

Staff Report

To: Development Review Board (DRB)
From: Christopher Yuen, Community Development Director
Meeting Date: 02/15/2024
Subject: 2 Lincoln St. (Lincoln Hall) Renovations Design Review

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Project Location: 2 Lincoln Street
Project Area Size: 82,328 sq.ft.
Lot Frontage: 520 sq. ft.
Existing Land Use: Municipal Office
Surrounding Land Use: Residential; Commercial
Zoning District: Village Center (VC)
Minimum Lot Size: 5,000 sq.ft. (0.11 acres)
Lot Coverage: No change

Project Description:

The City of Essex Junction is preparing plans to renovate a building at 2 Lincoln Street (Lincoln Hall). The planned renovations are focused on upgrades to the interior of the building, such as adding an elevator and changing the layout of the municipal office space. The LDC does not require a permit for interior changes to existing structures, in cases where land use is not being changed. However, the Lincoln Hall renovations include some minor changes to the exterior of the building- particularly the addition of a ~100 sq ft entrance vestibule space at the entrance from the parking lot; the removal of a fire escape stairway, and the addition of HVAC equipment near the location of the existing backup generators. Exterior modifications to building in the Village Center Zoning District, are subject to review by the DRB, to ensure they meet the Design Review and Historic Preservation requirements.

Section 604.E: Village Center (VC) District

E. Design Review and Historic Preservation

Design review is required by [the DRB] for any proposed construction, reconstruction, demolition or exterior alteration (including a change of color) of any building in the district.

1. Purpose.

"The purpose of this section is to protect those buildings listed or eligible for the State or Federal Register of Historic Places while accommodating new and appropriate infill and redevelopment supporting increased density and multi-modal development. ...New buildings and modifications to existing ones shall be subject to design review."

The addition of an entrance vestibule, the removal of exterior stairways, and the addition of exterior HVAC equipment is a modification and is therefore subject to design review.

2. Applicability:

"The design review standards are applicable to all development proposals within the Village Center District.

The historic preservation design standards with respect to alterations, additions or redevelopment of existing historic structures as defined in Section 604.E.4.B of this Code are applicable to all buildings listed or eligible for the State or National Register of Historic Places. Documentation from the State Division of Historic Preservation documenting a building's eligibility for the State or National Register of Historic Places."

Design review standards apply because Lincoln Hall is located within the Village Center Zoning District. Historic Preservation standards apply because Lincoln Hall is included in Map 2 (Historic Sites and Districts) of the Comprehensive Plan, indicating that it has been determined to be listed or eligible for the State or National Register of Historic Places.

3. The DRB may deny approval of a proposed development or modification of a structure if it determines that the intent of this Section has not been met.

Section 604.E.4.a states:

(i) The relationship of building mass and architectural detail to open space and to the relative size of a person shall be reviewed by the Development Review Board in this District.

(ii) The predominant direction of structural shape, of placement of openings and architectural details at the front façade shall be harmonious with the core principles of a designated Village Center District.

(iii) Buildings shall generally have no setback from the street and be at least two stories in height and maximum four stories to create a consistent street edge and sense of enclosure. Additional building setback to provide for an expansion of the sidewalk or active pedestrian space such as sidewalk cafes or display areas may be allowed and in some cases encouraged.

(iv) Bicycle paths which connect neighborhoods shall be constructed in accordance with planned facilities mapped in the Comprehensive Plan on Map 6: Non-Motorized

Transportation, or in conformity to a Bicycle Plan as approved by the Development Review Board.

The proposed exterior changes are not visible from the 5 Corners intersection, or anywhere along the street frontage. Staff notes that the proposed addition of the entrance vestibule is consistent with the style of the existing building.

Section 604.E.4.b states:

(ii) The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

(iii) Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken

(iv) Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved.

(v) Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property shall be preserved.

(vi) Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.

(ix) New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

(x) New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

Lincoln Hall has undergone many changes over time. The new additions are not expected to destroy any historic material that characterizes the property that still exist.

