

# Planning Commission Staff Report

DATE:

May 11, 2016

Study Session

SUBJECT:

REQUEST BY EAGLE CANYON DEVELOPMENT FOR A PRE-APPLICATION MEETING TO REVIEW AN AMENDMENT TO AN APPROVED PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND SUBDIVISION OF 64 OUT OF 117 ACRES INTO 160 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL LOTS ON A VACANT PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE WEST SIDE OF SOUTH PALM CANYON DRIVE AT BOGERT TRAIL, ZONE PDD 317,

SECTION 34 (CASE NO. 5.1379-PD 380/TTM 36870)(ER).

FROM:

**Planning Services Department** 

#### SUMMARY

The Planning Commission to review a pre-application request for a proposed Planned Development District application consisting of 160 single-family residential lots. The proposed site is currently vacant. In 2006, a residential development with 155 townhomes and 75 single-family homes known as Eagle Canyon was previously approved at the same site. That entitlement remains valid through July 2, 2016.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Planning Commission to provide comments on the proposed application as deemed fit. No approvals are made at pre-applications.

## **ISSUES:**

- The property is within the Canyon South Specific Plan.
- The Specific Plan requires every project to be submitted with a PDD application.
- The existing entitlement on the property was approved in 2006 for a residential development with 155 townhomes and 75 single-family homes known as the Eagle Canyon.
- The new application is primarily to subdivide 64 acres into 160 single-family residential lots out of the overall 117 acre property. Over 53 acres open space area will be dedicated as conservation easement.
- Design guidelines and development standards will be established as part of the PDD application.
- As proposed, lots will be sold and built on an individual basis in the future.
- The current Eagle Canyon entitlement is still valid.

## **BACKGROUND AND SETTING:**

The project site is part of a Specific Plan with a long history in the City of Palm Springs. In 1991, the City adopted the Canyon Park Specific Plan and associated Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which encompassed 721 acres, including the project site and additional lands to the east. In 2003, the Specific Plan was amended, and the City certified an EIR Addendum. Subsequently, several residential projects in the eastern portion of the Specific Plan area have been proposed and constructed. The Specific Plan in part states that "the objective of the general residential component of the project is to allow development consistent with the current city standards under the Zoning Ordinance, but to also allow a creative departure from the normal standards where it can be shown that an improvement in the overall quality of development will occur." The Specific Plan further states that: "The development standards proposed by the Specific Plan allow for slightly more building height (22 feet vs. 18 feet allowed by right of zone). as well as more flexibility in setbacks. In order to take advantage of these standards, projects must receive approval of a Planned Development District as well as the otherwise required entitlement application(s)." Consistent with the requirements of the Specific Plan, the applicant has submitted a Planned Development District application for the project. In this case, the PD will achieve several objectives: to meet the Specific Plan's criteria, to seek deviations from required lot sizes, and to reduce the overall project density and impacts to adjacent properties.

The previously approved project at the Eagle Canyon site consists of a Planned Development District (PDD 317) which established new design guidelines and development standards for 155 townhomes and 75 single-family homes for a total of 230 residential units on 80 acres of a 117-acre parcel. The project site is located on the west side of South Palm Canyon Drive at Bogart Trail. In conjunction with PDD 317, Tentative Tract Map 30047 was approved to subdivide the site into residential lots, as well as lots for streets, flood control and open space. The project site is currently vacant.

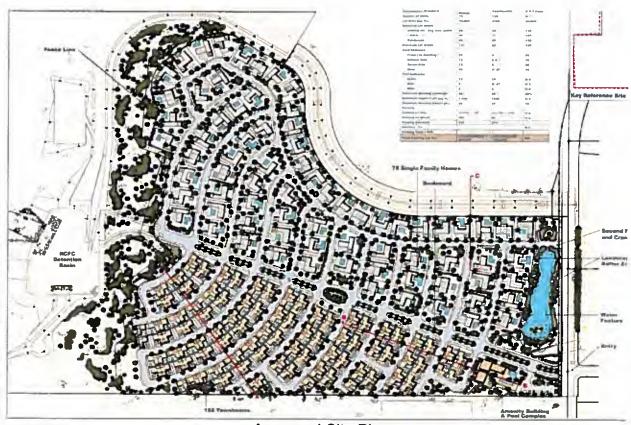
PRIOR ACTIONS AT THE PROPOSED SITE:

Related	Relevant City Actions
6.14.06	The Planning Commission voted 6-0-1 to certify the addendum to the Canyon Park Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report (SCH #91012026), to approve the preliminary PDD #317 and Tentative Tract Map 30047 and recommend approval to the City Council.
7.05.06	The City Council voted 3-0-2 to certify the addendum to the Canyon Park Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report (SCH #91012026), and to approve the preliminary Planned Development District #317, and Tentative Tract Map 30047 for the project.
5.14.08	The Planning Commission voted 5-0-1 to approve a one-year time extension from July 5, 2008 to July 5, 2009 (PC Resolution 7129) for the PDD and the Tentative Tract Map (#30047).
6.18.08	The City Council approved a one year time extension for TTM 30047 from July 5, 2008 to July 5, 2009.

