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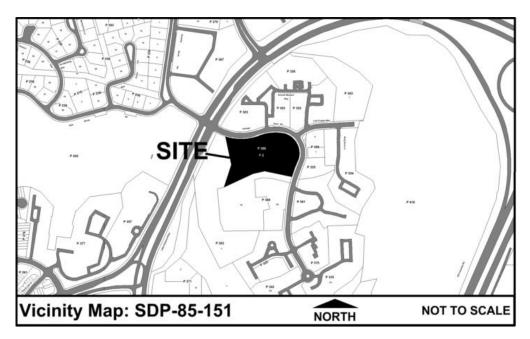
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Vantage House Columbia Town Center – Section 7, Area 7

Planning Board Meeting of January 7, 2016

- File No./Petitioner:SDP-85-151, Vantage House/Meriann RitaccoProject Name:Vantage House Columbia Town Center, Section 7, Area 7, Parcel F-2DPZ Planner:Julia Boone, Planning Specialist II
(410) 313-4342, jboone@howardcountymd.govRequest:To approve a redline revision to a previously approved Site Development Plan,
SDP-85-151, for a parking adjustment to the parking criteria indicated in Final
Development Plan, EDB 107, A. III, in appendence with Section 125, 0, C, 4 of the
 - Development Plan, FDP-107-A-III, in accordance with Section 125.0.G.4 of the Howard County Zoning Regulations. The subject property is zoned New Town Apartments.
- Location:5400 Vantage Point Road Vantage House (Parcel F-2) is an elderly housing
complex located along the southwest side of Vantage Point Road, closest to the
intersection at Little Patuxent Parkway.
- **DPZ Recommendation:**

Approval, subject to compliance with the redline revision technical comments, and compliance with any conditions imposed by the Planning Board.



Vicinal Properties:	North & East Side – Vantage Point Road, a Howard County local road, is located north and east of Vantage House. Across Vantage Point Road is New Town – Apartments and New-Town Open Space, both of which are subject to FDP-107-A-III.
	South Side – The Historic Oakland house, built in 1811, is located south of Vantage House. The Historic Oakland house is zoned New Town-Open Space and is subject to FDP-163-A-I.
	West Side – An unimproved open space lot, adjacent to Little Patuxent Parkway, is located west of Vantage House. The open space lot is zoned New Town-Open Space and is subject to FDP-107-A-III.
Legal Notice:	The property was properly posted with one (1) Planning Board meeting poster with the date, time and place of the Planning Board meeting for 15 days prior to the meeting.
<u>Site Background:</u>	Planning Board Case #132 – On November 20, 1980 an amendment to the Final Development Plan was approved by the Planning Board to permit the use of a life care facility on Parcel F-2. The FDP amendment also included specific parking ratios for a life care facility; 0.7 off-street parking spaces for each dwelling unit, 0.5 off-street parking spaces for each personal care or nursing bed and 1.0 off-street parking space for each employee on a major shift.
	Site Development Plan #85-151 – Vantage House was constructed in 1990 as an elderly housing complex consisting of a 15 story building with 242 surface and deck parking spaces. The Site Development Plan was approved with 225 apartments, 67 personal care beds and 50 employees.
<u>Site Proposal:</u>	 The redline revision to the site development plan includes: A ± 18' x 32' library/office addition Canopy overhang for drop off convenience 3' reduction of the existing drop off island to improve turning movements Conversion of 14 parking spaces on the 2nd level parking deck for physical and occupational therapy common space (17 spaces as shown on the approved SDP). Redistribution of facility to 212 apartments, 94 care beds and 96 employees.
<u>Planning Board Review:</u>	Parking Requirements – The redistribution of apartments, care beds, and employees proposed under the redline revision increases the required parking spaces from 242 parking spaces to 292 parking spaces. The conversion of 14 parking spaces to usable floor area for the physical and occupational therapy common area further decreases the parking to 231 parking spaces. This results in a deficit of 61 parking spaces; therefore the applicant is requesting an adjustment to the parking requirements.

