# CITY OF WEST DES MOINES STAFF REPORT COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: February 12, 2024

ITEM: Cross Creek, 2475 SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street – Approve a Preliminary Plat to create twenty-three lots for Single Family Residential development, one outlot and one street lot – Savannah Homes, Inc. – PP-006173 -2023

**Resolution: Approval of Preliminary Plat** 

<u>Background</u>: Keven Crawford with Cooper Crawford & Associates, on behalf of the applicant, and property owner, Savannah Homes, Inc., requests approval of a Preliminary Plat for the approximately 6.3-acre property located at 2475 SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The applicant proposes to subdivide the property into twenty-three (23) lots for single family residential development, one (1) outlot for storm water detention, and one (1) street lot to be dedicated to the city.

### **Staff Review & Comment:**

- <u>Financial Impact</u>: There is no City funding of this project; however, there is staff time for processing of development application and inspections during construction.
- <u>History</u>: The property is currently undeveloped. On July 17, 2023, the City Council
  approved an Ordinance Amendment to allow for modify regulations pertaining to Single
  Family Detached Residential Setback Regulations as explained in the following bullet.
- Key Development Aspects:
  - 1. Reduced Setbacks: The code amendment allows for reduced setbacks on an individual parcel/lot within a subdivision zoned RS-5-7 if the lot meets all of the following criteria, without exception:
    - Lot size range from a minimum of 5,000 sq. ft. to a maximum of 7,999 sq. ft. (up to a maximum of 11,000 sq. ft. for a corner lot).
    - Lot width is a maximum of 50 feet wide at the building setback line (75 feet for a corner lot).
    - Lot has a minimum of 40 feet of street frontage.
    - When a lot meets these parameters, the front yard setback may be reduced to no less than 25', the rear yard setback reduced to no less than 30' and the side yard reduced to no less than 6' with a minimum total of 12' combined side yards.

The reduced setback dimensions and buildable area are graphically illustrated on the subdivision plat drawings and the bulk standards notes detail both the standard RS-5 zoning setback and the reduced setback dimensions. The lots that meet the reduced setback in this proposed subdivision are Lots 1-7 and Lots 14-23. Lots 1 and 23 may also utilize the 25' front yard setback along SE 1st Street.

Landscape Buffer: A landscape buffer is desired along Veterans Parkway to soften
the harshness of pavement at the ultimate width and to mitigate impacts on Lots
11, 12 & 13 of the amount of traffic expected on the roadway. Due to the limited
depth of lot 12, Staff raised concerns with the buffer consuming essentially all of

Lot 12's rear yard since no structures, including decks, patios, play structures. sheds, etc. are allowed in a designated buffer. Due to the depth and shape of Lots 11 and 13, the buffer would not have as detrimental effect on the usability of the backyard of these lots. Staff discussed with the applicant about placing the 30' double frontage lot buffer that typically would be located within the private lots, to instead be placed immediately adjacent to Veterans Parkway. However, an existing WRA Sewer easement is located immediately adjacent to the Veterans Parkway right-of-way which prohibits the placement of vegetation within the easement area. Adjacent to the easement are then existing wetlands and the anticipated storm water detention facility for the subdivision (see enclosed exhibit illustrating the location of the Veterans Pkwy, WRA easement and detention/wetland area). Instead of placing the buffer within the individual lots and greatly impacting the usability of the limited rear yard of Lot 12, the applicant would like to request a wavier of the 30' landscape buffer. The request is made not only because of the hindrances of the WRA Sewer Easement and wetlands/ detention areas, but also due to the separation between Veterans Parkway to the rear lot line of lots 11, 12, and 13 (approximately 50' at closest point). The applicant is proposing to locate a row of trees (no shrubs) between the rear lot line of lots 11. 12 and 13 and the detention/wetland area. Given the uniqueness of this situation, Staff agrees with the request as we feel it meets the intent of a buffer on a double frontage lot to mitigate the impact of the roadway on the private lot(s) with the added benefit of not creating a situation in which Lot 12 finds out after constructing the home that they have no rear yard to use as they may wish.

3. Veterans Parkway Sidewalk: Veterans Parkway is currently not built to full width. Widening of the roadway is anticipated in the future. Cross Creek is the first subdivision/development on the east side of Veterans Parkway. There are currently no sidewalks constructed along the east side of Veterans Parkway. The applicant requests deferral of the installation of the Veterans Parkway sidewalk until such time that either Veterans Parkway has been widened and/or development of ground on either side of this subdivision occurs.

