## MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Address:	7040 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park	Meeting Date:	11/18/2020
Resource:	Contributing Resource Takoma Park Historic District	Report Date:	11/11/2020
Applicant:	Carroll Ave. Properties John Mangan, Architect	Public Notice:	11/4/2020
<b>Review:</b>	HAWP	Tax Credit:	n/a
Case No.:	37/03-20PPPP	Staff:	Dan Bruechert
Proposal:	Hardscape alteration and trellis construction		

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the HPC **<u>approve</u>** the HAWP application with <u>**one**</u> (1) **<u>condition</u>** that the trellis is painted or stained with an opaque stain in accordance with the recommendation of the Takoma Park Façade Advisory Board.

## **PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**

SIGNIFICANCE:	Contributing Resource to the Takoma Park Historic District
STYLE:	Commercial
DATE:	1924



Figure 1: 7040 Carroll Ave.

## **PROPOSAL**

The applicant proposes to install a trellis over the existing concrete patio.

#### **APPLICABLE GUIDELINES**

When reviewing alterations and new construction within the Takoma Park Historic District several documents are to be utilized as guidelines to assist the Commission in developing their decision. These documents include the historic preservation review guidelines in the approved and adopted amendment for the *Takoma Park Historic District (Guidelines), Montgomery County Code Chapter 24A (Chapter 24A),* and the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (Standards).* 

#### Takoma Park Historic District Guidelines

There are two very general, broad planning and design concepts which apply to all categories. These are:

The design review emphasis will be restricted to changes that are at all visible from the public right-of-way, irrespective of landscaping or vegetation (it is expected that the majority of new additions will be reviewed for their impact on the overall district), and,

The importance of assuring that additions and other changes to existing structures act to reinforce and continue existing streetscape, landscape, and building patterns rather than to impair the character of the district.

Contributing Resources should receive a more lenient review than those structures that have been classified as Outstanding. This design review should emphasize the importance of the resource to the overall streetscape and its compatibility with existing patterns rather than focusing on a close scrutiny of architectural detailing. In general, however, changes to Contributing Resources should respect the predominant architectural style of the resource. As stated above, the design review emphasis will be restricted to changes that are *at all visible from the public right-of-way*, irrespective of landscaping or vegetation.

Some of the factors to be considered in reviewing HAWPs on Contributing Resources include:

- All exterior alterations, including those to architectural features and details, should be generally consistent with the predominant architectural style and period of the resource and should preserve the predominant architectural features of the resource; exact replication of existing details and features is, however, not required
- Minor alterations to areas that do not directly front on a public right-of-way such as vents, metal stovepipes, air conditioners, fences, skylights, etc. should be allowed as a matter of course; alterations to areas that do not directly front on a public way-of-way which involve the replacement of or damaged to original ornamental or architectural features are discouraged, but may be considered and approved on a case-by-case basis
- Some non-original building materials may be acceptable on a case-by-case basis; artificial siding on areas visible to the public right-of-way is discouraged where such materials would replace or damage original building materials that are in good condition
- Alterations to features that are not visible from the public right-of-way should be allowed

as a matter of course

• All changes and additions should respect existing environmental settings, landscaping, and patterns of open space.

### Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation:

- 2. 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.
- 9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportions, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.
- 10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will 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.

#### Chapter 24A

(b) The commission shall instruct the director to issue a permit, or issue a permit subject to such conditions as are found to be necessary to insure conformity with the purposes and requirements of this chapter, if it finds that:

- (1) The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of an historic site or historic resource within an historic district; or
- (2) The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter; or
- (3) The proposal would enhance or aid in the protection, preservation and public or private utilization of the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district in a manner compatible with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural value of the historic site or historic district in which an historic resource is located.
- (5) The proposal is necessary in order that the owner of the subject property not be deprived of reasonable use of the property or suffer undue hardship; or
- (6) In balancing the interests of the public in preserving the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district, with the interests of the public from the use and benefit of the alternative proposal, the general public welfare is better served by granting the permit.

(d) In the case of an application for work on an historic resource located within an historic district, the commission shall be lenient in its judgment of plans for structures of little historical or design significance or for plans involving new construction, unless such plans would seriously impair the historic or architectural value of surrounding historic resources or would impair the character of the historic district. (Ord. No. 9-4, § 1; Ord. No. 11-59.)

### STAFF DISCUSSION

The subject property is a two-story commercial with a one-story section to the right. The two large storefront windows project from the building face and there is a transom that runs the full width of the building.