	Parking Study – The Traffic Group, Inc. conducted a Parking Occupancy Study and Parking Analysis for Vantage House. The Occupancy Study included counting the number of vehicles on-site between the hours of 9AM and 7PM (at 30-minute intervals) on two weekdays and one Saturday. In addition to counting the vehicles in the parking lot, parked vehicles along the access road to the south of Vantage House were also counted. The Study was based on the current operation of 225 apartment units, 67 care beds, 80 employees, and 245 existing parking spaces (note – the SDP parking requirement was based on 50 employees and 242 parking spaces).
	The Parking Occupancy Study showed a minimum of 49 parking spaces, out of 245 parking spaces, available at any time during the three-day study.
	Based on the proposal, the parking requirements for the redistribution of uses, in accordance with the FDP criteria, would result in the occupancy of 20 more parking spaces (see the Parking Study exhibit for calculations), or 29 available spaces. And the conversion of 14 parking spaces to usable floor area would further reduce the parking to 15 available parking spaces.
FDP Criteria:	The SDP redline revision is in compliance with all applicable requirements of FDP-107-A-III, except for the parking requirement.
<u>Planning Board Criteria:</u>	In accordance with Section 125.0.G.4 of the Zoning Regulations, the Planning Board may approve parking requirements, which differ from those required by the Final Development Plan, based on the following criteria:
	1. The adjustment will not alter the character of the neighborhood or area in which the property is located, will not impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property, and will not be detrimental to the public welfare; and
	Vantage House will be operating the same functions as currently exist today, and that existed at the time of FDP and SDP approval. There is no expansion of the living facilities, only a redistribution of the facilities provided. The additional floor area for the occupational and therapy common space does not affect the parking count since the parking requirements, in accordance with the FDP, are based on the distribution of apartment units, care units, and number of employees. No new surface parking area is proposed; therefore,

number of employees. No new surface parking area is proposed; therefore, the site or neighborhood will not be altered. The Parking Occupancy Study and Parking Analysis confirm the proposed parking will be sufficient for the proposed redistribution of uses.

2. The adjustment a) is needed due to practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships which arise in complying strictly with the Final Development Plan; and/or b) results in better design than would be allowed by strict compliance with the development criteria.

Vantage House proposes to expand the existing building and redistribute the uses to stay current with industrial trends. The parking adjustment is required as a result of a practical difficulty in attempting to comply with parking ratios

from 30 years ago. Strict compliance with the FDP would require additional parking and unnecessary paving which would reduce the green space.

Vantage House has been operational since 1990. The FDP parking ratios for the life care facility were established based on similar life care facilities in 1980, prior to Vantage House becoming operational. Currently, Vantage House provides a daily shuttle service for all residents and around 20% of staff arrives via public transportation. The Parking Occupancy Study and Parking Analysis were conducted to record real-time information for the facility. The parking scenario summarized in the Study's results in the excess of parking, which is less restrictive than the FDP regulations.

SRC Action: The Subdivision Review committee has recommended approval.

Recommendation: The Department of Planning and Zoning recommends approval of the redline revision to SDP-85-151 and the parking adjustment, subject to the owner/manager of the property monitoring the parking spaces and resolving any parking inadequacies should they arise.

12/22/15 Valdis Lazdins, Director Date

Valdis Lazdins, Director Department of Planning and Zoning

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Mr. Michael Pieranunzi, VP, RLA Century Engineering, Inc. Engineers & Planners 10710 Gilroy Road Hunt Valley, MD 21031

> RE: Vantage House **PARKING OCCUPANCY STUDY** Howard County, Maryland Our Job No.: 2015-1112

Dear Mr. Pieranunzi:

The Traffic Group, Inc. has conducted a Parking Occupancy Study and Parking Analysis for the Vantage House located in the Columbia vicinity of Howard County, Maryland. The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the Parking Analysis.

Vantage House is located along Vantage Point Road, east of Little Patuxent Parkway. Vantage House is an elderly housing complex consisting of a 15-story building with surface and deck parking. The existing development includes 225 independent living units and 67 domiciliary and comprehensive care beds. The number of employees on the largest shift is 80. The site currently has a total of 245 marked parking spaces.

Vantage House is proposing to expand the existing building which would include changes to the number of the independent living units and domiciliary and comprehensive beds. Under the proposal, the number of independent living units would be reduced by 13 units to a total of 212. The number of domiciliary and comprehensive care beds would be increased by 27 beds to a total of 94 beds. The number of employees on the largest shift would also increase by 16 to a total of 96 employees. Along with the renovations, 14 parking spaces would be eliminated on the parking deck, resulting in a total of 231 parking spaces available for the renovated project.