City Code 9-3-11: Sidewalks Required provides the following:

- D. In the event that no grade has been set or there is no curb and gutter on the street upon which the sidewalk(s) is to be placed, the Council may defer the sidewalk requirement on application of the affected property owner(s) and upon the affected property owner(s) signing an agreement to install such a sidewalk(s) within one hundred twenty (120) days after the property owner(s) has been notified that a curb and gutter has been installed and/or that the grade has been set. The agreement shall be verified and placed on record in the Office of the County Recorder of the applicable county, and shall be a covenant running with the land, and shall be binding upon the heirs, assigns, and successors of the property owner.
- F. When the strict application of standards or requirements established by this section would cause substantial hardship or impose unreasonable restrictions regarding the installation of a sidewalk(s) because of natural or physical conditions or limitations not created by the property owner, the

City Council may grant such deferrals and/or waivers from these standards or requirements as may be necessary pursuant to the following procedure. At such time when the conditions or limitations are eliminated, the property owner(s) will be required to install such sidewalk(s) within one hundred twenty (120) days after written notification by the City.

The applicant may request a waiver or deferral of the sidewalk installation requirement, which on any new development will be forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission for its review and recommendation to the City Council, and all requests will be presented to the City Council, who shall either approve, approve subject to conditions, or disapprove of the request based upon criteria adopted by the City Council.

While staff agrees that is it premature to install the sidewalk along Veterans Parkway, staff does have concerns that the responsibility will become that of the Homeowner's Association rather than an obligation of the developer. Prior to the presentation of the Final Plat to the City Council, the agreement referred to in code will need to be executed and details of surety to cover the future costs will need to be determined.

- Traffic Impact Study Findings: The Traffic Impact Study was completed on September 20, 2023. The proposed development is expected to generate less traffic than originally planned for the site. The existing roadway network has adequate capacity to support the development.
- Developer Responsibilities: In conjunction with platting of the lots, the developer will be responsible for construction and/or installation of all required public and private infrastructure improvements necessary to support development.
- Plat Validity: Per City Code, the associated Final Plat must be presented to the City Council for approval within 12 months of the approval of this Preliminary Plat if surety is being posted for Public Improvements; or, within 18 months if Public Improvements are being constructed prior to Final Plat consideration. It is the responsibility of the developer to be aware of these deadlines and request an extension of the Preliminary Plat approval prior to the Preliminary Plat expiration date.

Outstanding Issues: There are no outstanding issues.

Planning and Zoning Commission Action: Date:

Vote:

February 12, 2024

Recommendation:

Recommendation: Approve the Preliminary Plat subject to the applicant meeting all City Code requirements, and the following conditions of approval:

- 1. Applicant acknowledging and agreeing that the Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will be updated to address remaining comments to staff's satisfaction prior to proceeding to City Council.
- 2. City Council granting a waiver of a 30' Landscape Buffer along Veterans Parkway and accepting in lieu thereof the installation of trees in the common area immediately adjacent

- to the rear lot line of lots 11, 12, and 13 towards fulfilling the intent of the buffer. Said trees shall be installed prior to the issuance of a final occupancy permit for the last dwelling constructed on lots 11, 12, or 13.
- 3. The City Council granting a deferral of the installation of the public sidewalk along Veterans Parkway until such time that Veterans Parkway is widened, and/or sidewalks are implemented as part of development of ground on either side of this subdivision, and/or the City Council otherwise directs the installation of the sidewalk.