The applicant proposes constructing a wood trellis in front of the building in the concrete patio to create an interstitial space for outdoor dining. The trellis will be supported by four square posts at the edge of the concrete. The posts will be anchored to the concrete using metal brackets. The rear of the trellis will be secured to the building with metal bolts. Staff is unaware of any proposals similar to this coming before the HPC. The proposal arises from the restrictions established in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which currently limits indoor dining to 50% capacity. This proposal will expand outdoor seating capacity beyond the current configuration and provide additional protection from the sun and wind.

The subject property is unique in that it includes approximately 12' (twelve feet) of patio space in front of the building before the public sidewalk. This is likely because it was constructed as a residence and was only converted to a commercial space sometime between 1927 and 1959. The neighboring properties to the west retained their residential form when their use changed.

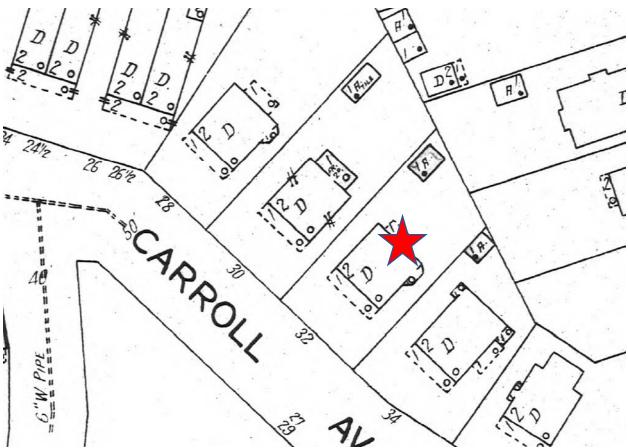


Figure 2: The 1927 Sanborn Map shows the subject property was constructed as a residence.

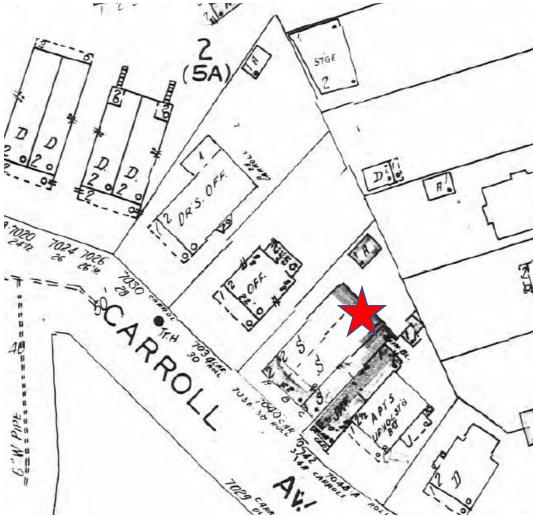


Figure 3: By 1959 the property had converted to a retail store and lost its front porch.

Staff finds the proposal challenging to evaluate. First, this would allow construction in front of a commercial building, which is generally not in character with the building type or surrounding district. Though Staff notes, the properties at 7034 and 7036 retain their small front yards from their original use. The construction would also obscure views of the building, particularly the storefront and transom windows, a treatment that is also disfavored.

However, Staff finds that the proposed trellis only consists of four vertical posts and a 10" (ten inch) tall beam running the full width, and 2" (two-inch) wide trellis beams. Staff finds the structure is largely see-through and is a very simple form. Staff finds the trellis does not create an architectural statement that will draw attention away from the surrounding streetscape.

Staff additionally finds that the construction method for the trellis is reversible. The bolts that anchor the trellis to the building can be removed, filled, and painted; and the anchors can be removed from the posts and the concrete patched.

Finally, the Takoma Park Façade Advisory Board reviewed the proposal at their October meeting and voted to approve the trellis with the added condition that the wood needed to finished with an opaque stain or paint. The HPC treats the FAB like an LAP and gives its input significant consideration.