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Table 2: Project and Surrounding General Plan and Zoning Designations

Location	General Plan Designation	Zoning Designation
Project Site	SP-1/L2 (Low Residential/2 per acre)	SP-1/W-R-1-A (20,000 s. f. lots) PD
West	Conservation	O-20 (Open Space)
South	SP-1/L2 (Low Residential/2 per acre)	SP-1/W-R-1-A (20,000 s. f. lots) and O-20 (Open Space)
East	SP-1/ /L2 (Low Residential/2 per acre) and PR (Parks and Recreation)	SP-1/W-R-1-B (10,000 s. f. lots)
North	SP-1/L2 (Low Residential/2 per acre	R-2 (Limited Multiple Family and O-20 (Open Space)



**Approved Site Plan** 



Proposed Site Plan

## New Site Plan and Project Design:

The new project consists of a revised Tentative Tract Map (TTM 36870) and a Preliminary Planned Development District application. The revised tentative tract map is for the subdivision of 64 acres out of the 117.32 ± acres for the eventual development of 160 two-story detached single-family residential units. The project is proposed to be a gated development. Detached single-family units are either of three bedrooms or five bedrooms. Each unit will include living space, private open space with spa/pool, and a two-car garage. Primary vehicle access will occur from South Palm Canyon Drive. The South Lykken Trail is located at the northern corner of the subject property and will not be impacted by the development.

## Tentative Tract Map:

A revised Tentative Tract Map (TTM 36870) to subdivide 60 acres out of the approximately 117-acre parcel was submitted as part of the project application. The currently vacant property is proposed to be subdivided into 160 individual single-family residential lots and 22 lettered lots. The residential lot sizes will range between 7,583 square feet to 40,069 square feet in size; the average lot size is 12,431 square feet. Several of the proposed lots do not meet the required lot sizes of the underlying zoning designation. As stated earlier the applicant has submitted a PDD application to seek relief from required lot sizes. The lettered lots are proposed for the development of permanent open space areas, storm drain, water detention basin, private streets, public streets and flood control channel.

## Planned Development District:

The proposed PDD application will achieve two objectives, first to meet the Specific Plan's criteria and secondly to seek for deviations from the proposed lot dimensions. The proposed development standard calls for minimum lot size across the site 7.583 square feet. The underlying project site is zoned SP-1, South Palm Canyon Specific Plan, with an underlying zoning of W-R-1-A (20,000 square foot lots). Lands to the west are zoned O-20 (Open Space). Lands to the south are zoned W-R-1-A (20,000 square foot lots) and O-20 (Open Space). Lands to the east are zoned W-R-1-B (10,000 square foot lots) and W (Watercourse). Lands to the north are zoned R-2 (Limited Multiple Family) and O-20 (Open Space). The current PDD entitlement consists of 75 single family homes on lots of at least 10,000 square feet and 155 attached townhomes on lots of at least 3,100 square feet, a clubhouse and pool, and private streets.

Table 3: Development Standards - Comparison between and proposed revision:

Standard	Approved PDD	Proposed Revised PDD			
	Multi-family/Condominium and				
Land Use	Single-family residential	Single-family residential only			
Density	230 Units	160 Units			
Lot Sizes	3,100 sq. ft. to 10,000 sq. ft.	7,583 sq. ft. to 40,069 sq. ft.			
Building Heights	Specific Plan 30 ft. max/PD 317 25 ft.	Maximum 27.6 ft.			
Setbacks: Front:	25 feet SFD/0 ft Condos	20 ft. Minimum			
Rear:	25 ft. SFR/4.6 Condos	22 ft. Minimum			
Side	12 ft. SFR/0 & 5 ft. Condos	8 ft. Minimum			
Open Space area	Approximately 53 acres	Approximately 53 acres			
Primary Access	Off South Palm Canyon Drive	Off South Palm Canyon Drive			

## Conclusion:

At this time, the Planning Commission is to provide comments on the proposed use, the site layout and other exhibits consisting of preliminary floor plans and elevations. The Commission's review comments should be centered on the site layout, lot sizes, orientation, location of structures and relationship to the character of the neighborhood. Furthermore, the Commission could offer views on potential improvements necessary to make the project more successful, given its location and surrounding uses. A formal application was submitted for this in March 2015; therefore, the item will be brought back to the Planning Commission as a Preliminary Planned Development District for a formal review in the future.