Lead Staff Member: Kate Devine
Approval Meeting Dates:

Planning and Zoning Comm	February 12, 2024	
City Council		
Staff Report Reviews:		
Planning & Zoning Commission	<ul><li>☑ Development Coordinator (or)</li><li>☑ Director</li></ul>	⊠ Legal Department
City Council	☐ Director	☐ Legal Department
	☐ Appropriations/Finance	☐ Agenda Acceptance

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Publications (if applicable)
Published Des Moines Req

Published	Des Moines Register
ln:	Community Section
Date(s)	2/2
Published	n/a
Date(s) of	
Mailed	n/a
Notices	

Subcommittee Development & Planning

Date Reviewed 9/18/23

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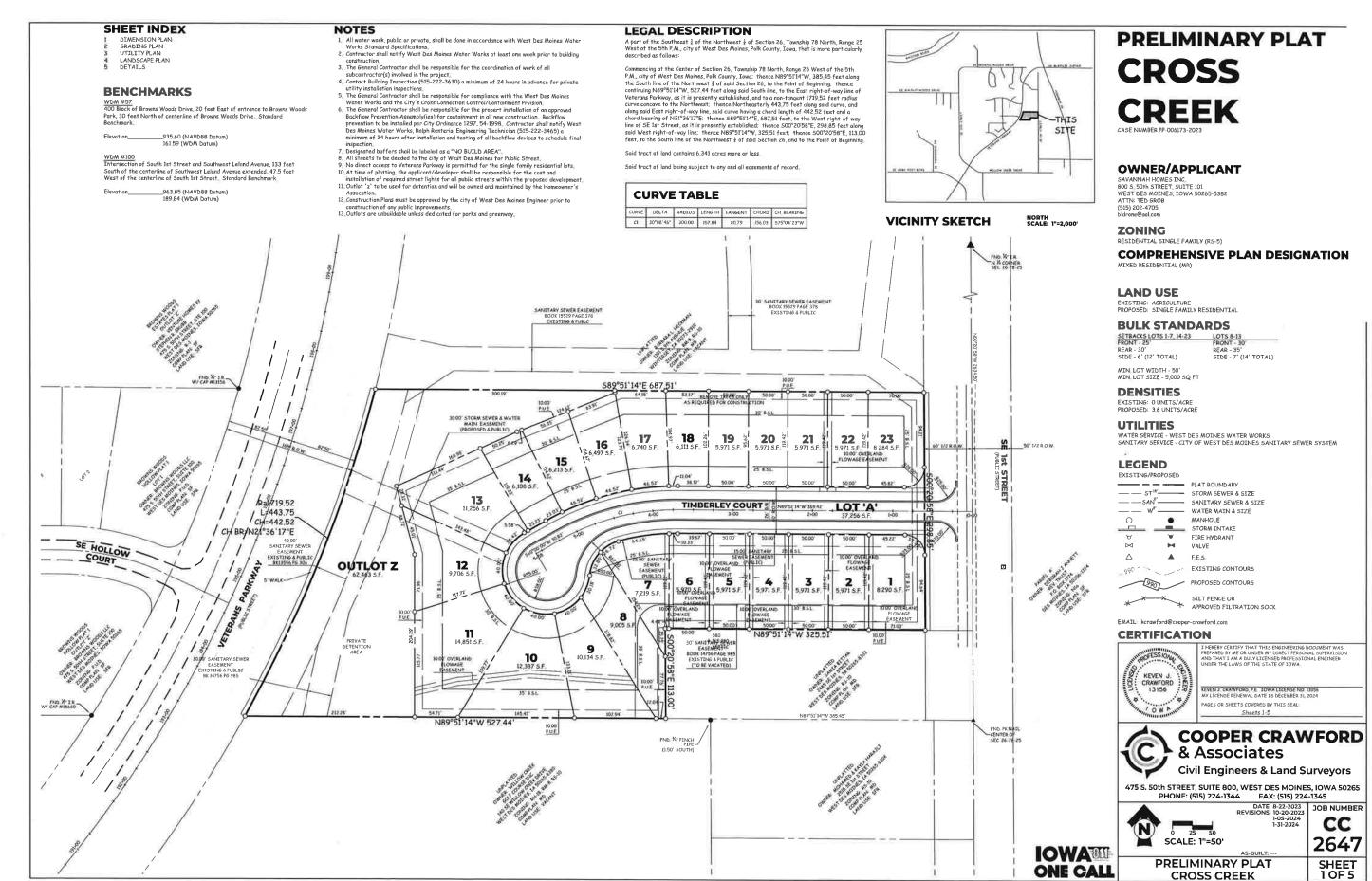
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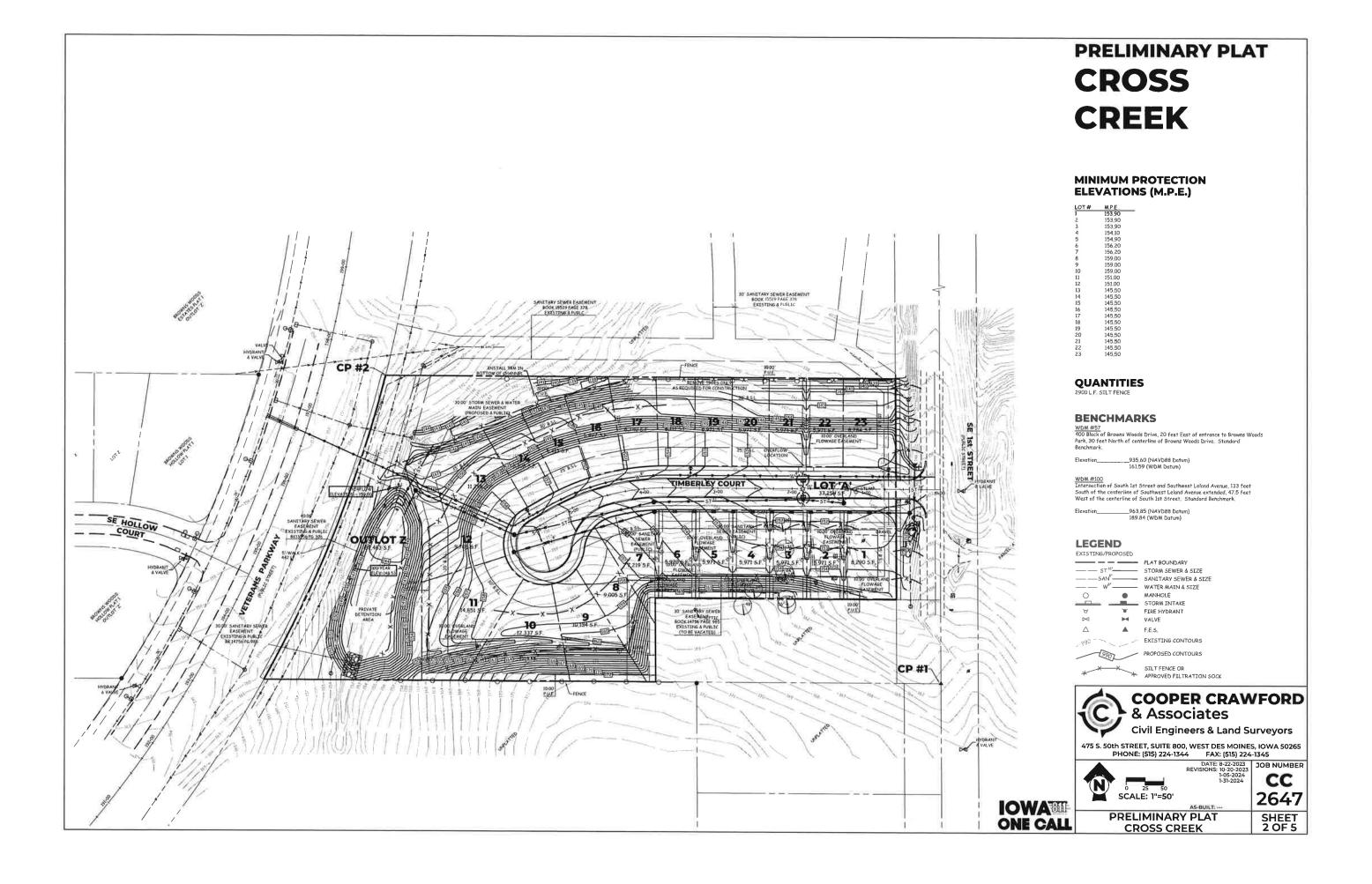
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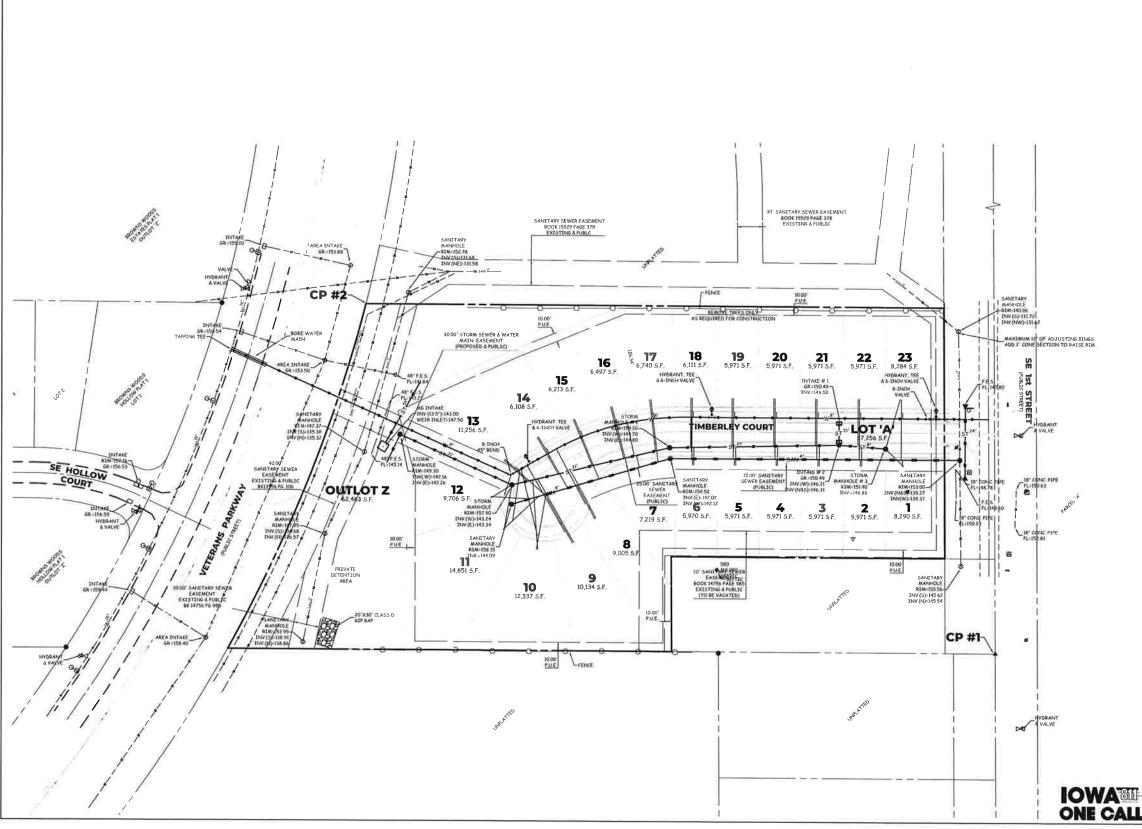