In weighing the combination of factors: the economic hardship created by COVID, the simple design that is easily reversible, and that the proposal has community support, Staff recommends the HPC approve the HAWP.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the HAWP application under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b)(3), (5), and (d), having found that the proposal, is consistent with and compatible in character with the purposes of Chapter 24A; The Takoma Park Historic District Design Guidelines; the Design Guidelines for Commercial Buildings in the City of Takoma Park, Maryland;

and with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation #2, 9, and 10;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall present the **3 permit sets of drawings, if applicable, to Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) staff for review and stamping** prior to submission for the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) building permits;

and with the general condition that final project design details, not specifically delineated by the Commission, shall be approved by HPC staff or brought back to the Commission as a revised HAWP application at staff's discretion;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall notify the Historic Preservation Staff if they propose to make **any alterations** to the approved plans. Once the work is completed the applicant will <u>contact the staff person</u> assigned to this application at 301-563-3400 or <u>dan.bruechert@montgomeryplanning.org</u> to schedule a follow-up site visit.

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Are other Planning and/or Hearing	Examiner Approvals / Reviews Required as part of this Application?
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TYPE OF WORK PROPOSED: See	the checklist on Page 4 to verify that all supporting items
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Description of Property: Please describe the building and surrounding environment. Include information on significant structures, landscape features, or other significant features of the property:

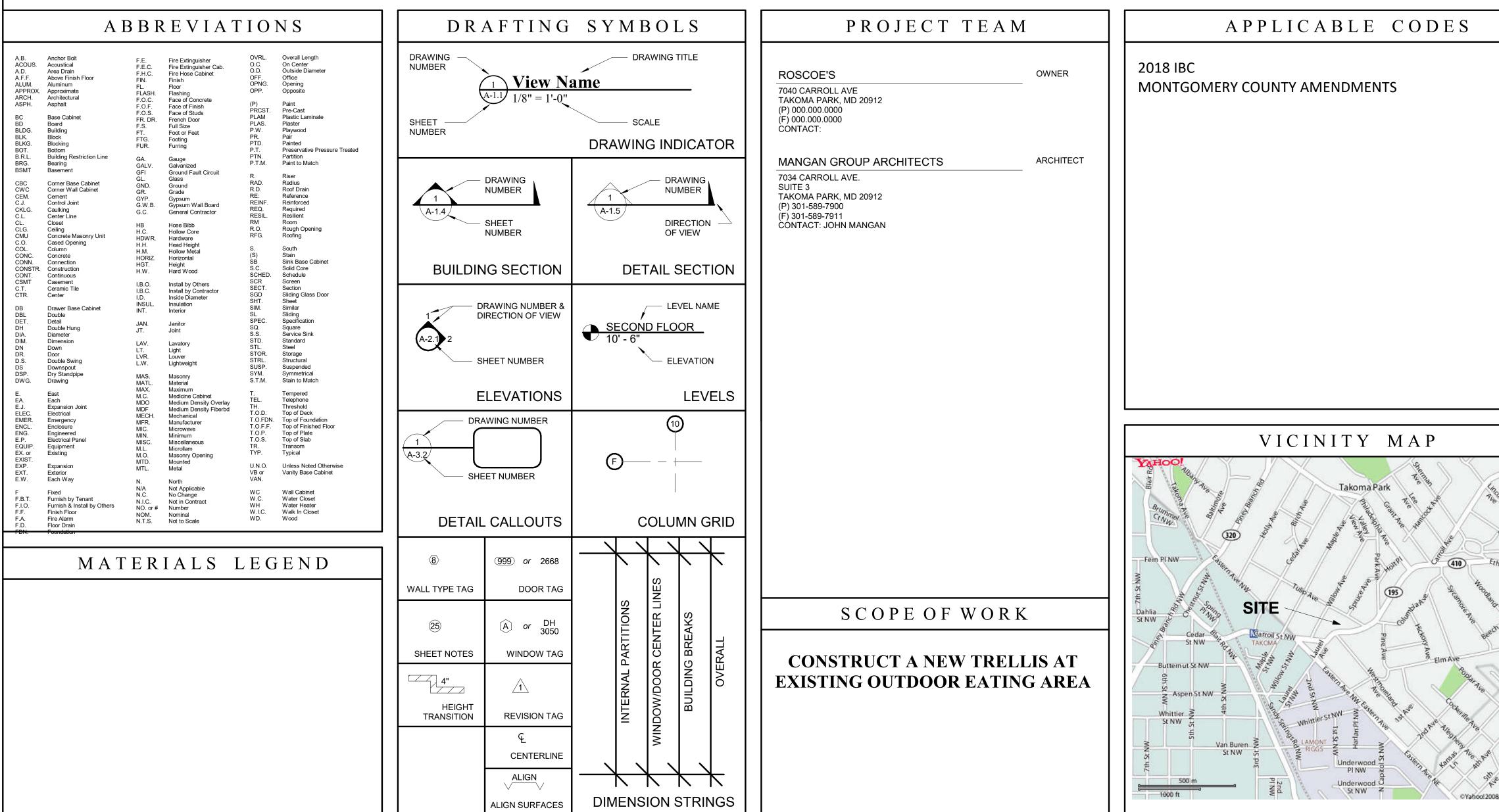
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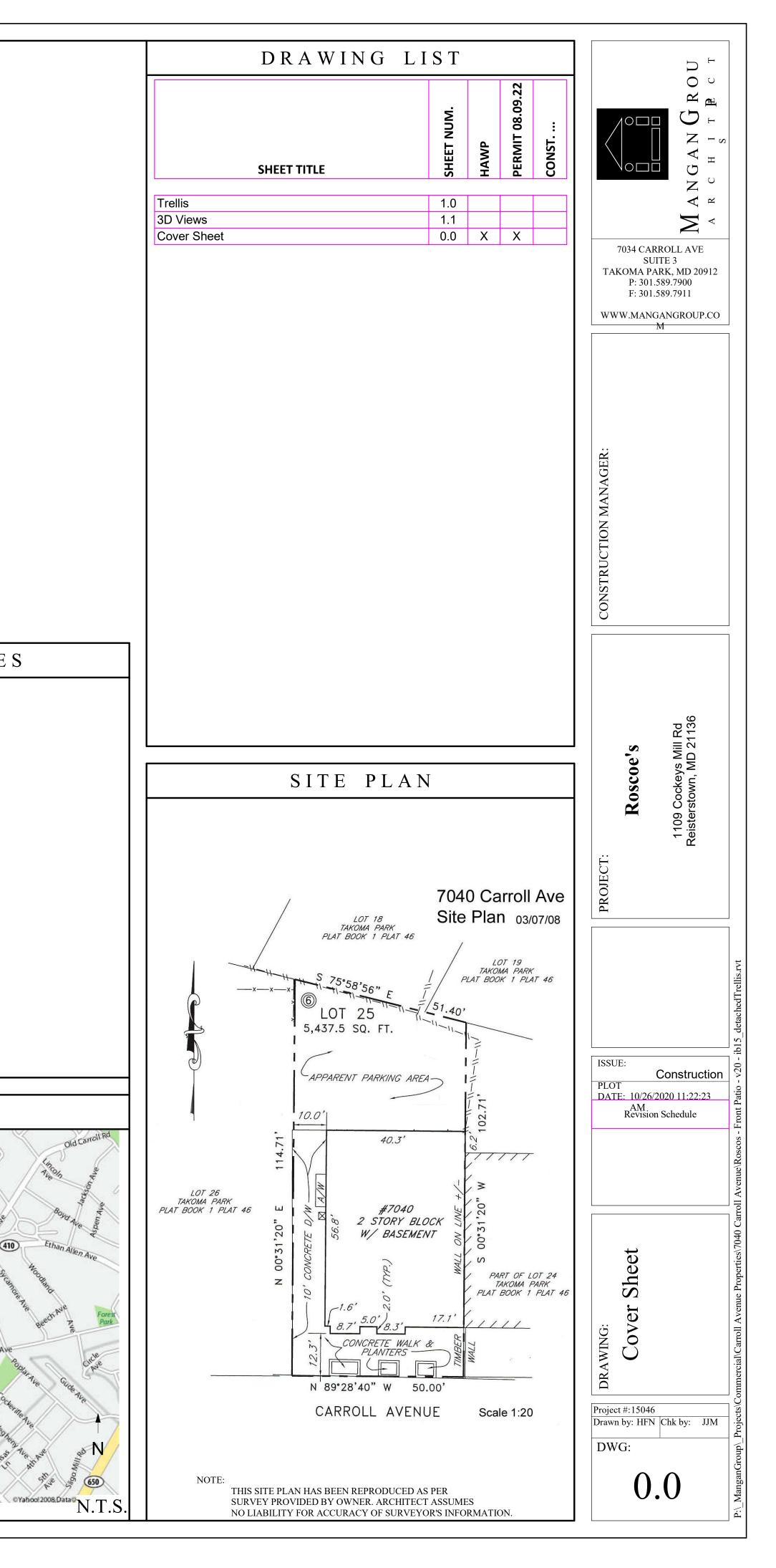
