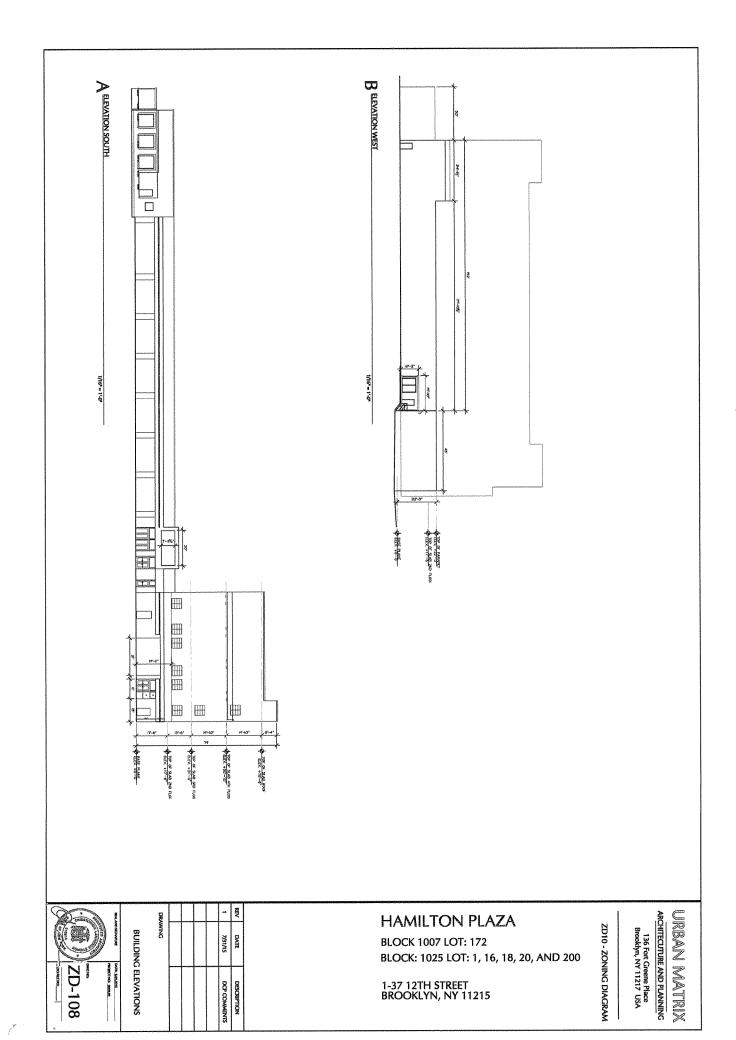
On-site supermarket (Pathmark) City Planning special permit dating back to 1977 and 1979

Proposal:

Revise use restrictions applied to the 4-story building through a Second Modification of Restrictive Declaration, which will allow, subject to certain conditions, enlargement of the 3rd floor (installation of a mezzanine) to allow a gym (previously approved special permit by the Board of Standards and Appeals), and possible future change of use of the 4th floor.







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Testimony of the Honorable Deborah L. Rose

Regarding the

St. George Waterfront Redevelopment
Modifications to NY Wheel Special Permit C 130317ZSR
155 Richmond Terrace
Block 2, Lots 18, 22, 9018 and part of lot 20, Staten Island
Project ID No. P2014R0468
ULURP #150447 7ZSR ("Application")

Before the

Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises Councilman Donovan Richards, Chair

> October 20, 2015 250 Broadway, NY, NY

Good morning, Chair Richards and members of the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises. I want to thank Rich Marin of the New York Wheel, and Tom McKnight from the City's Economic Development Corporation for being here to inform members of the subcommittee about the changes in the plans for the New York Wheel. I understand that many of these changes have been driven by geotechnical analyses that found that the soil beneath the Northwest corner of the site—where piles would have been placed for the proposed parking garage—is unsuitable for foundation placement. This reduced the overall blueprint for the site, leading to several scale modifications that are before this subcommittee today. While these changes have given us some initial challenges, they have also presented us with the opportunity to revisit the impact that this project will have on my district, on all of Staten Island and on the city as a whole. Throughout this process, we have all maintained a positive working relationship of mutual respect for the benefit of all Staten Islanders, and for that I am appreciative.