Vicinity Map - Land Uses









# **PRELIMINARY PLAT CROSS CREEK**

### **GENERAL NOTES**

- 1. All water work, public or private, shall be done in accordance with West Des Moines Water Works Standard Specifications.

  2. Contractor shall notify West Des Moines Water Works (515-222-3465) at least one week prior to building construction.

  3. Any water use from a hydrant, public or private, requires the use of a West Des Moines Water Works hydram meter. Call 515-222-3465 to reserve
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  4. The General Contractor shall be responsible for compliance with the West Des Moines Water Works and the City's Cross Connection Control/Containment Previsions.

  5. The General Contractor shall be responsible for the proper installation of an approved Backflow Prevention Assembly(ies) for containment in all new construction. Backflow prevention to be Installed per City Ordinance 1297, 94-1998. Contractor shall both of the Water Works, Ralph Renteria, Engineering Technician (515-222-3465) o minimum of 24 hours after installation and testing of all backflow devices to schedule final inspection.

  6. All connections to public sewers shall be core drilled.

## **WATER QUANTITIES**

E. B. INCH WATER MAIN
E.A. B. INCH WALVE
E.A. 10-INCH VALVE
E.A. 16":16":x8" TAPPING TEE
E.A. 10":x10":x8" x8" CROSS
E.A. 10":x10":x8" TEE
E.A. 22 1/2" BEND
E.A. 45" BENT

## **BENCHMARKS**

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<u>WDM #100</u>
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**LEGEND** EXISTING/PROPOSED

PLAT BOUNDARY \_\_\_\_\_ ST<sup>18</sup> \_\_\_\_\_\_ STORM SEWER & SIZE -SAN8"- SANITARY SEWER & SIZE — W<sup>6\*</sup> — WATER MAIN & SIZE MANHOLE