Historic Sites and Structures Survey

Lincoln Hall is listed in the Vermont Register of Historic Places. An Individual Structure Survey Form detailing historic architectural characteristics and the historical significance of the location is attached.

Photographs of the site

Lincoln Hall, 1900



A site plan, and photographs of the existing building, and of the proposed changes, are included in the attached plan set.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the DRB approve the proposed changes to the exterior of Lincoln Hall, at 2 Lincoln Street, if it determines that the requirements of Section 604.E are met.

Recommended Motion

I move that the Development Review Board approve the proposed exterior changes to Lincoln Hall at 2 Lincoln Street in accordance with the design review and historic preservation review criteria outlined in Section 604.E of the Land Development Code.

Listed on State, Register	
VT ACHP ///c./ca	SURVEY NUMBER: 0405-78
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	77-A-103
STATE OF VERMONT	UTM REFERENCES:
Division for Historic Preservation	Zone/Easting/Northing
Montpelier, VT 05602	18/650880/4927900
HISTORIC SITES & STRUCTURES SURVEY	U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: 7.5 Essex Junction
Individual Structure Survey Form	PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
States in the second	Lincoln Hall
COUNTY: Chittenden	ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
TOWN: Essex Junction	Stevens House
LOCATION: 1 Pearl Street, corner of	PRESENT USE: Offices
Pearl and Lincoln Streets	ORIGINAL USE: Tavern
1979	ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
COMMON NAME: Lincoln Hall	
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Tavern	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Abram Stevens
OWNER: Essex Junction Village	PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
ADDRESS: 1 Pearl Street	Excellent Good
Essex Junction, VT 05401	Fair Poor
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	
Yes No Restricted	STYLE: Federal/Greek Revival
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:	DATE BUILT: c.1820/c.1860
Local State National GENERAL DESCRIPTION:	
Structural System	Large and an even are been and performance
1. Foundation: Stone Brick	Concrete Concrete Block
2. Wall Structure	and the second second second second second second second
a. Wood Frame: Post & Bea	m Balloon
b. Load Bearing Masonry:	Brick Stone Concrete
Concrete Block	Others
c. Iron d. Steel e.	Board & Batten [] Wood Shingle []
Chinlan Novelty Ash	estos Shinglell Sheet Metalli
Aluminum Asphalt Shing	le Brick Veneer Stone Veneer
Bonding Pattern:	Other:
4. Roof Structure	
a. Truss: Wood Iron	Steel Concrete
b. Other:	od Shingle Asphalt Shingle
Sheet Metal Built Up	Rolled Tile Other:
6. Engineering Structure:	
7. Other:	
Appendages: Porches Towers C	upolas Dormers Chimneys
Sheds Ells Wings Bay Win	dow Other:
Roof Style: Gable Hip Shed	Flat Mansard Gambrel
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With Parapet With False Front Number of Stories: 2	J Utilet :
Number of Bays: 5 x 2	Entrance Location: Eaves front,
Approximate Dimensions: 22 x 18	centers
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THREAT TO STRUCTURE:	LOCAL ATTITUDES:
No Threat Zoning Roads	Positive Negative
Development Deterioration	Mixed Other:
Alteration Other:	

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The gable roof, eaves front, brick common bond tavern with projecting box cornice and returns rests upon a stone foundation. 6/6 sash windows on the first story and 12/12 sash windows with brick splayed lintels on the second story fenestrate the facade. A front center paneled door flanked by 3/4 sidelights and pilasters is below a semi-elliptical radiating muntin transom with brick segmental arch. Double, interior, corbel capped, gabled end chimneys flank semi-circular, radiating muntin peak windows. Attached to the north facade (c.1840) is a 2-story, 5 x 2 bay, gable roof, eaves front, clapboard house with projecting box cornice, returns, plain entablature, corner pilasters and sill board on a stone foundation. 6/6 sash windows with plain surrounds and lip molded lintels fenestrate the facade. A projecting denticular cornice and molded entablature are above a paneled door flanked by 3/4 sidelights and pilasters. To the rear is a 2-story, clapboard shed. A modern, two story, 6 x 3 bay, flat roof, brick common bond wing with projecting box cornice and block motif frieze extends from the east facade of the original brick structure. Recessed brick segmental arch entries, 12/12, 6/6 and 2/2 sash windows open the facade. To the rear stands a one story brick utility enclosure.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