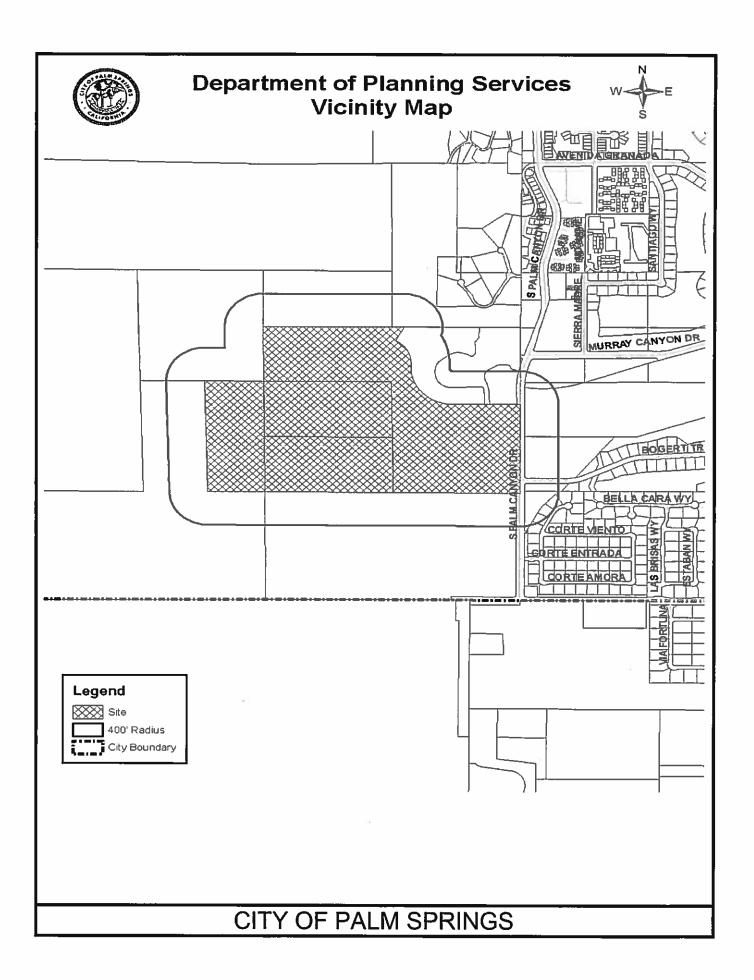
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#### Attachments:

- 1. Vicinity Map
- 2. 11"x17" Booklet containing Site Plans, Floor Plans, Elevations and Landscape Plans
- 3. Site Plan & Development Standards of Approved Plan,





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PRODUCT. 2 FRONT ELEVATION MID CENTURY MODERH.



PRODUCT 1. REAR ELEVATION INTERNATIONAL



PRODUCT. 2. REAR ELEVATION MID CENTURY MODERN.