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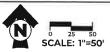


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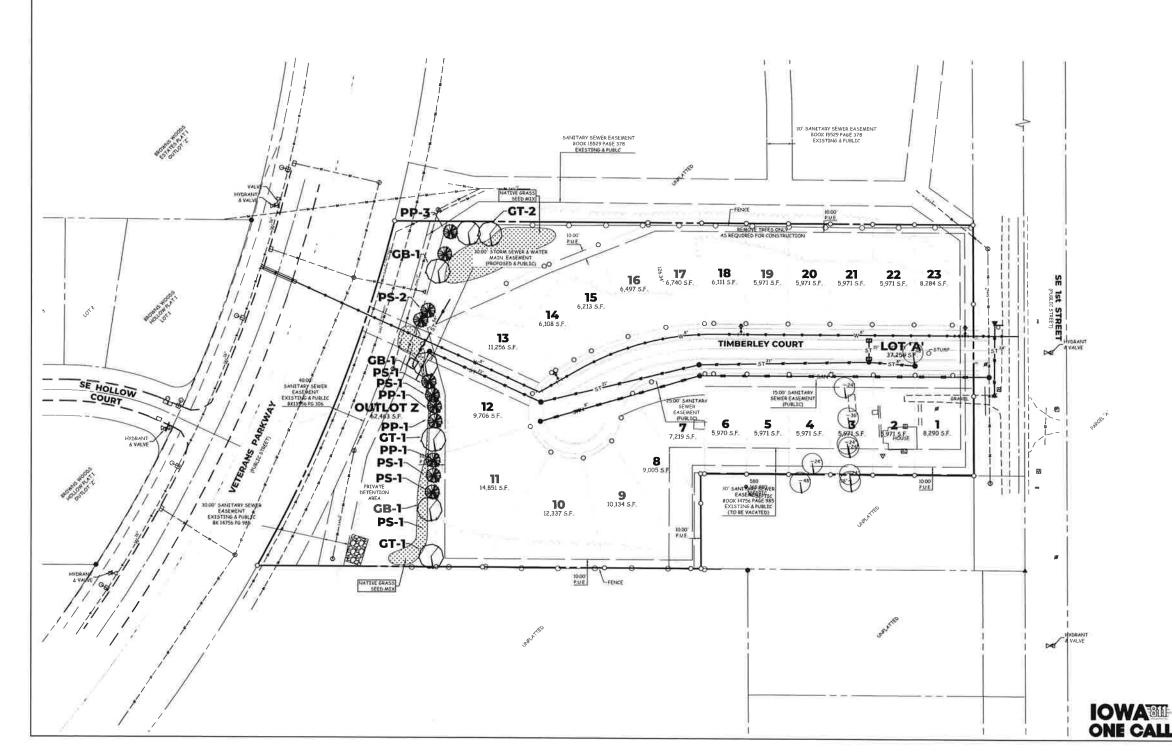
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#### **PLANTING SCHEDULE**

COUNT	KEY	Botanical name/COMMON NAME	SIZE	CONDITION	REMARKS
4	GT	Gleditsia triacanthos SKYLINE HONEYLOCUST	2 1/2" cal	TS / B&B	SEE PLAN
3	GB	Gingko biloba GINGKO	2 1/2" cal.	TS / B&B	MALE ONLYB
6	PP	Picea pungens glauca COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE	6'-8" ht	TS/BAB	SEE PLAN
7	P5	Pinus strobus WHITE PINE	6'-8' ht.	T5/B&B	SEE PLAN

\*\*\*\*NOTE: WE ARE REQUESTING A WAIVER FROM THE LANDSCAPE BUFFER DUE TO THE SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT WHICH CONTAINS AN 8" FORCE MAIN AND A 72" FORCE MAIN,



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### **GENERAL NOTES**

- 1. ANY SUBSTITUTIONS OF MATERIAL IN EITHER SIZE OF SPECTES MUST HAVE APPROVAL OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT PRIOR TO PLANTING.
  2. LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR TO HAVE ALL UTILITIES LOCATED IN FIELD BEFORE STARTING WORK. LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL ALSO MAKE A THOROGH FIELD INVESTIGATION BEFORE WORK BEGINS AND INFORM THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES OF ANY CORPECTIVE MEASURES NIEEDE. ALL DAMAMGE TO UTILITIES OF OTHER UNDERGROUND STRUCTURES CAUSED BY THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE REPAIRED, AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE, TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE OWNER.
  3. THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT/OWNER SHALL RETAIN THE RIGHT TO INSPECT ALL MATERIAL BEFORE INSTALLATION, INCLUDING ATTHE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR'S SOURCE NURSERY.
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  5. THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL STAKE OR PRELOCATE ALL MATERIAL FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO INSTALLATION AND CONTACT LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT @ COOPER CRAWFORD & ASSOCIATES, LLC (224-1344).