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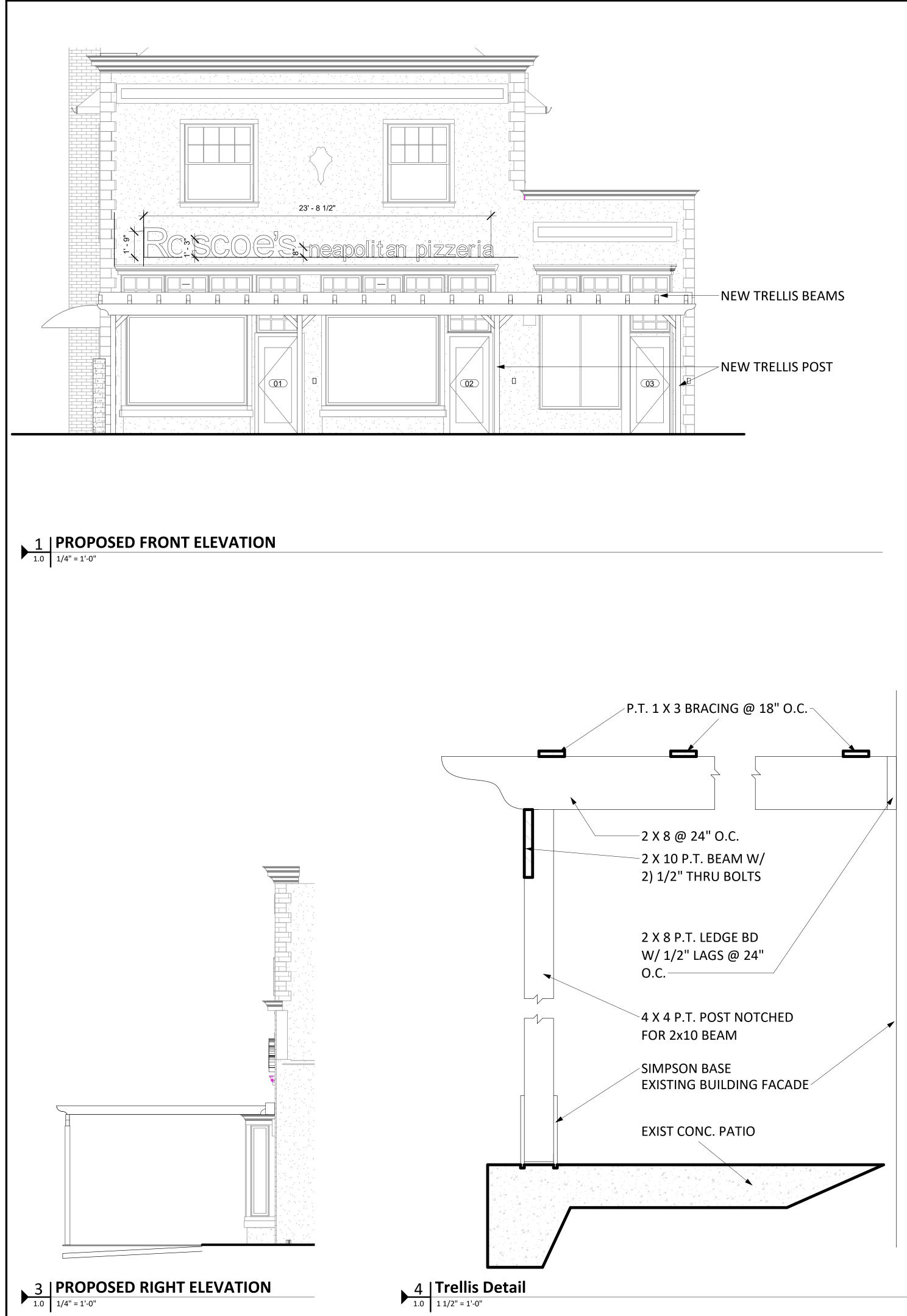
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