The approval process for these modifications has been thorough, and necessarily so. Though I've always been a strong proponent of economic development and the possibilities that the New York Wheel could bring to Staten Island, my focus has been on coming to an agreement that includes amenities that will benefit the surrounding community and upland neighborhoods as well. That balance has been foremost in my mind through every step of review and oversight.

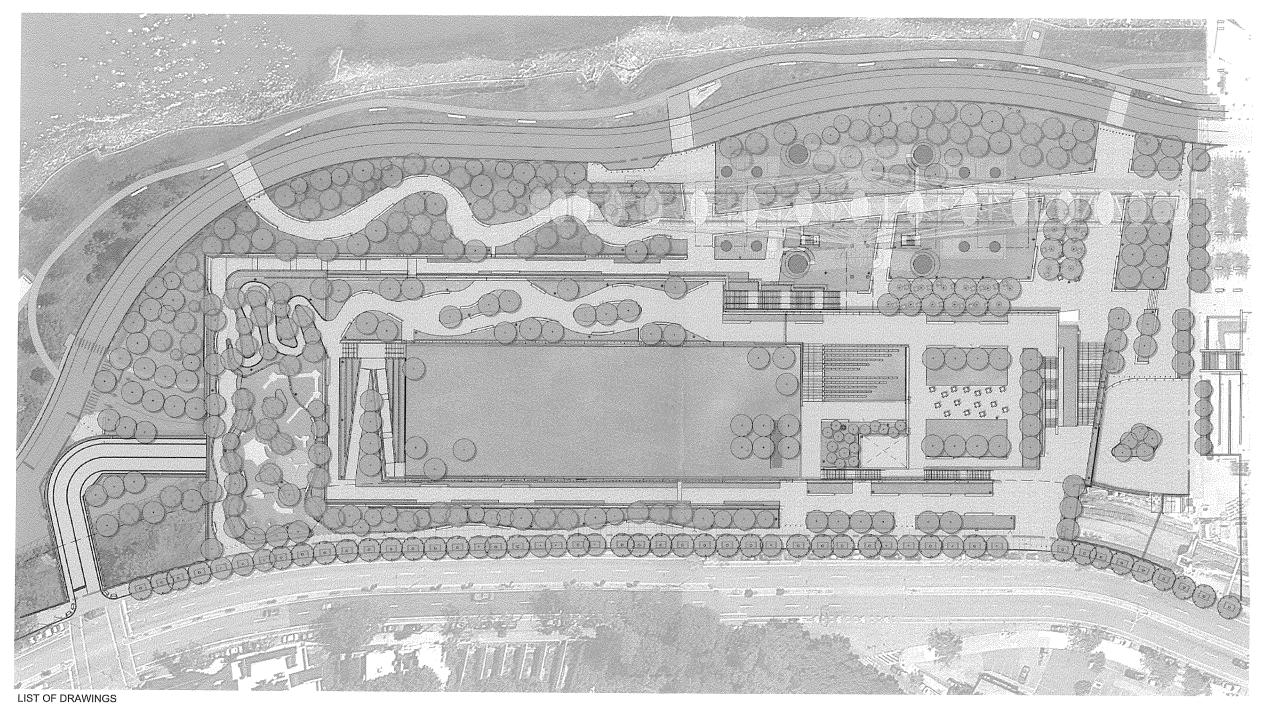
As these modifications worked their way through the Community Board, where they were approved 29-4, through the oversight of the Borough President and through the City Planning Commission, which approved them unanimously, I have been in conversation with the developers and with the administration to ensure that these changes do not adversely impact Staten Islanders. And because of this process and these conversations, I can now say that we have reached a point where I can give these modifications my full support. All of the points of agreement that I fought for in the 2013 ULURP are positively reflected in these changes. With ongoing oversight and diligence, this project will benefit all Staten Islanders, and I encourage my colleagues to vote aye.