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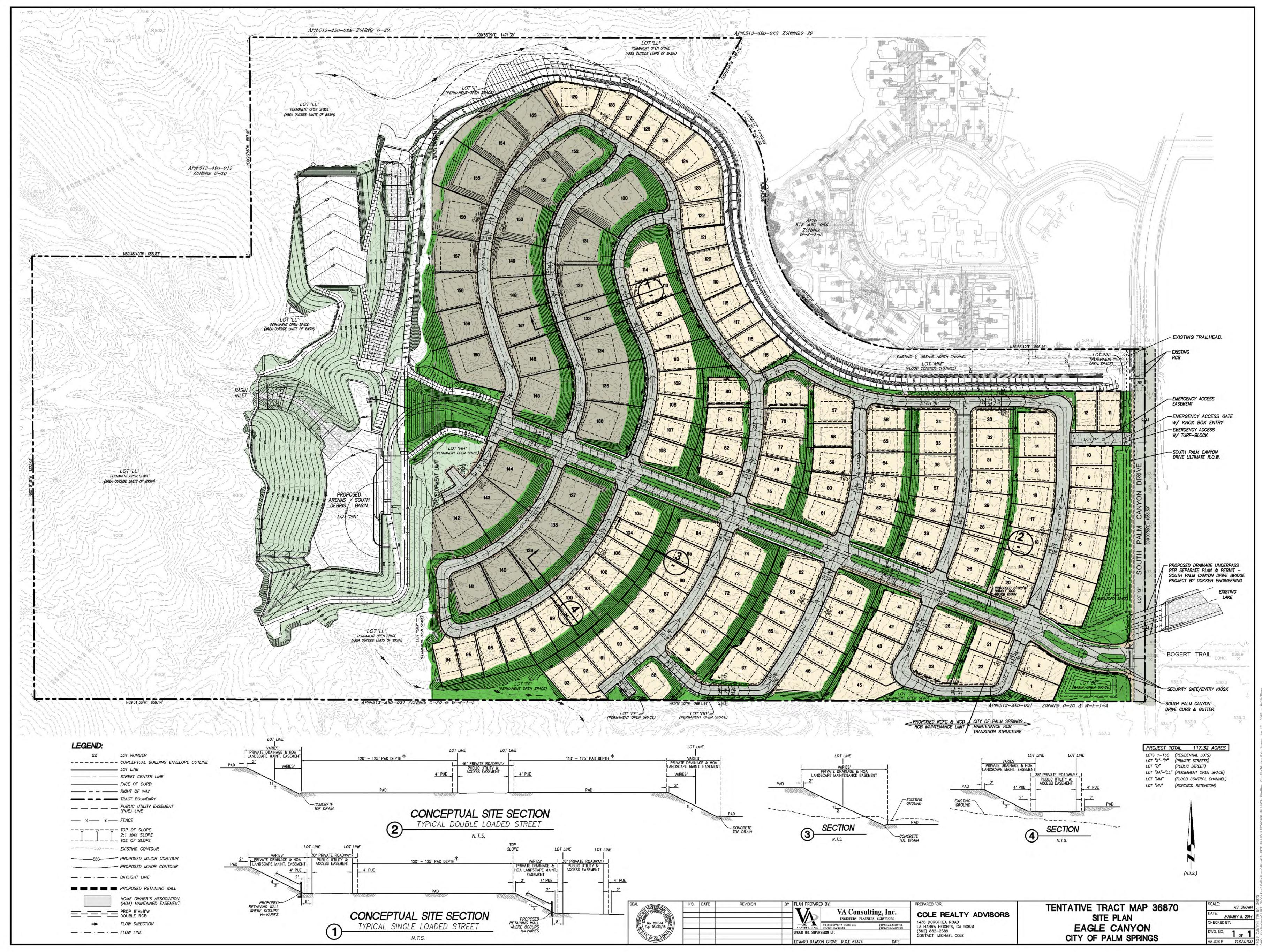
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