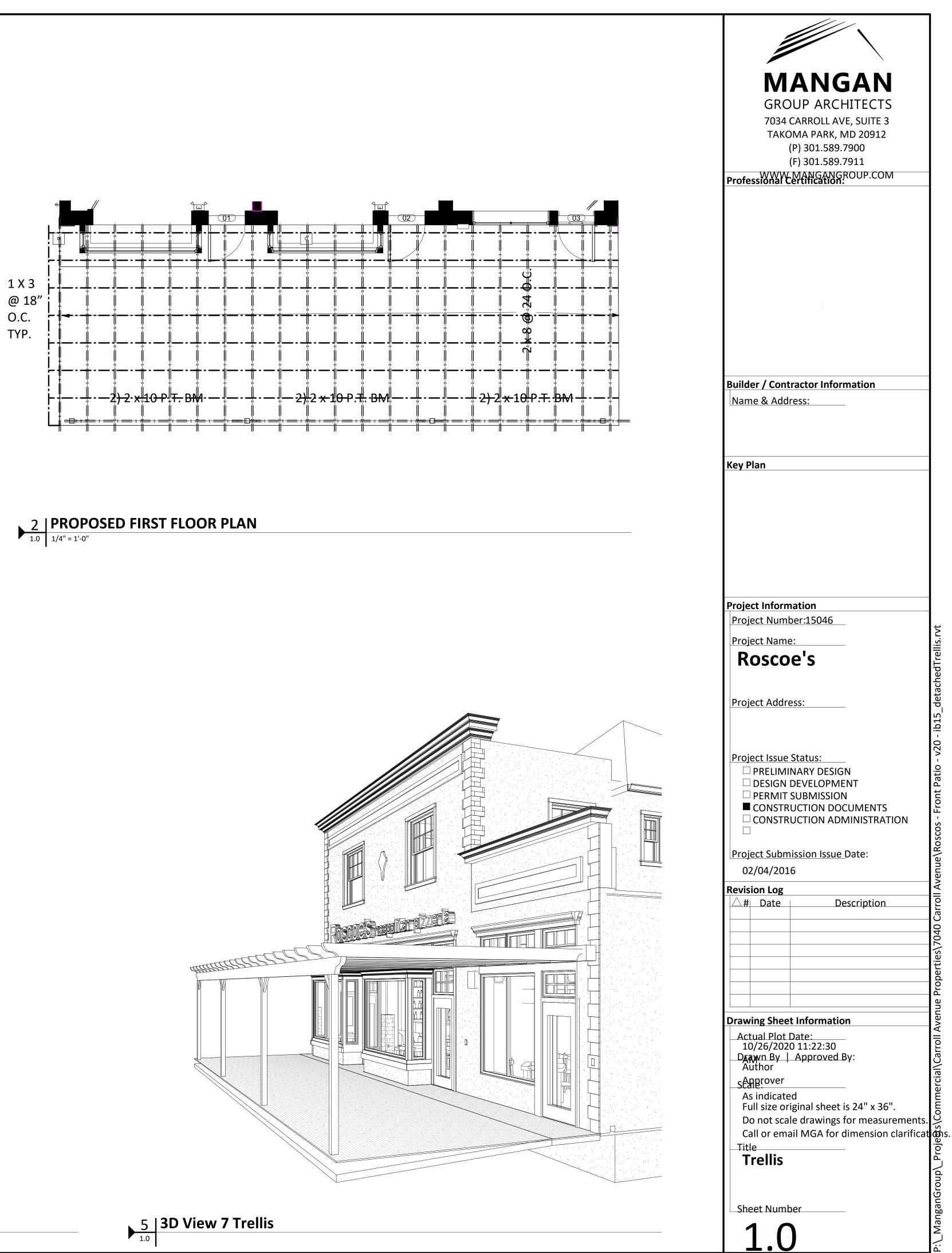
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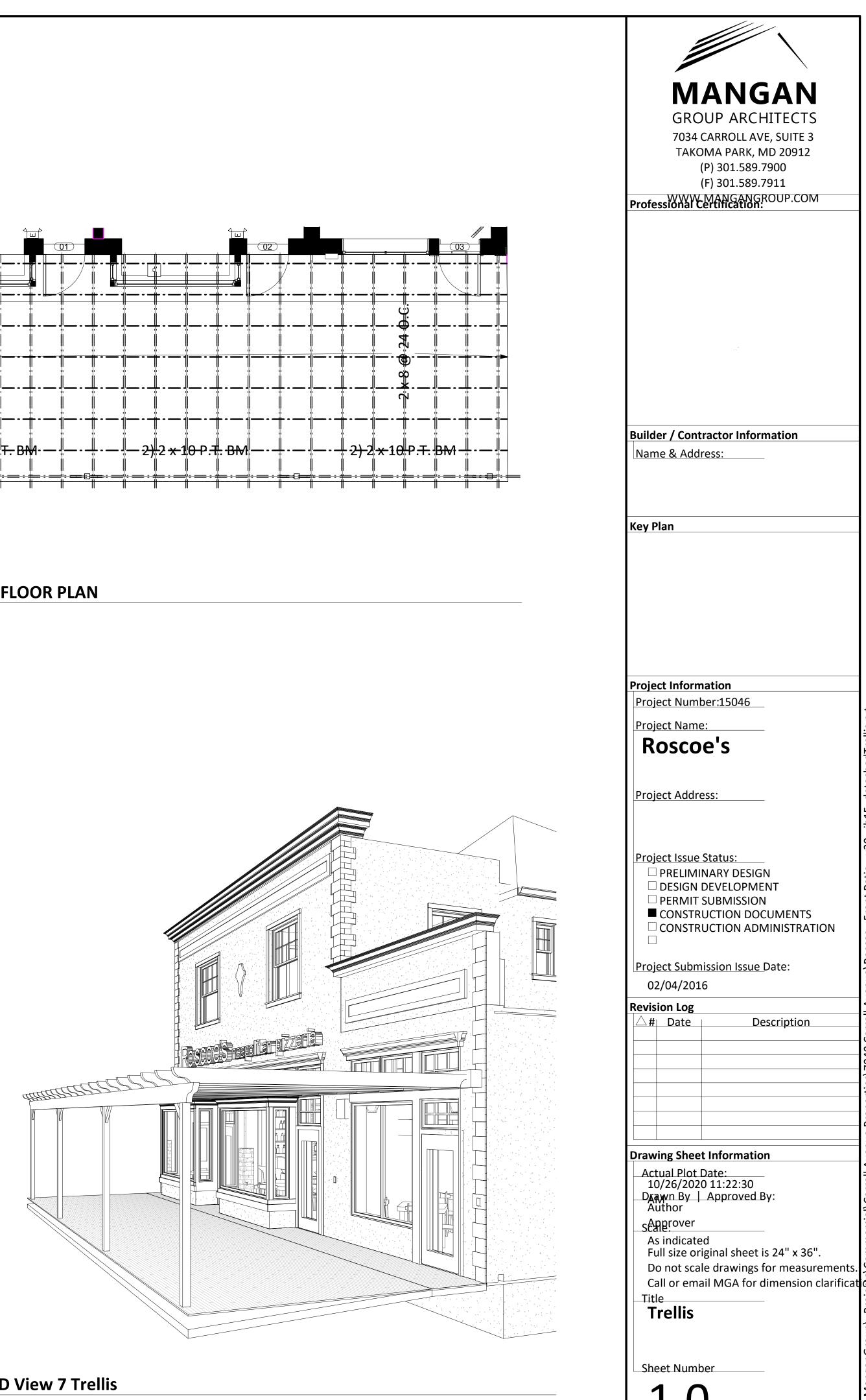