In order to determine whether the proposed parking lot will be sufficient to accommodate the use, a Parking Occupancy Study was conducted at the existing facility. This study included counting the number of vehicles on the site between the hours of 9 AM and 7 PM on two weekdays and one Saturday. In addition to counting the vehicles on the parking lot, parked vehicles along the access road to the south of Vantage House were also counted.

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Exhibit 1 of this letter report identifies the existing facility and parking areas. Vehicle parking occupancy counts were then collected between the hours of 9 AM and 7 PM at 30-minute intervals during the following days:

- Wednesday, November 18, 2015
- > Thursday, November 19, 2015
- Saturday, November 21, 2015

Summary sheets showing the total vehicles counted at the facility in 30-minute intervals during each of these days are attached to this letter. A review of the observed parking provides the following results:

- On Wednesday, November 18, 2015, the maximum number of vehicles parked on site and along the adjacent road was 196 vehicles at 9:30 AM. The vehicles parked along the street could be parked in the lot. The total number of remaining vacant spaces was determined to be 49. At that time, eight of the vehicles were parked along the adjacent street, and if you assume those vehicles would be parked in the lot, 49 vacant spaces would still be available.
- On Thursday, November 19, 2015, the maximum number of vehicles parked on site was identified to be 194 at 12:30 PM. Once again, seven of these vehicles were parked along the street and assuming those vehicles were relocated to the lot, 51 parking spaces would still be available.
- On Saturday, November 21, 2015 the maximum number of vehicles parked on site was 167 at 11 AM with seven of those parked on the adjacent street. If the vehicles on the street were relocated on the lot, 78 parking spaces would still be vacant.
- > Overall, weekday parking was identified to be higher than the Saturday parking.
- Weekday parking was fairly consistent between the hours of 9 AM and 3 PM, and then the number of vehicles parked on site started to decrease.
- Although an average of seven vehicles parked along the street adjacent to the site, there were available parking spaces on site at all times. Those drivers just chose to park along the road.
- With the proposed changes to the site, the parking needs would be revised as follows:

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- Independent living units a reduction of 13 units at 0.7 parking spaces per unit equals a reduction of 10 spaces.
- Domiciliary and comprehensive care beds an increase of 27 beds at 0.5 spaces per bed equals an increase of 14 spaces.
- An increase of 16 employees on the largest shift at one parking space per employee equals an increase of 16 parking spaces.

Overall, with the proposed site modifications, an increase of 20 parking spaces would be needed.

The Parking Occupancy Studies showed a minimum of 49 parking spaces available at any time during the three-day study. Assuming a reduction of 14 parking spaces, the minimum number of spaces available would be 35. With an increase of 20 parking spaces needed, based upon the changes and a minimum of 35 spaces available, the existing parking is adequate to accommodate the proposed modifications to Vantage House.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact me.