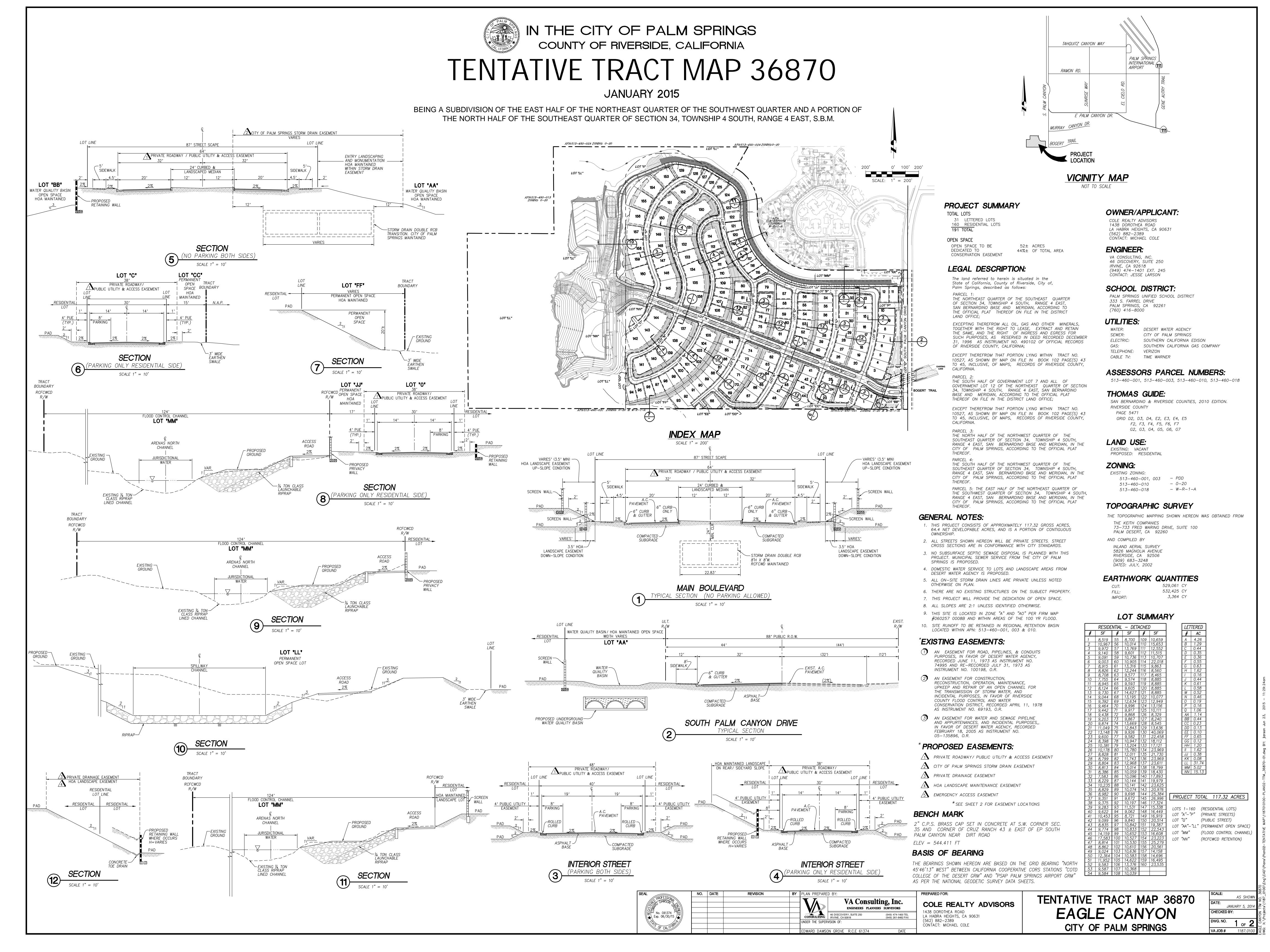
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