A gambrel roof house, Essex Junction's first, was torn down on this site c.1820 to make room for Abram Steven's brick, 2-story tavern. Located at the busy intersection fo turnpikes leading in four directions of the compass, Stevens passed on a thriving business to his son, Albert. After 1858, the clapboard wing was added and the tavern became The Junction House, a hotel catering to a need created by the developing railroad. Passing through multiple owners, the structure was sold in 1911 to the village of Essex Junction and used for a variety of municipal purposes. Then after 1963 the brick, flat roof wing was added for more office space.

REFERENCES: Beer's Atlas, 1869 The History of the Town of Essex - ed., Frank R. Bent, 1963 Look Around Essex and Williston, Vermont -Chittenden County Historical Society, 1973.

MAP: (Indicate North in Circle)	SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open Land Woodland Scattered Buildings Moderately Built Up Densely Built Up Residential Commercial Agricultural Industrial Roadside Strip Development Other:
PROX ST. 3200	RECORDED BY: Karen Czaikowski ORGANIZATION: Vt. Div. for Historic Preservation DATE RECORDED: 4/9/84



LINCOLN HALL **ESSEX JUNCTION MUNICIPAL OFFICES**

PROJECT LOCATION: 2 Lincoln Street **Essex Junction, VT 05452**

<u>Owner</u>

City of Essex Junction 2 Lincoln Street Essex Junction, VT 05452 P: (802) 878-6944

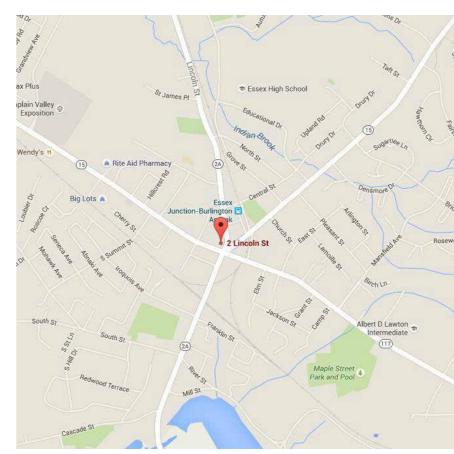
<u>Architect</u>

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COVER SHEET 02/09/2024



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ALTERNATE #1:

ALTERNATE #2:

ALTERNATE #6:

PERMIT SET 02/09/2024

LOCATION MAP



DRAWING LIST:

EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN DEMOLITION PLAN PROPOSED SITE PLAN PERMIT

EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS

ALTERNATE LIST:

DEDUCT - ROOM 219 TEEN CENTER KITCHENETTE CABINETS; BASE AND WALL, KITCHEN COUNTER. PLUMBING FIT UP REMAINS; ELECTRICAL FIT UP REMAINS; OUTLETS FOR FUTURE EQUIPMENT, OVEN, REFRIGERATOR.

ADD CARPET TO TEEN ACTIVITY CENTER ROOM 217

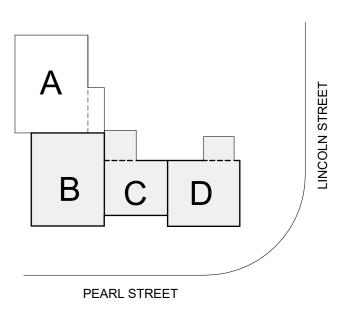
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ADD MECHANICAL ZONE FOR AIR CONDITIONING/HEATING TO THE TEEN CENTER AREAS; KITCHENETTE 219, ACTIVITY ROOM 217, ART ROOM 227, THE EXISTING RADIATION WILL REMAIN IN PLACE.

