# TOWN of EAST MONTPELIER

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June 23, 2022

Kitchen Sync Holdings LLC 438 Gallison Hill Road Montpelier, VT 05602

Re: East Montpelier Zoning Application #22-028; Wheeler Road Parcel #05-031.600

Dear Messrs. Kitchen:

Please find enclosed the written decision of the East Montpelier Development Review Board granting preliminary plan approval of subdivision application 22-028 as presented.

Please note: Approval of the preliminary plan shall not constitute approval of the final subdivision plan and associated plat.

You may have the right to appeal the decision of the Development Review Board. 10 V.S.A. §8504, 24 V.S.A. §4471 and V.R.E.C.P. 5 provide guidance on appeals to the Environmental Division of the Vermont Superior Court, but should you wish to appeal you should seek the advice of an attorney to determine your rights and duties in this particular situation. Generally any appeal must be filed with the Environmental Division within 30 days of the issuance of the decision.

Based on the above-referenced DRB approval you are authorized to request final plan approval of subdivision application 22-028. It is our understanding that you would like to proceed to a DRB hearing on August 2, 2022. You will need to submit final plans to us by July 13, 2022. As with the preliminary plan hearing, once the town has developed the warning for the August 2<sup>nd</sup> DRB meeting and crafted the necessary notice documents, you will be responsible for providing the notice to abutting neighbors and for posting the hearing notice at the property.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

C. Bruce Johnson

East Montpelier Zoning Administrator

# TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

### FINDINGS & DECISION

In the matter of: Kitchen Sync Holdings LLC

0 Wheeler Road

Parcel # 05-031.600 Tax Map # 11-00-59.200

East Montpelier Zoning Application #22-028

## INTRODUCTION & PROCEDURAL HISTORY

- 1. On May 5, 2022, Daniel Kitchen, on behalf of Kitchen Sync Holdings LLC, filed an application with the Town of East Montpelier for a four-lot subdivision of the Kitchen Sync Holdings property along Wheeler Road. The proposal would split the 11-acre property into 4 lots: Lot 1 of 1.44 acres with 236 feet of Wheeler Road frontage; Lot 2 of 4.77 acres and 151 feet of Wheeler Road frontage; Lot 3 of 1.80 acres; and, Lot 4 of 3.03 acres. Both Lots 3 & 4 are accessed by easement over Lot 1.
- 2. The parcel in question is located in the Residential/Commercial District Zone C, where the minimum lot size is 1 acre and subdivisions require approval from the Development Review Board.
- 3. On March 1, 2022, applicant representatives Daniel Kitchen, Craig Chase & Derek Bevins appeared before the DRB for an East Montpelier Land Use & Development Regulations Section 6.3 sketch plan review of the proposed subdivision. Abutting neighbors William Pollock, Johannes Wheeldon and Tom Johnson (representing his son, Barclay Johnson) participated in the sketch plan review. The proposal at the time included 5 lots. The DRB determined that the proposal would be reviewed as a major subdivision, requiring both preliminary and final plan approval.
- 4. A public notice was duly published in the Times Argus on May 21, 2022 for a preliminary plan hearing to be conducted on June 7, 2022. Due to technical issues that could potentially prevent participation by interested members of the public, the DRB opened the hearing on June 7, 2022 and immediately continued the hearing to June 21, 2022.
- 5. A new public notice was duly published in the Times Argus on June 11, 2022 for a preliminary plan hearing which was conducted on June 21, 2022.
- 6. Daniel Kitchen, David Kitchen and Kris Jurentkuff, representing owner Kitchen Sync Holdings LLC, abutting neighbors Johannes Wheeldon, Elizabeth Suiter, Kimberly Swasey and Barclay Johnson, and Zoning Administrator Bruce Johnson appeared and

participated in both the June 7 and June 21, 2022 hearings. Abutting neighbor William Pollock participated in the June 7, 2022 hearing. DRB member Norman Hill, an abutting neighbor, recused himself from the hearing process and participated as a member of the public at the June 21, 2022 hearing. There was no additional public comment.