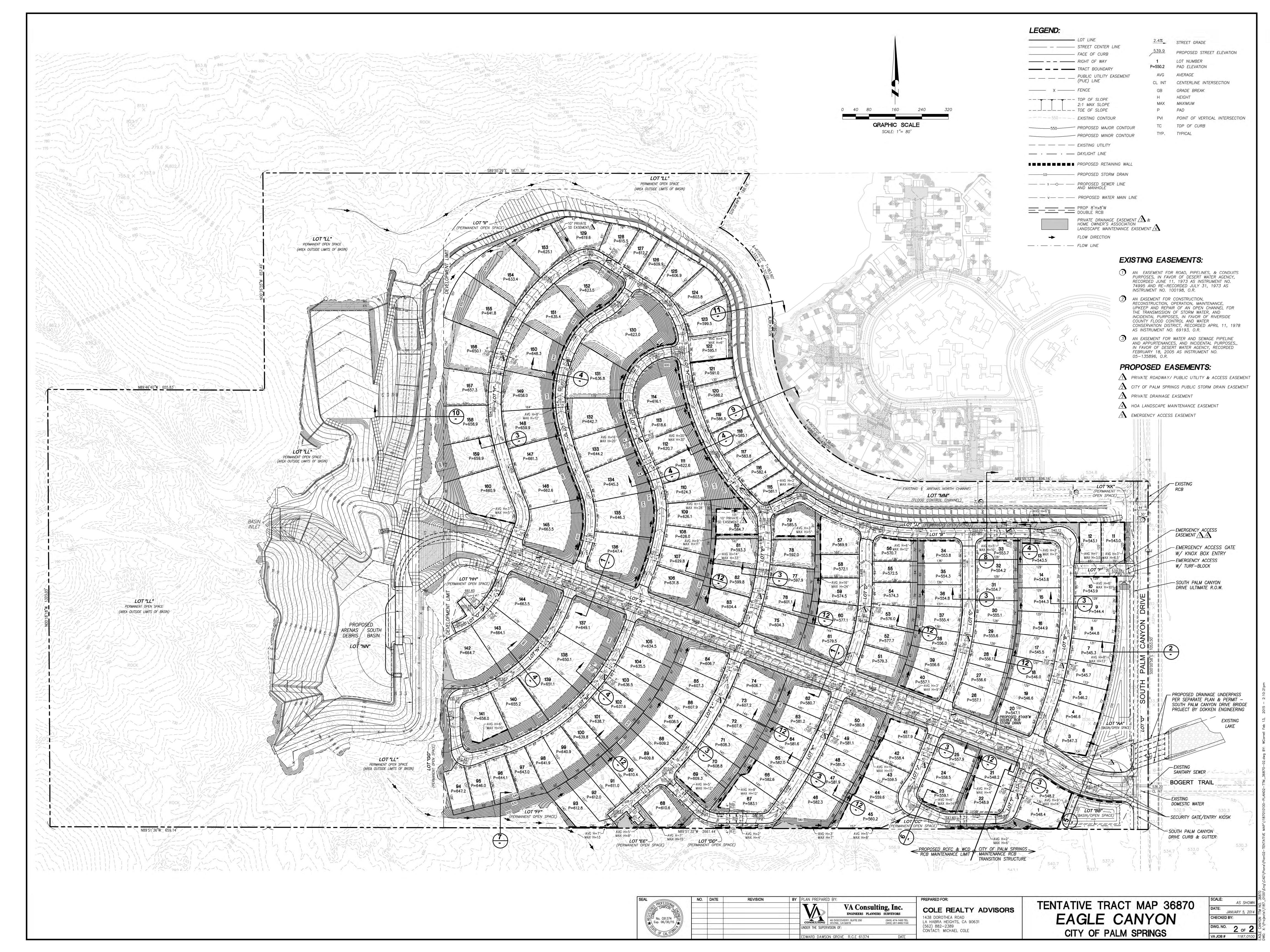
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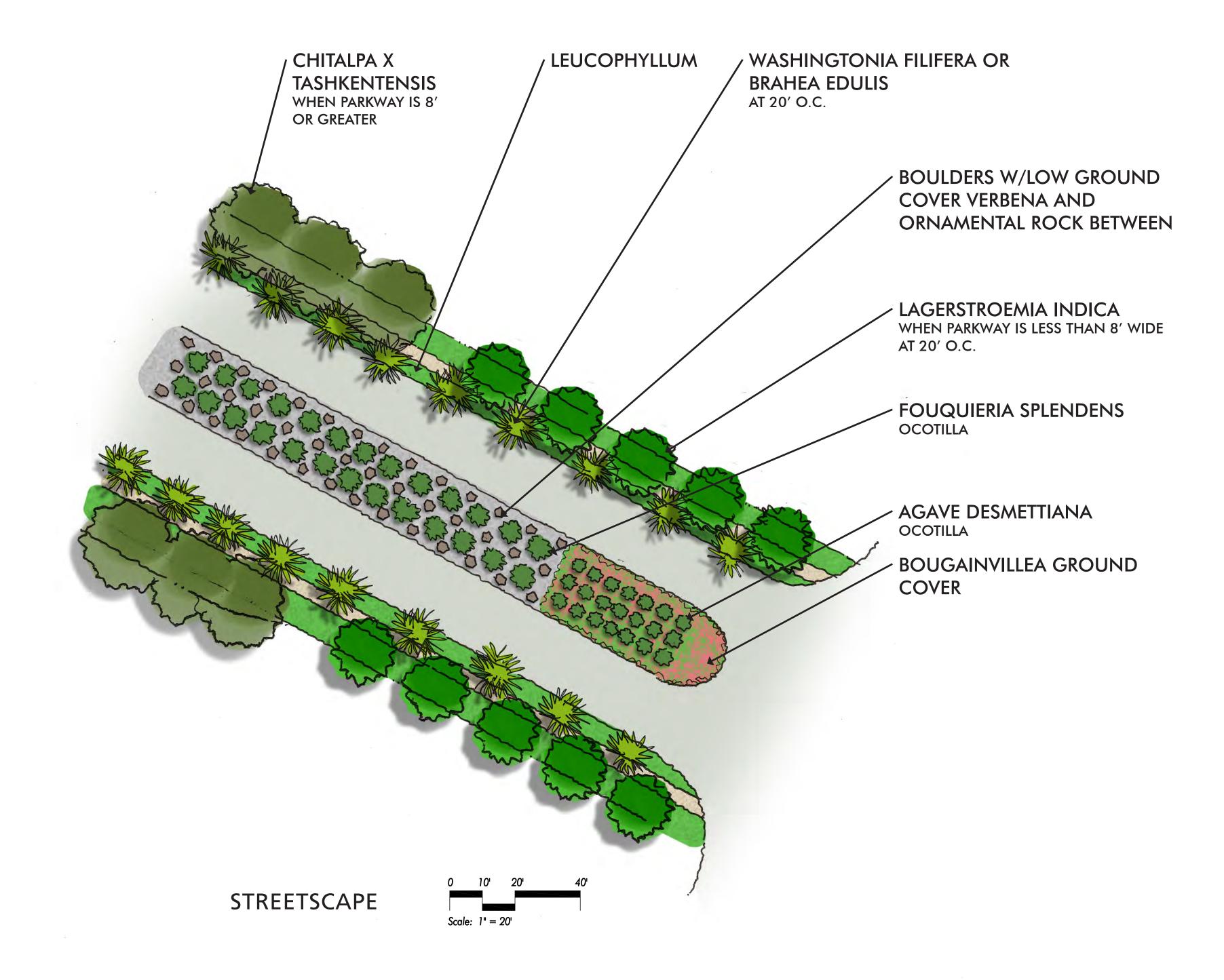