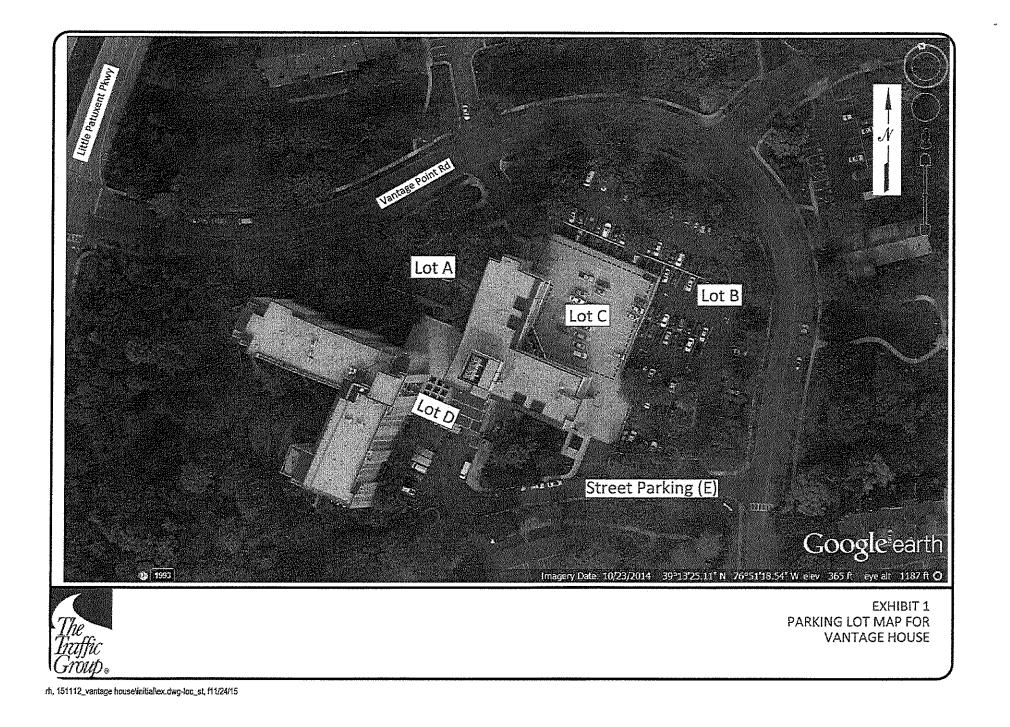
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11:00	1	136	32	6	7	182	63
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11:00	0	137	37	7	6	187	58
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11:00	3	113	43	1	7	167	78
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12:00	2	115	42	1	6	166	79
12:30	2	110	43	1	6	162	83
13:00	2	113	41	1	6	163	82