7. The Board members who voted on this issue at the June 21, 2022 hearing were Kappel, Cueto, Cutler, Weyant and Justis.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Kitchen Sync Holdings LLC proposes to subdivide an 11-acre parcel located at the eastern end of the Class 3 portion of Wheeler Road. The parcel is currently improved with a large number of storage structures, most in the form of tractor trailers. Applicant intends to remove all the storage structures in the near future. Applicant would like to create four building lots, two with Wheeler Road frontage and two back lots.
- 2. The property is located in Zone C the Residential & Commercial District, where a conforming lot requires 1 acre and 150 feet of road frontage or access by easement of at least 20 feet in width. The four proposed lots are as follows:
  - ➤ Lot 1 of 1.44 acres with 236 feet of frontage on Wheeler Road; Lot 1 will be accessed by a shared driveway with Lot 2; the drive will be within a 25-foot easement over Lot 2; the septic system for Lot 1 is located on Lot 2 within an easement.
  - ➤ Lot 2 of 4.77 acres with 151 feet of frontage on Wheeler Road.
  - ➤ Lot 3 of 1.80 acres with access by a 50-foot-wide easement over Lot 1; Lot 3 will share a drive with Lot 4 within that easement.
  - ➤ Lot 4 of 3.03 acres with access by variable width easement over Lot 1 & Lot 3; the easement width is 50 feet over Lot 1 and 30 feet over Lot 3.
- 3. Applicant has submitted two curb cut applications to the East Montpelier Selectboard. A curb cut on Lot 1 near the west side of the property will service the Lots 3 & 4 driveway. The existing curb cut on Lot 2 located at the east end of the Class 3 portion of Wheeler Road will be reconfigured to meet VTrans B-71 standards and service the Lots 1 & 2 driveway. This existing curb cut serves as the town plow turnaround. The reconfigured curb cut will include an improved turnaround area which will be located within a 30' x 50' easement that will be given to the town.
- 4. The proposal includes stormwater management infrastructure designed to meet the GSI Green Infrastructure Simplified standards put forth by the VT League of Cities and Towns and the VT Agency of Natural Resources.
- 5. All four proposed lots are expected to become building lots and will be required to have state water and wastewater permits. All lots have been evaluated for such purposes and there are known areas that should support the necessary permitting for single-family residential use.

#### CONCLUSIONS

The standards for the issuance of preliminary plan approval are set forth in Sections 6.7 through 6.10 of the East Montpelier Land Use & Development Regulations and other municipal regulations in effect. It is found that the standards in Section 6.7, which includes other municipal regulations in effect, Section 6.8, & Section 6.9 have been reviewed, and the proposed subdivision conforms to all applicable requirements. It is further found that Section 6.10 does not apply to this project.

#### **DECISION**

By unanimous vote, the DRB grants preliminary plan approval for the proposed 4-lot subdivision of the Kitchen Sync Holdings LLC property along Wheeler Road as presented in East Montpelier subdivision application #22-028.

The approval of a preliminary plan shall be effective for a period of six months from the date of written notice of approval. Approval of the preliminary plan shall not constitute approval of the final subdivision plan and associated plat.

Warning: State permits may be required for this project. The applicant or permittee retains the obligation to identify, apply for, and obtain relevant state permits for this project. Call (802) 477-2241 to speak to the state Permit Specialist before beginning any construction.