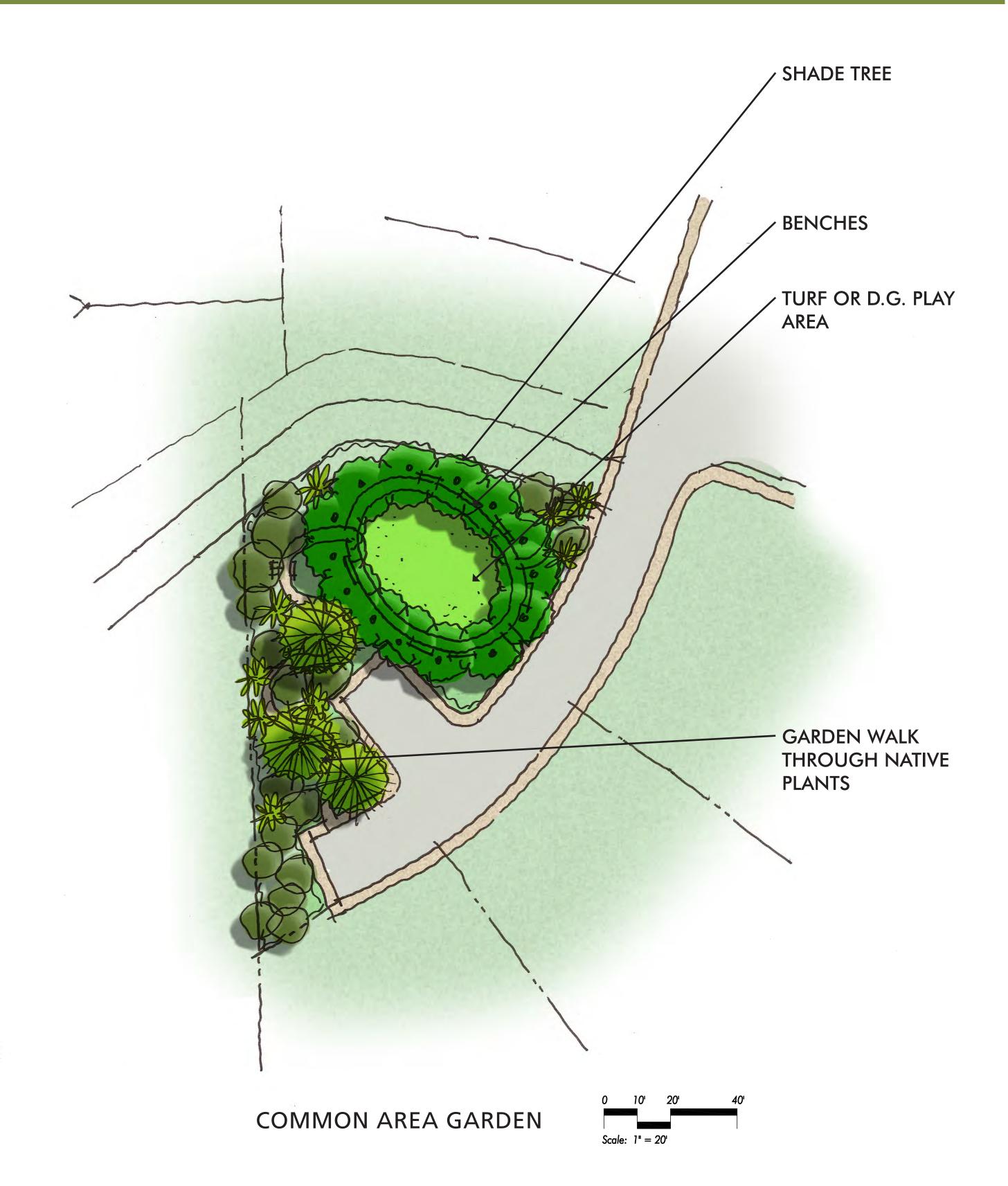
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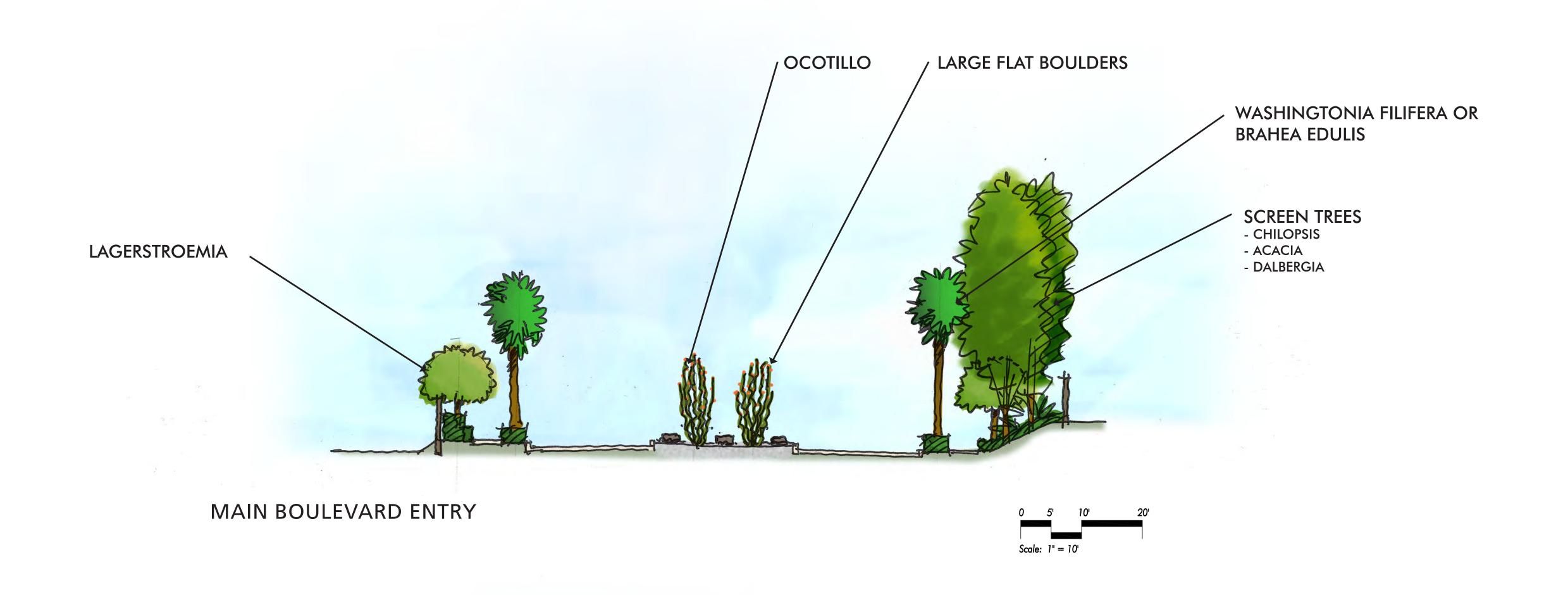