Councilmember Debi Rose NYCC, 49th District

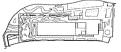
- On behalf of NYCEDC and the City of New York, I am pleased to express my strong support for the New York Wheel project and its current ULURP application before the New York City Council Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises.
- Since the NYW received prior ULURP approval back in 2013, the NYW has been working tirelessly to advance this project
- This has included further design development, extensive interagency coordination with DCP and the MTA among others, and comprehensive geotechnical analysis of site soil conditions, all of which have led to the design changes that are before you today.
- We view these changes as part of the evolution of the design of this project, and are confident that the core benefits of the project remain.
- Councilmember Rose, I want to thank you for your tireless advocacy on behalf of the North Shore. Projects like the New York Wheel, Empire Outlets, and the redevelopment of Homeport, represent a renaissance for the North Shore, and your efforts have been integral to bringing these projects to fruition and ensuring that this progress and economic development is felt by all on the North Shore.
- We view the NYW project as a catalyst to this period of growth on the North Shore, and it is so very important that this project receives the City Council's favorable approval today.
- The NYW will transform the St. George Waterfront into a major destination for the Borough of Staten Island, New York City, and the region by constructing a 630' observation wheel, with retail, exhibition space, a theater, 7-acres of publicly accessible open space, and a parking garage

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- Lastly, I'd like to thank Borough President James Oddo and Community Board 1 for their continued support of the project.
- Thank you to the New York City Council Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises for your time today. On behalf of EDC and the City I hope that this Subcommittee, subsequent Land Use Committee and full Council will provide their support to the New York Wheel ULURP application that is before you today.



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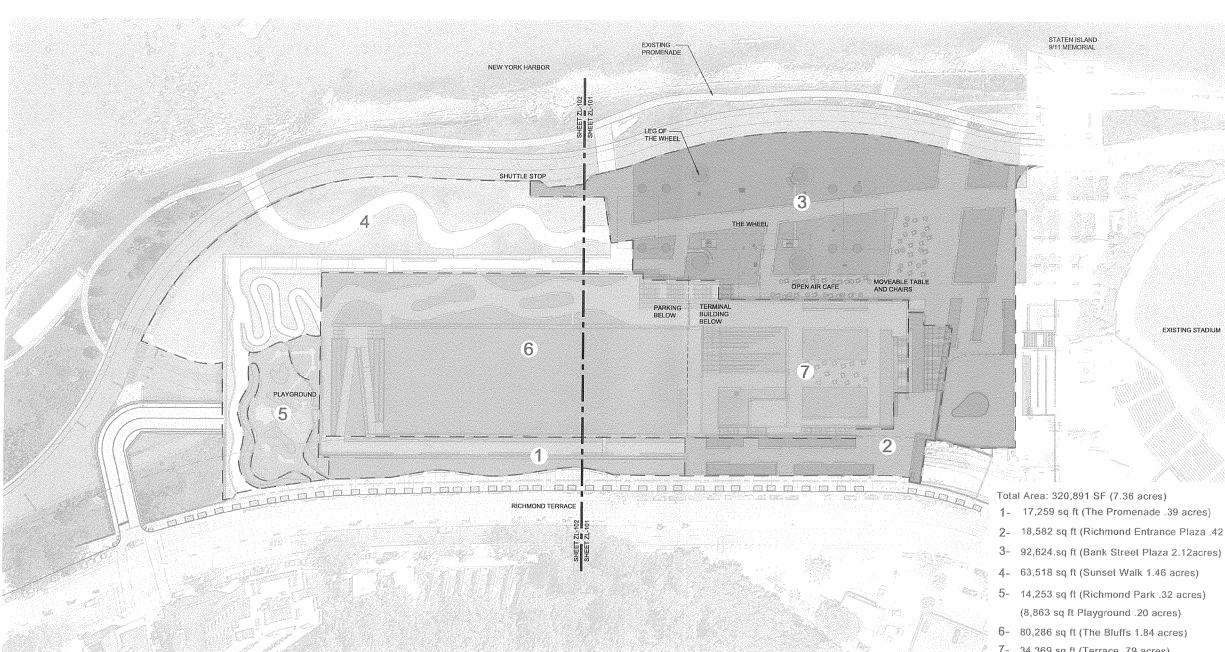
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Total Area: 320,891 SF (7.36 acres)