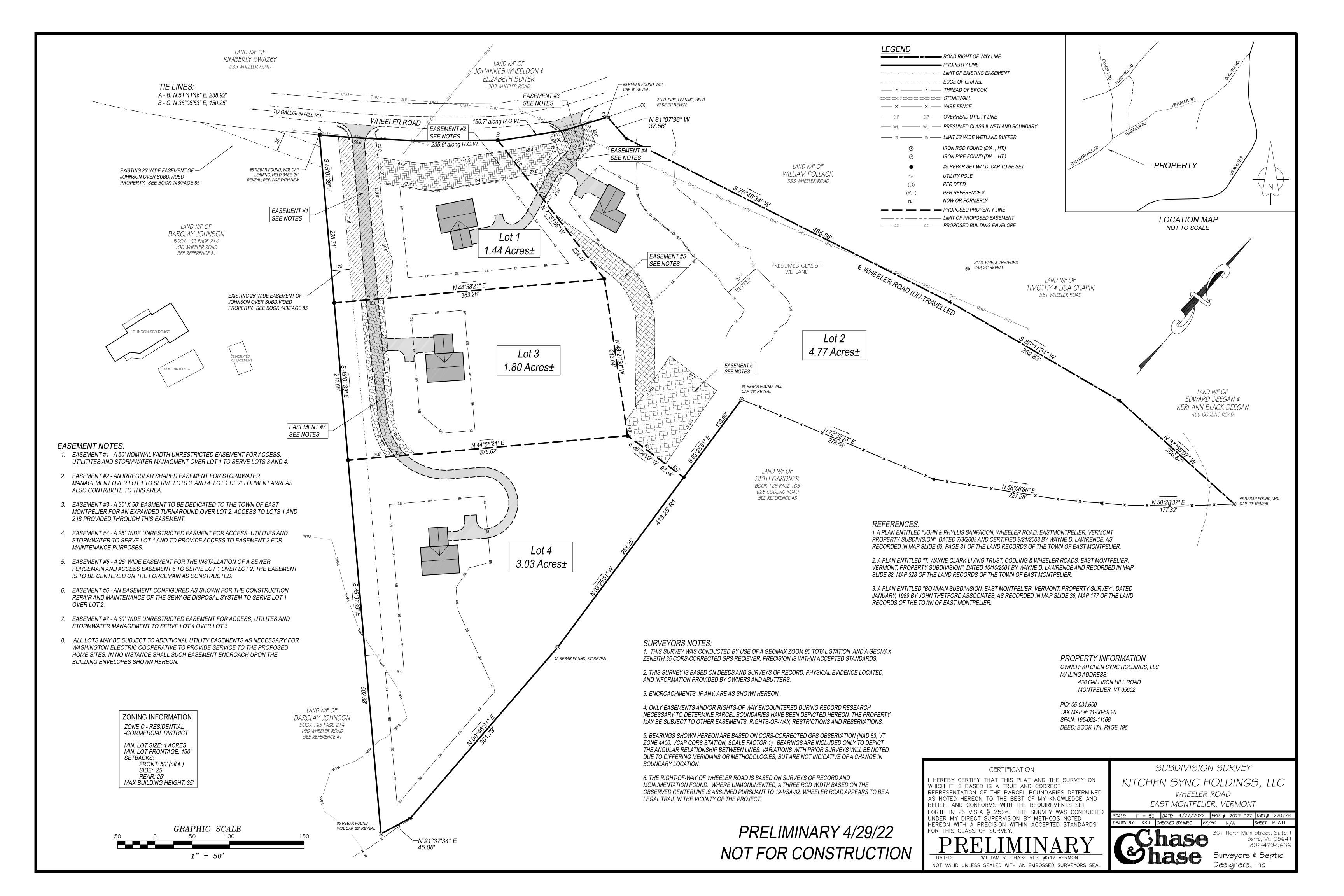
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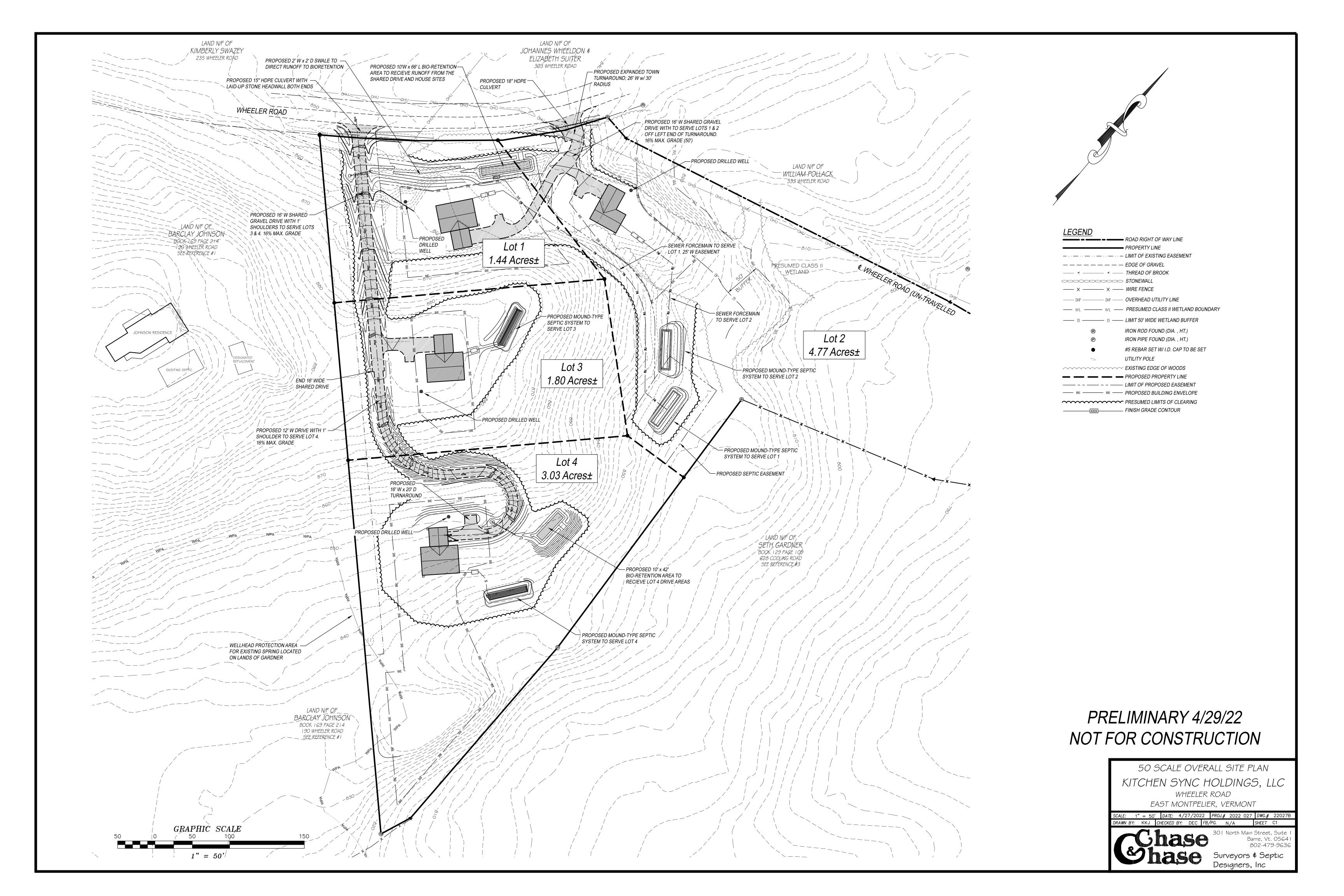
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