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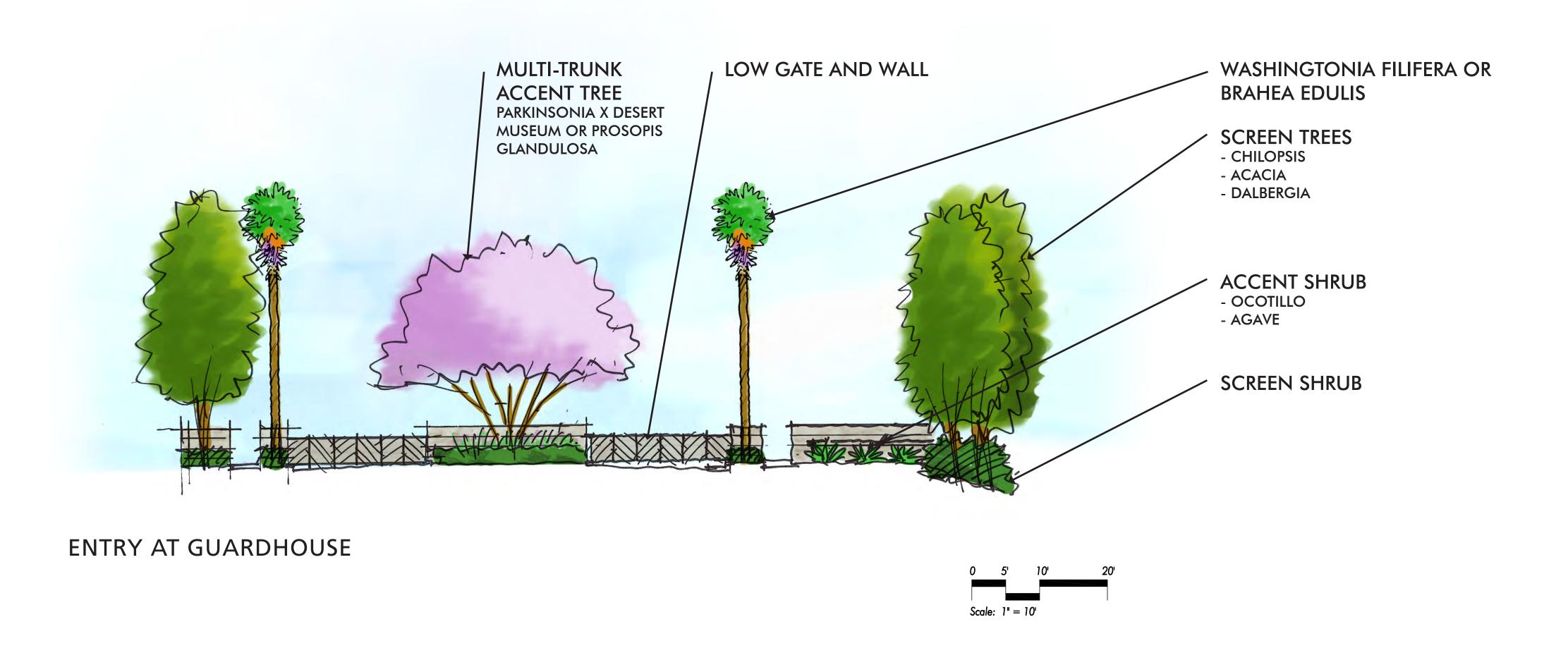












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