  6. LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR FIRST INITIAL WATERING ON SAME DAY OF MATERIAL PLANTING AND SUBSEQUENT WATERINGS FOR A PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING PLANTING, QUANTITY AND FREQUENCY OF WATERING WILL BE DETERMINED BY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT AND WEATHER CONDITIONS AT THE TIME. CONDITIONS AT THE TIME.
  7. PROTECT ALL EXISTING STRUCTURES INCLUDING SIGNAGE, WILDFLOWER
- AREAS, PARKING LOTS, BUILDINGS, SIDEWALKS, AND EXISTING TREES. THE SITE TO BE CLEAN AND CLEAR OF ANY DEBRIS RESULTING FROM LANDSCAPE
- 8. PLACE A MINIMUM OF 3" OF SHREDDED BARK MULCH AROUND EACH INDIVIDUAL TREE, SHRUB AND PERENNIAL GROUPINGS WHERE SHOWN ON

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  9. ALL DISTURBED TURF AREAS SHALL BE REPLACED, AT THE EXPENSE OF THE CONTRACTOR, TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT.

  10. LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL GUARANTEE ALL PLANT MATERIALS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF INSTALLATION.

  11. ALL PLANT MATERIAL SHALL CONFORM TO THE "AMERICAN STANDARD FOR NURSERY STOCK ANSI Z601. 1996" OR MOST RECENT EDITION.

  12. PLANT BED PREPARATION FOR PERENNIAL AND GRASS LOCATIONS SOIL IN THESE AREAS TO BE AMENDED BUTTH? "HORSE MANURE, BLACK COMPOST, OR SPHAGNUM PEAT AND THOROGHLY TILLED IN. A "DUSTING" OF PERLITE PRIOR TO TILLING WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED. "TREFLAN" OR APPROVED EQUAL PRE-EMERGENT TO BE APPLIED PRIOR TO PLANTING.

  13. NO TREES ARE ALLOWED WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.

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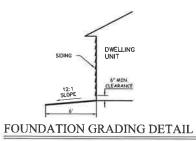
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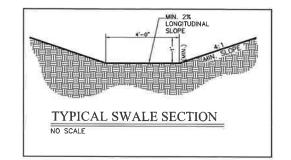


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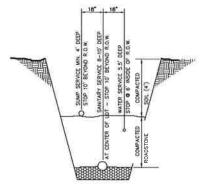
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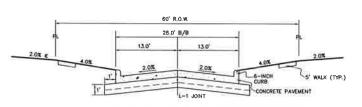
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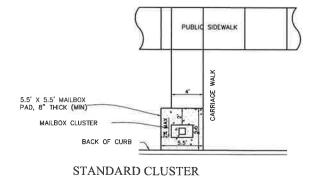
SERVICE LOCATION DETAIL

TYPICAL SECTION - SIX LANE ROADWAY WITH 30' MEDIAN 104 8-8 WITH B" STANDARD CURB



## TYPICAL 26' B/B CROSS SECTION (60' R.O.W.)

 $\operatorname{NOTE}$  1. Street cross sections are for grading purposes only, the city approved construction plans shall be referenced for the construction of streets.