2- 18,582 sq ft (Richmond Entrance Plaza .42 acres)

4- 63,518 sq ft (Sunset Walk 1.46 acres)

5- 14,253 sq ft (Richmond Park .32 acres)

7- 34,369 sq ft (Terrace .79 acres)

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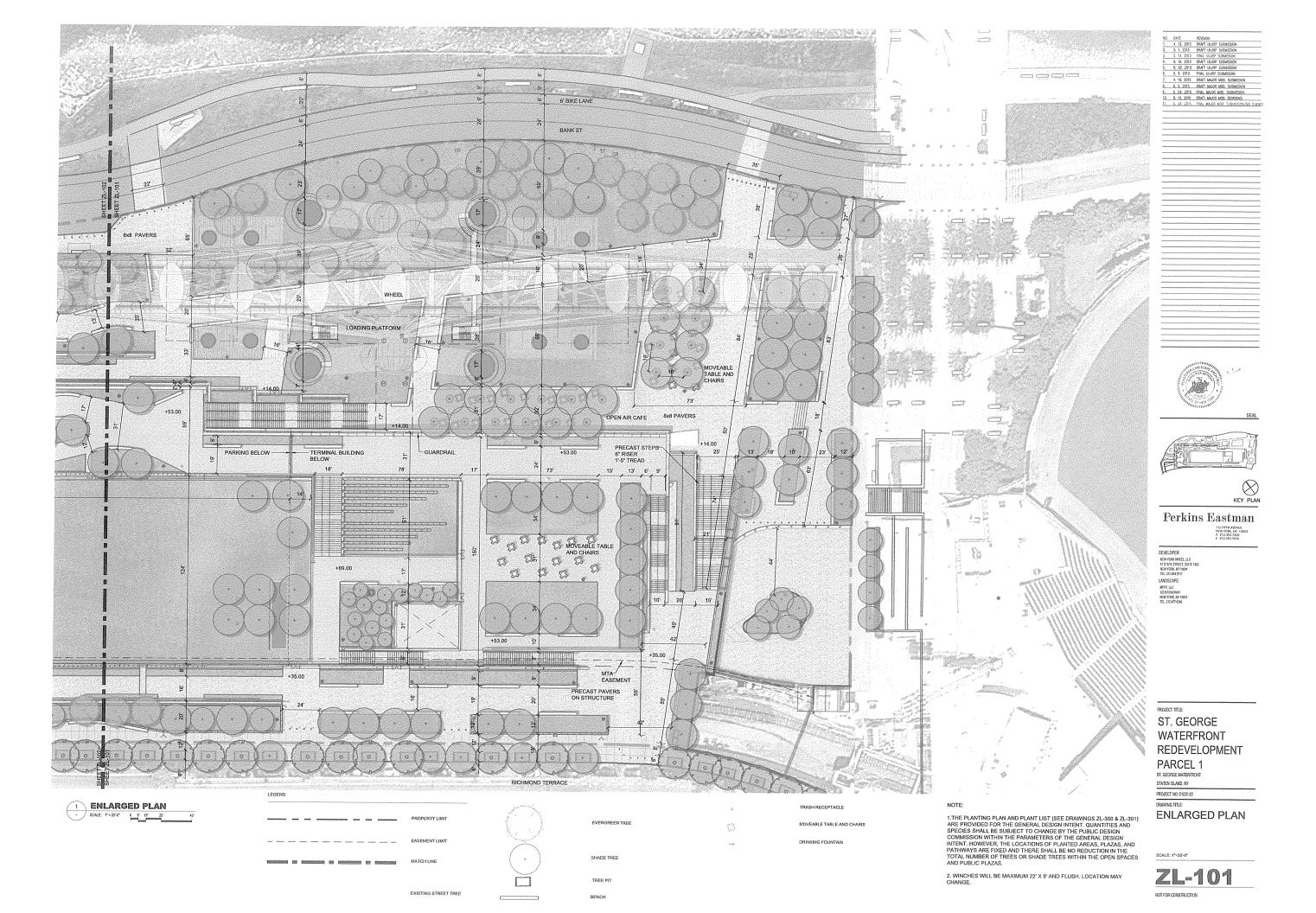
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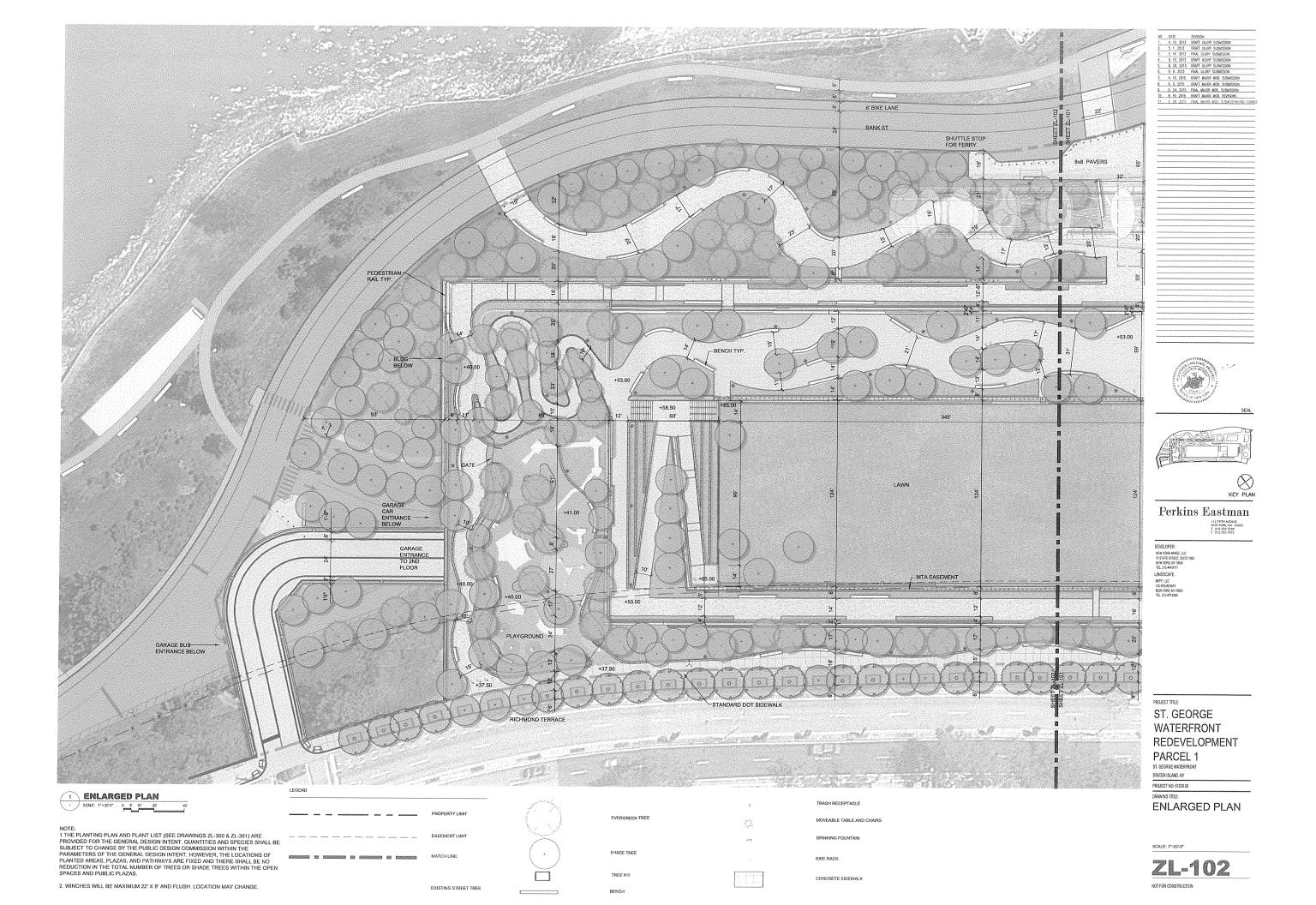
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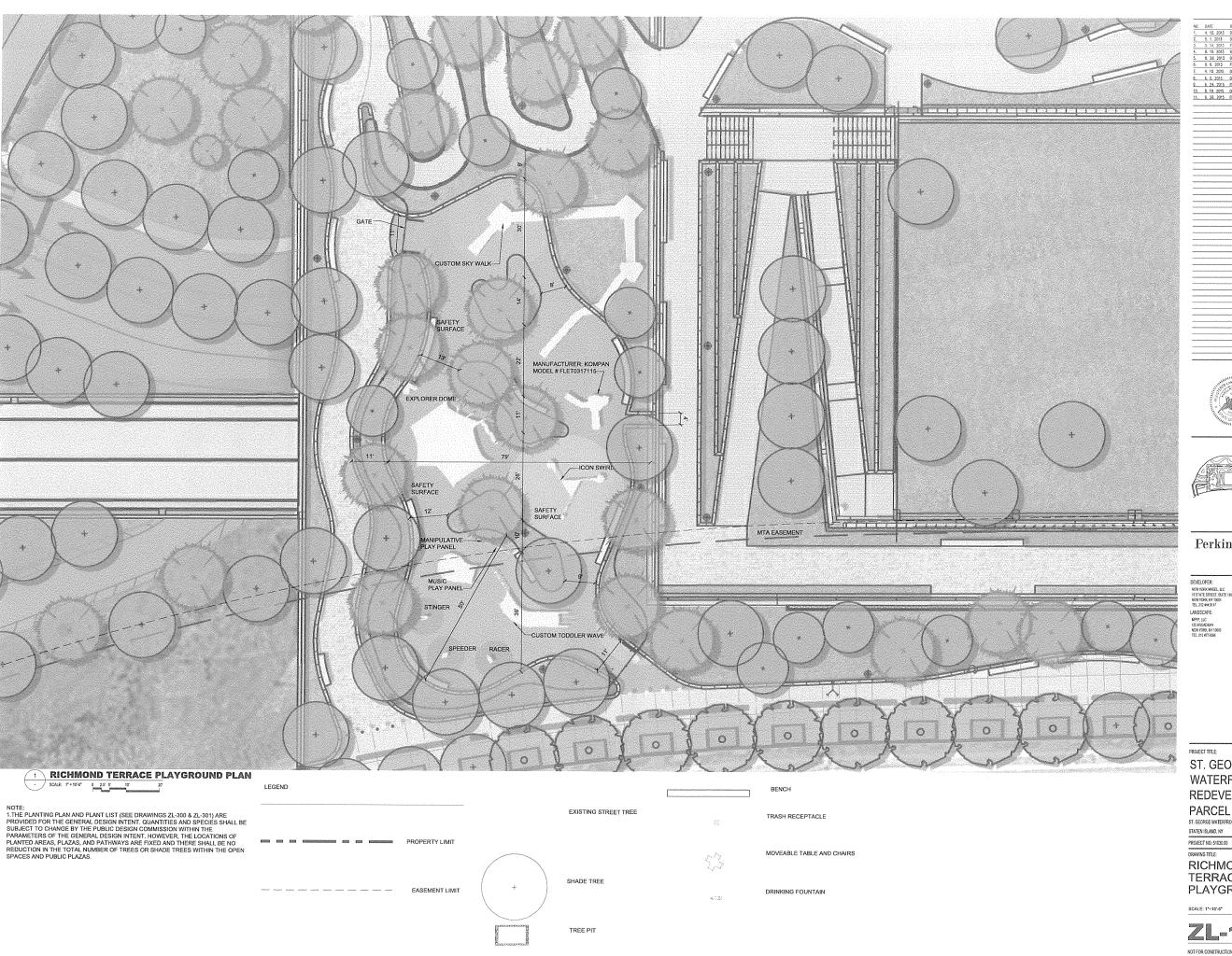
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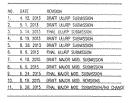
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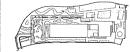