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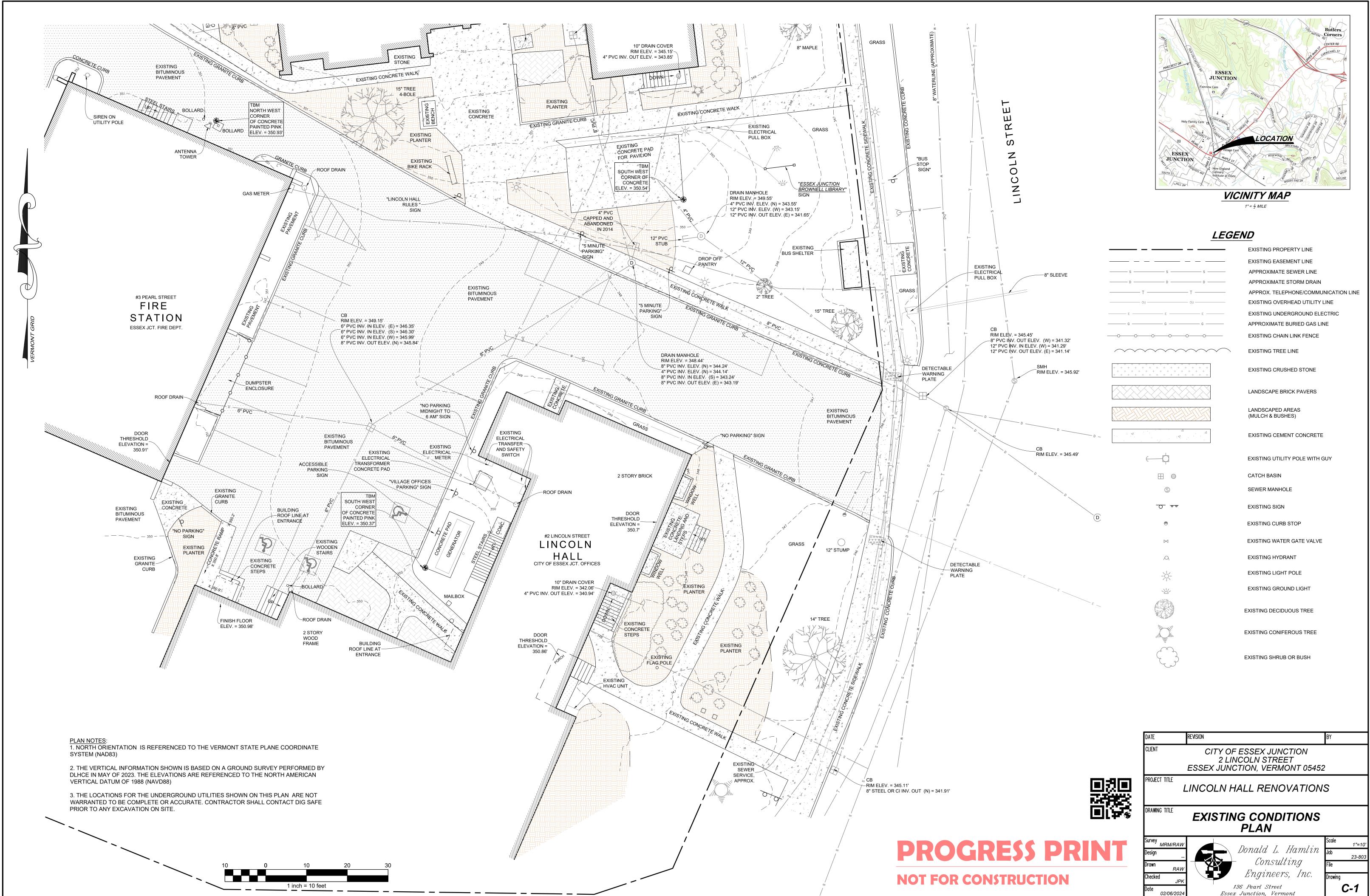