MAILBOX PAD DETAIL

NO SCALE

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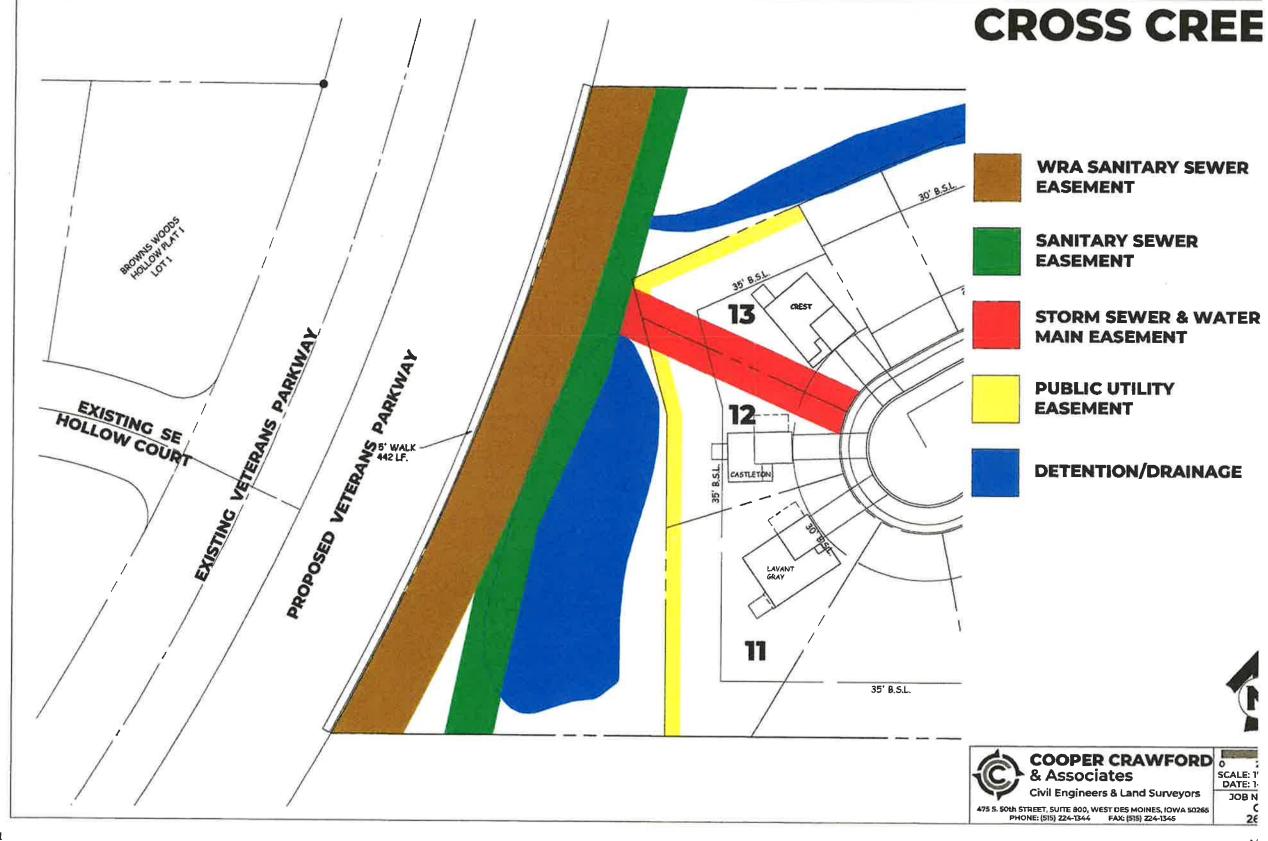
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## A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION NO. PZC-24-004

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Title 9, Zoning and Title 10, Subdivision Regulations of the West Des Moines Municipal Code, the applicant and property owner, Savannah Homes, Inc., request approval of the Preliminary Plat for the purpose of subdividing that approximately 6.3-acre property located at 2475 SE 1st Street as depicted on the location map included in the staff report. The applicant proposes the creation of twenty-three (23) lots for single family residential development, one (1) outlot for storm water detention, and one (1) street lot to be dedicated to the city; and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Plat complies with lowa Code Chapters 354 and 414, the Comprehensive Plan and City Code.

**NOW THEREFORE,** the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of West Des Moines recommends the City Council approve the Preliminary Plat (PP-006173-2023) subject to compliance with all the conditions of approval as stated in the staff report, including conditions added at the meeting, and attached hereto as Exhibit "A", if applicable.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on February 12, 2024.

Andrew Conlin, Chair
Planning and Zoning Commission

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of West Des Moines, Iowa, at a regular meeting on <u>February 12, 2024</u>, by the following vote:

	AYES:
	NAYS:
	ABSTENTIONS:
	ABSENT:
ATTES	ST:
	Recording Secretary