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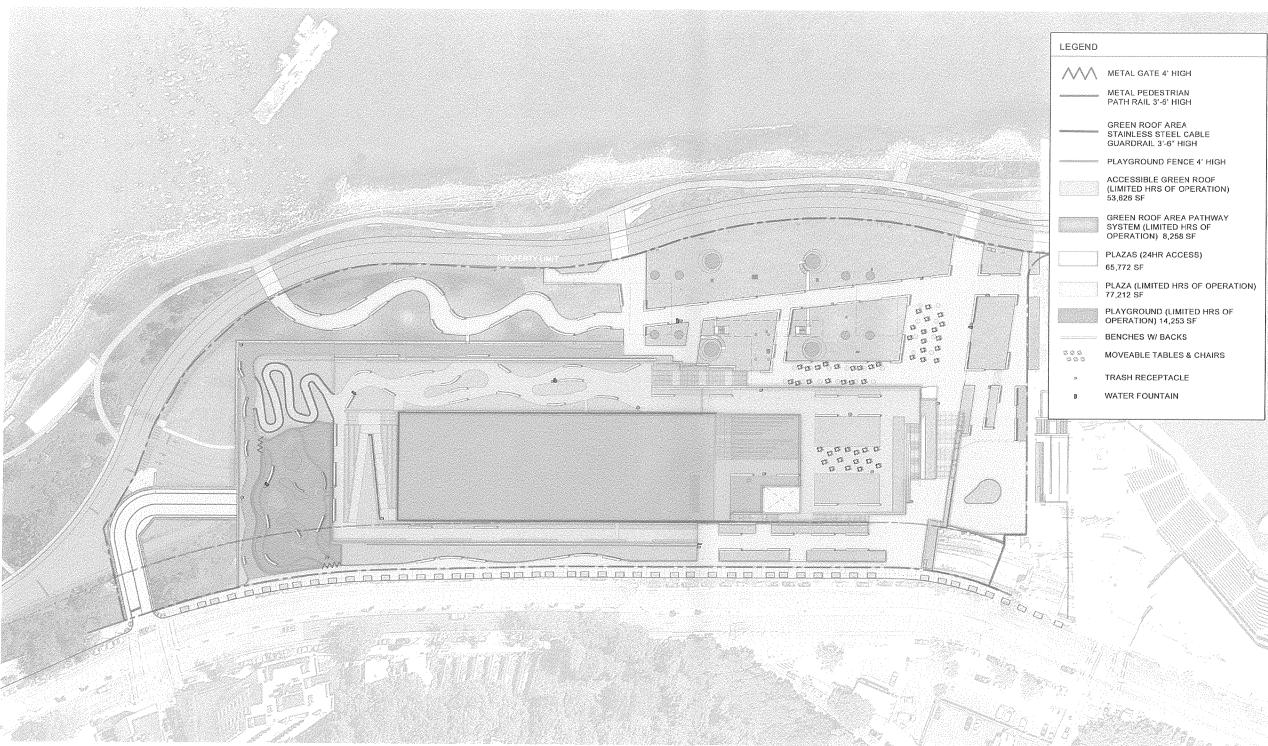
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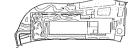


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