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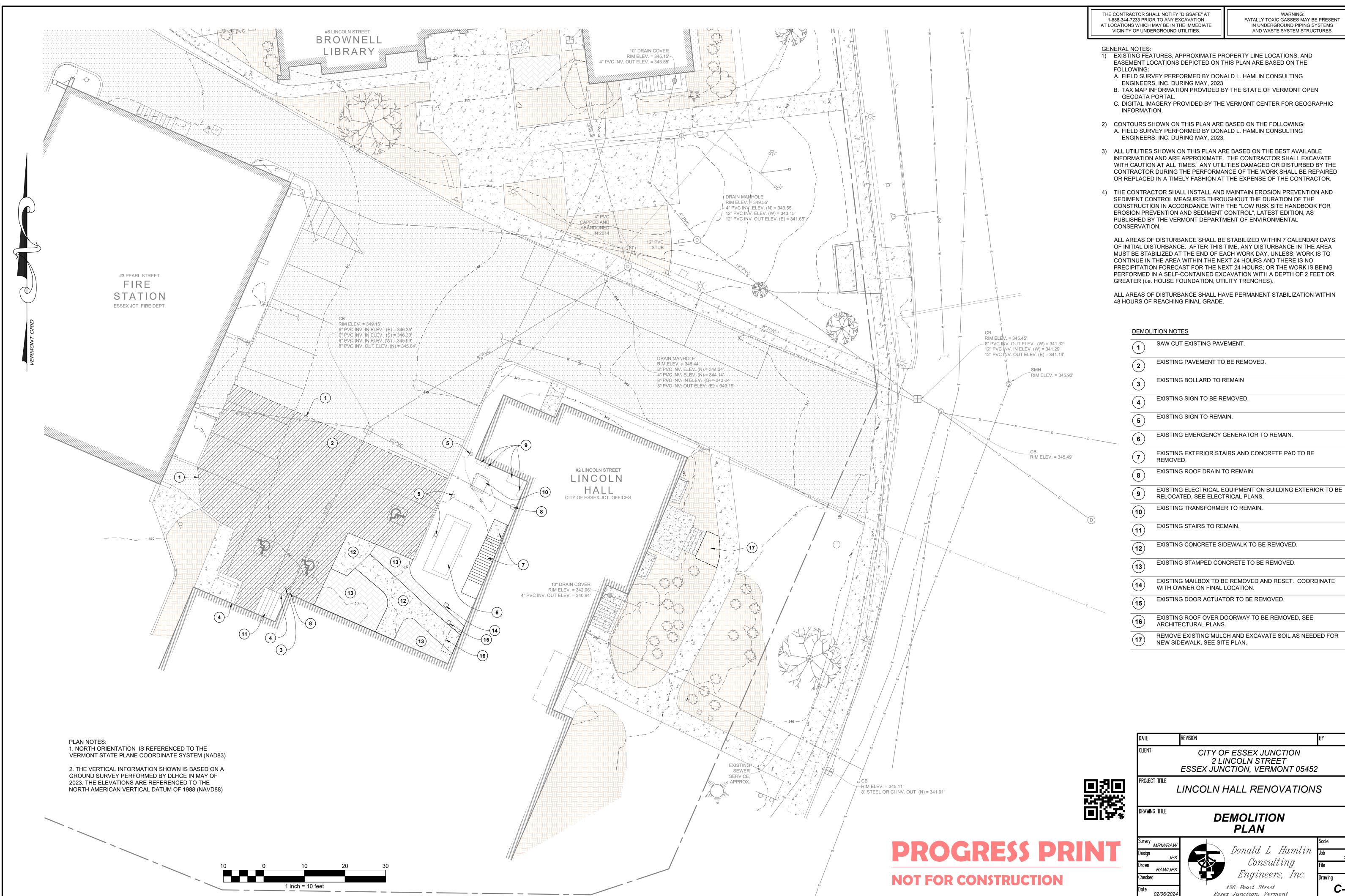