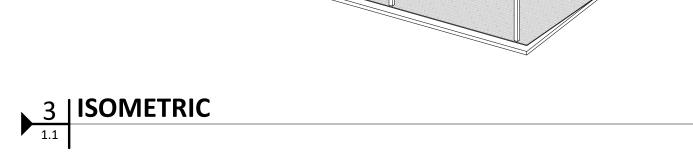


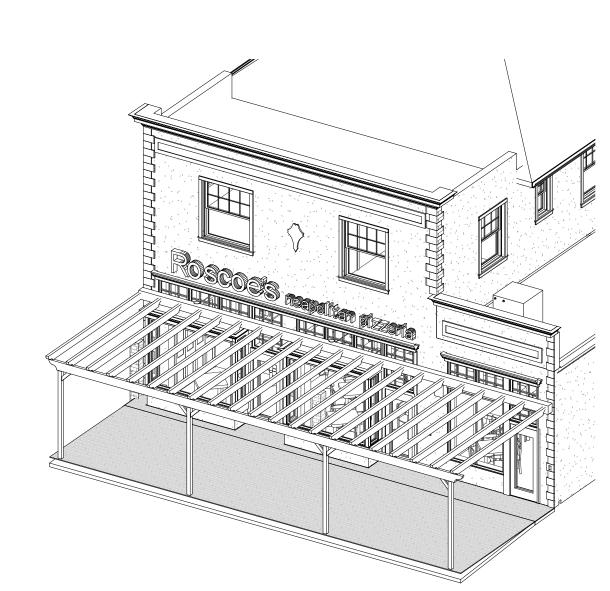












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