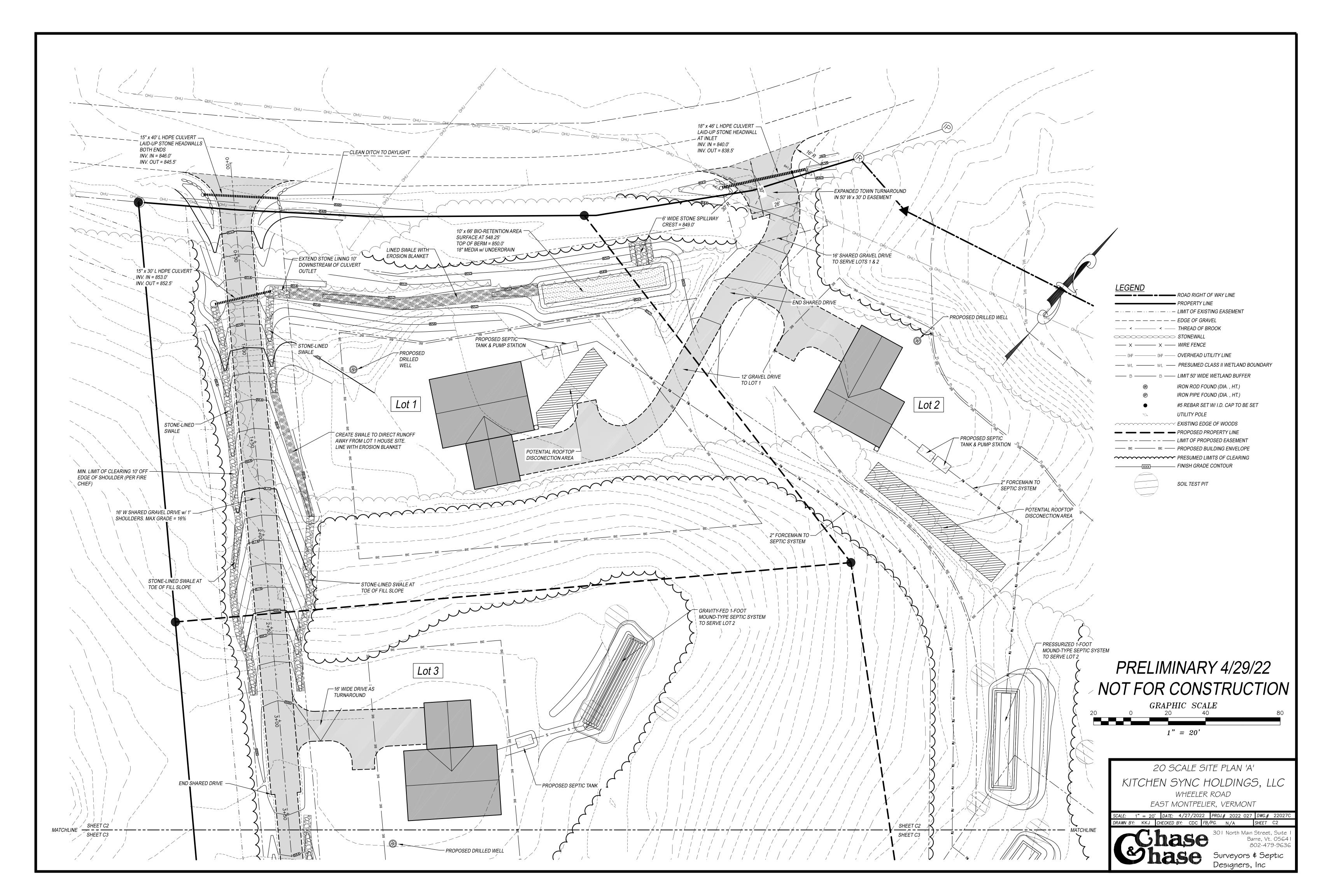
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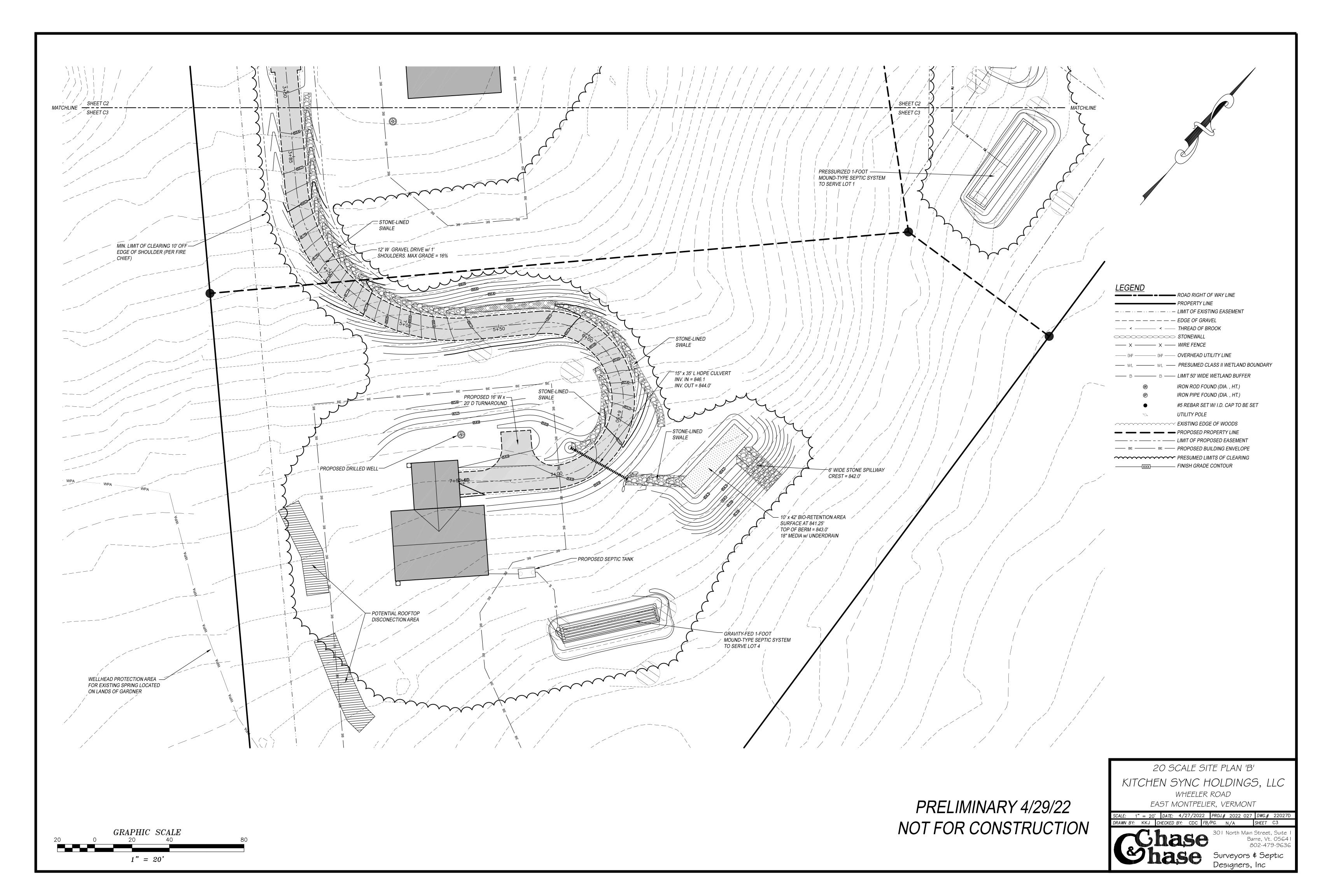
**Notice:** The applicant, appellant or other interested person who has participated in a regulatory proceeding of the DRB may appeal the decision rendered by the DRB within 30 days of the issuance of such decision, to the Environmental Division of the Vermont Superior Court, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §4471.