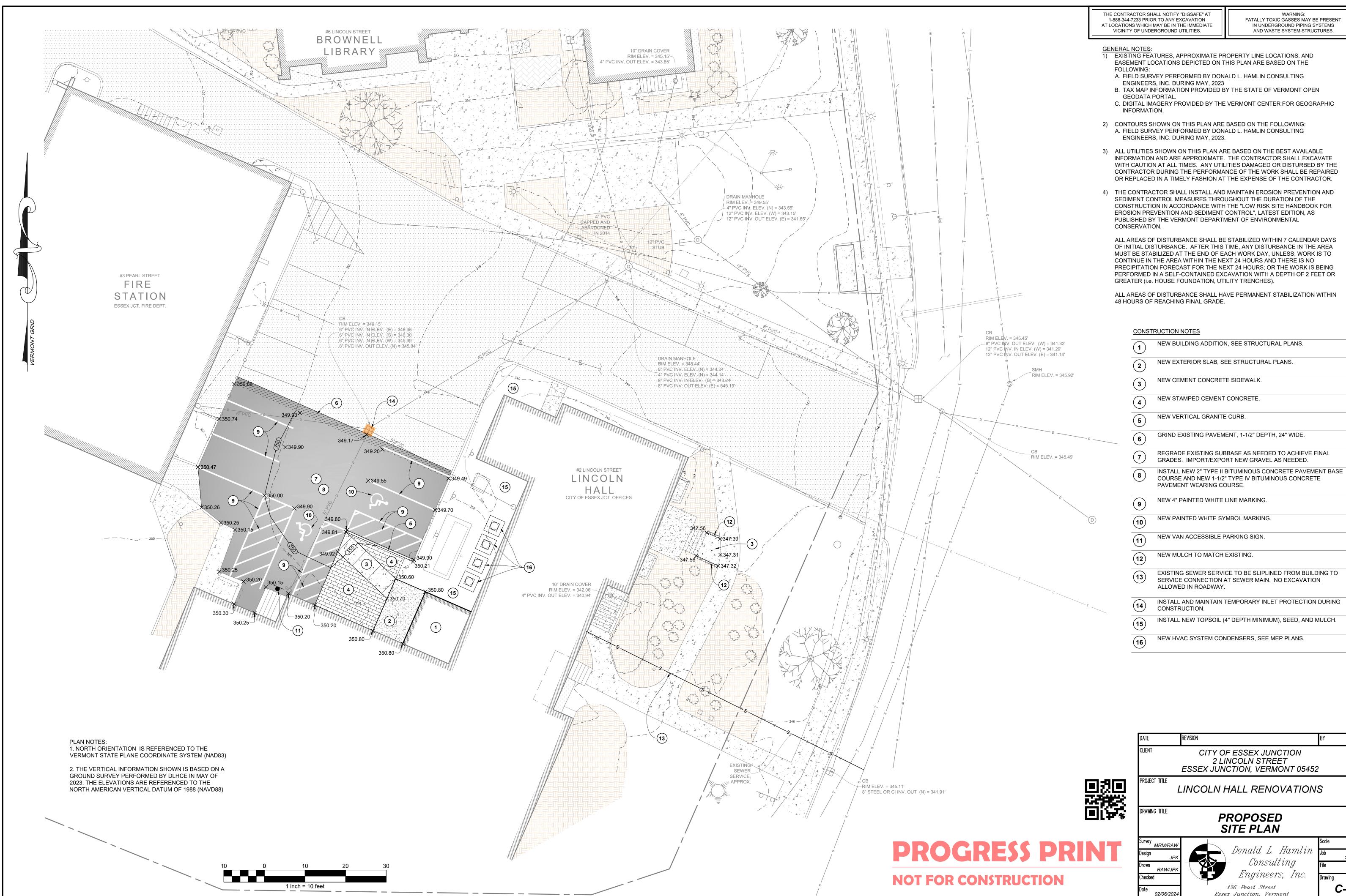


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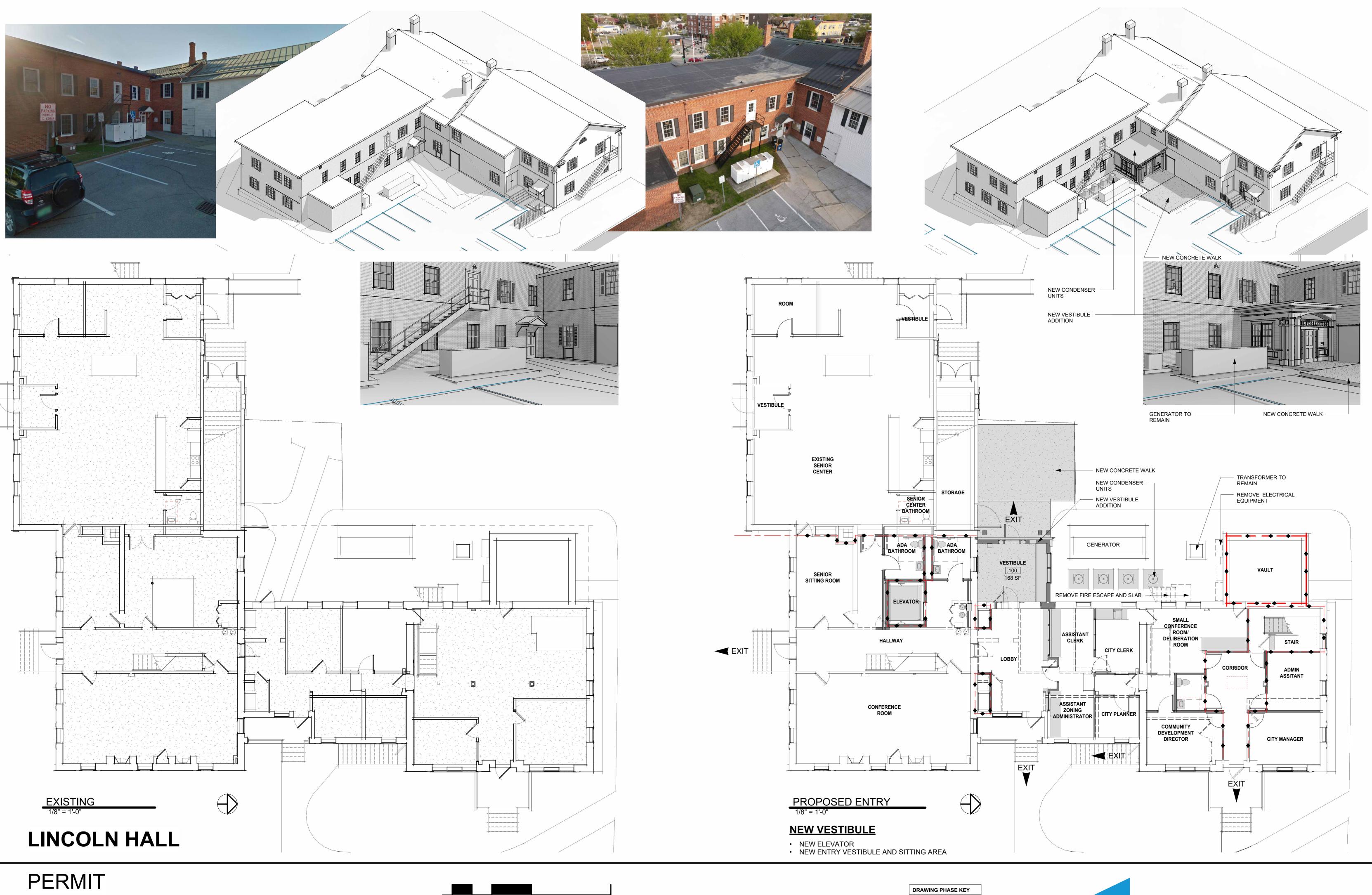


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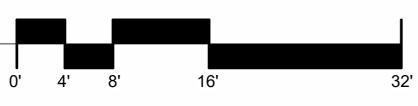
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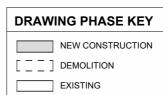