13:30	2	115	40	1	6	164	81
14:00	2	106	43	1	4	156	89
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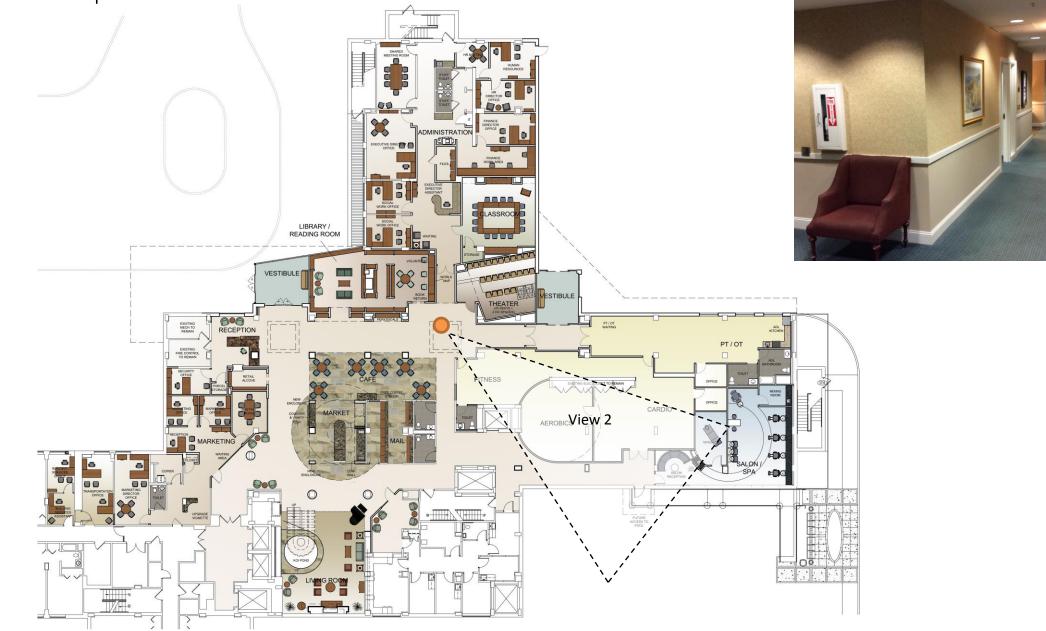
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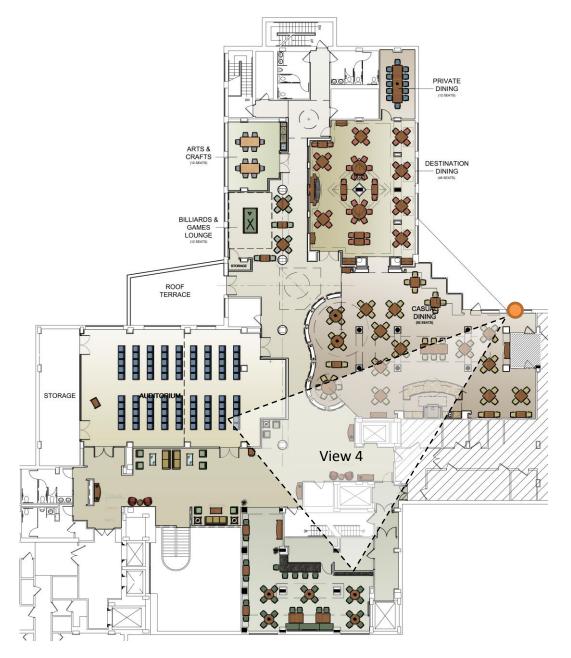
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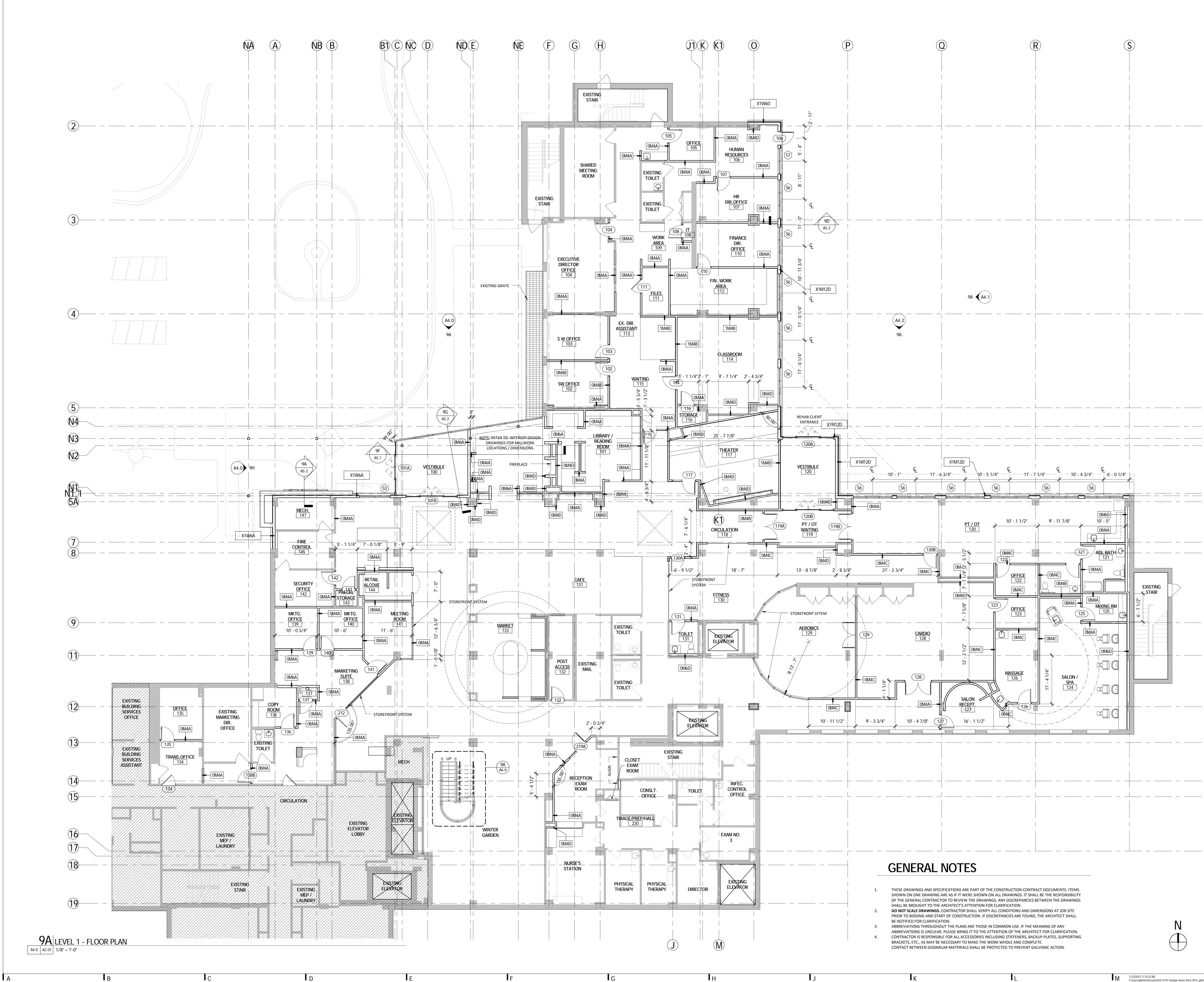




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