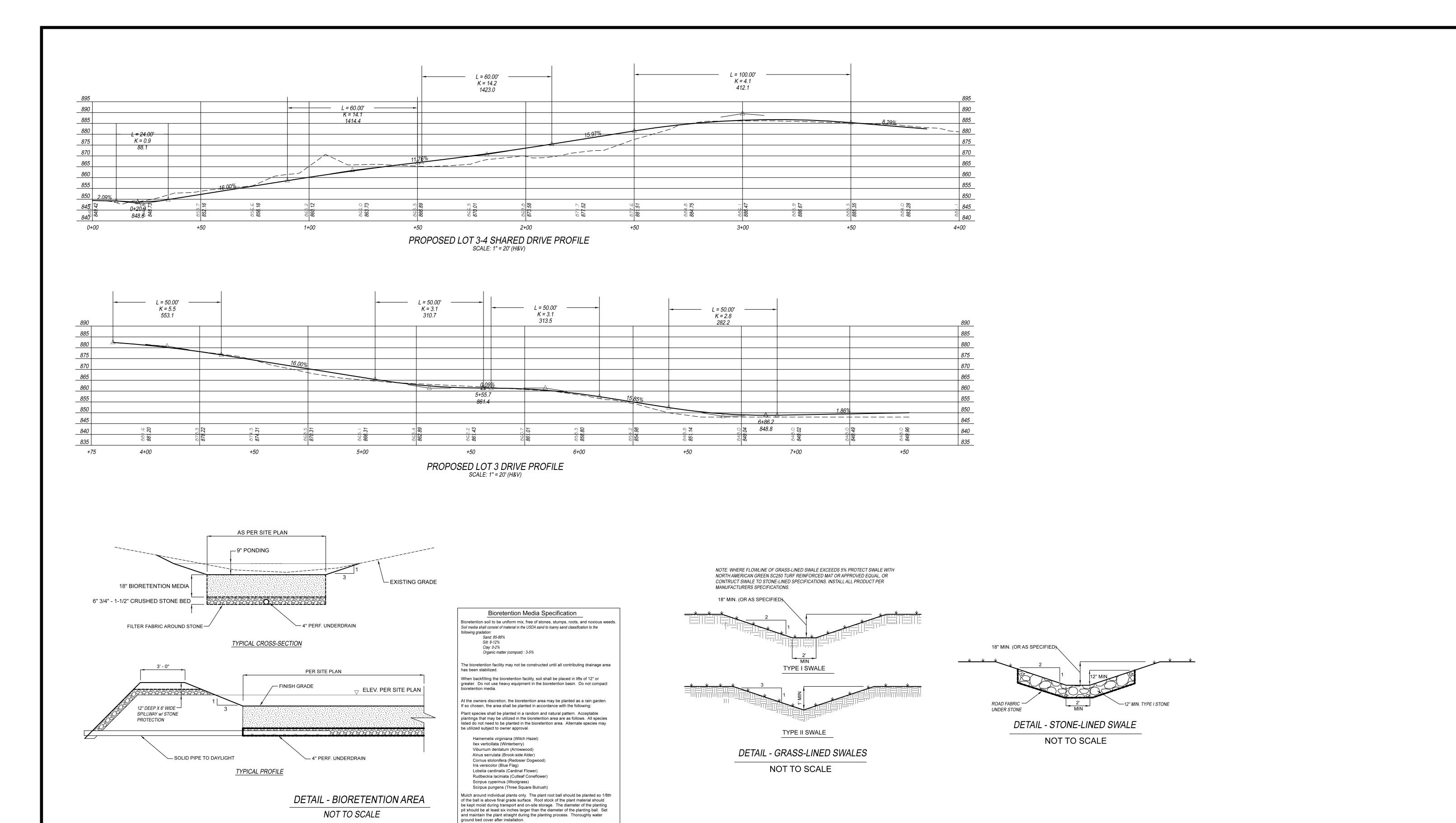
- 1. "Participation" in a DRB proceeding shall consist of offering, through oral or written testimony, evidence of a statement of concern related to the subject of the proceeding.
- 2. The notice of appeal shall be filed by certified mailing, with fees, to the Environmental Division of the Vermont Superior Court and by mailing a copy to the East Montpelier Zoning Administrator, who shall supply a list of interested persons (including the applicant if not the appellant), to the appellant within five (5) working days. Upon receipt of the list of interested persons, the appellant shall, by certified mail, provide a copy of the notice of appeal to every interested person. If any one or more of those persons are not then parties to the appeal, upon motion they shall be granted leave by the court to intervene.











PRELIMINARY 4/29/22 NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS KITCHEN SYNC HOLDINGS, LLC WHEELER ROAD

EAST MONTPELIER, VERMONT

SCALE: AS NOTED DATE: 4/27/2022 PROJ.# 2022 027 DWG.# 22027E Barre, Vt. 05641

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