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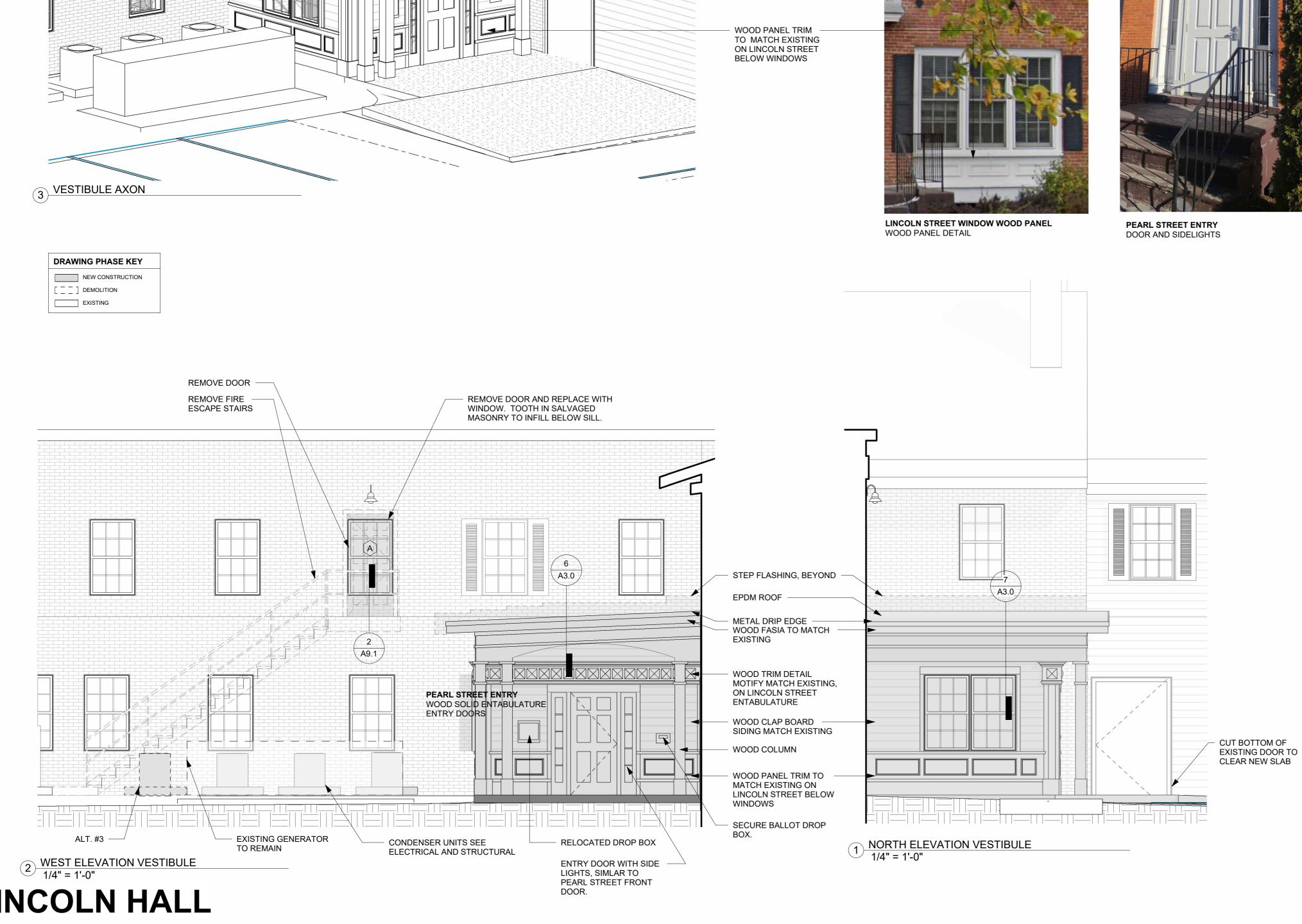
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EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS 02/09/2024

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LINCOLN STREET ENTRY WOOD MOTIFY

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ENTRY DOOR WITH SIDE LIGHTS, SIMLAR TO PEARL STREET FRONT DOOR.

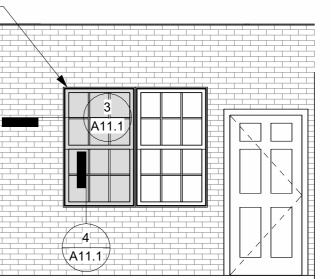




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