MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 5918 Cedar Parkway, Chevy Chase Meeting Date: 10/9/2024

Resource: Non-Contributing Resource **Report Date:** 10/2/2024

Chevy Chase Village Historic District

Public Notice: 9/25/2024

Applicant: Rebecca & Rob Nichols

(Angela Koloszar, Agent) Tax Credit: n/a

Review: 1084766 **Staff:** Dan Bruechert

Proposal: Pergola Construction

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the HPC **approve** the HAWP application.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

SIGNIFICANCE: Non-Contributing Resource within the Chevy Chase Village Historic District

STYLE: Modern/Neo-Colonial

DATE: 1976

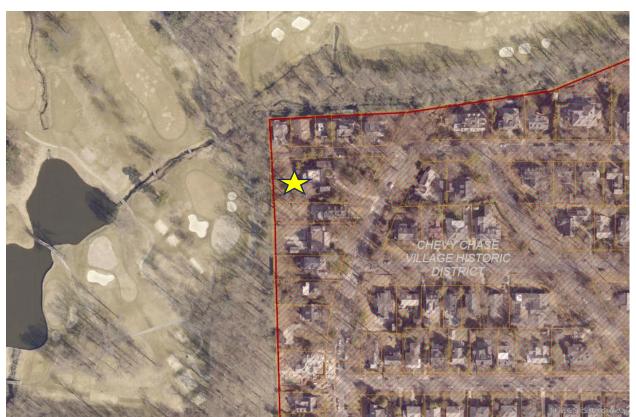


Figure 1: The subject property is located in the northwest corner of the historic district.

PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes to construct a pergola at the rear of the house.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

When reviewing alterations and new construction within the Chevy Chase Village 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 Chevy Chase Village Historic District (*Guidelines*), *Montgomery County Code Chapter 24A* (*Chapter 24A*), and the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (Standards)*. The pertinent information in these documents is outlined below.

Chevy Chase Village Historic District Guidelines

The *Guidelines* break down specific projects into three levels of review - Lenient, Moderate and Strict Scrutiny.

- "Lenient Scrutiny" means that the emphasis of the review should be on issues of general massing and scale, and compatibility with the surrounding streetscape, and should allow for a very liberal interpretation of preservation rules. Most changes should be permitted unless there are major problems with massing, scale or compatibility.
- "Moderate Scrutiny" involves a higher standard of review than "lenient scrutiny." Besides issues of massing, scale and compatibility, preserving the integrity of the resource is taken into account. Alterations should be designed so that the altered structure still contributes to the district. Use of compatible new materials, rather than the original building materials, should be permitted. Planned changes should be compatible with the structure's existing design, but should not be required to replicate its architectural style.
- "Strict Scrutiny" means that the planned changes should be reviewed to insure that the integrity of the significant exterior architectural or landscaping features and details is not compromised. However, strict scrutiny should not be "strict in theory but fatal in fact" i.e. it does not mean that there can be no changes but simply that the proposed changes should be reviewed with extra care.
 - o <u>Gazebos and other garden structures</u> should be subject to moderate scrutiny if they are visible from the public right-of-way, lenient scrutiny if they are not.
 - o <u>Lot coverage</u> should be subject to strict scrutiny, in view of the critical importance of preserving the Village's open park-like character.
 - The *Guidelines* state five basic policies that should be adhered to, including:
 - Preserving the integrity of the Chevy Chase Village Historic District. Any alterations should, at a minimum, perpetuate the ability to perceive the sense of time and place portrayed by the district.
 - Preserving the integrity of contributing structures. Alterations should be designed in such a way that the altered structure still contributes to the district.
 - o Maintaining the variety of architectural styles and the tradition of architectural excellence.
 - o Design review emphasis should be restricted to changes that will be visible from the front or side public right-of-way, or that would be visible in the absence of vegetation or landscaping.

 Alterations to the portion of a property that are not visible from the public-right-of-way should be subject to a very lenient review. Most changes to the rear of the properties should be approved as a matter of course.

Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A-8

- (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
- (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.

Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation:

- #2: The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property will 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 proportion, 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.

STAFF DISCUSSION

The subject property is a two-story brick house with a U-shaped plan set back a significant distance from the street. The house is accessed from a long gravel driveway that connects Cedar Parkway and Lenox St. At the rear of the house, there is a metal pergola anchored to the brick walls, largely overgrown with greenery. The applicant proposes to construct a new pergola, matching the footprint of the existing. The new pergola will be supported by two brick peirs, with steel beams. The applicant proposes to install a ceiling fan in the center of the pergola.

The pergola appears to be an original feature to the house, however, the subject property was constructed in 1976 and is a Non-Contributing Resource. The portion of the house and pergola that could be visible from Lenox St. are obscured by an existing fence. Under a lenient scrutiny review, Staff finds removing the pergola should be approved as a matter of course.

Staff finds the proposed pergola will not overwhelm the rear elevation of the Non-Contributing Resource. Staff additionally finds the design of the pergola, with its brick piers and steel structure is compatible with the character of the Neo-Colonial style house. As it is being constructed on top of an existing patio, there is no increase in lot coverage, making the proposal compatible with the strict scrutiny review for the district. Staff finds the pergola is appropriate for the character of the house and recommends the HPC approve it under 24A-8(d) and the *Design Guidelines*, and *Standards 2*, *9*, and *10*.



Figure 2: A view of the rear of the proposed pergola.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission <u>approve</u> the HAWP application under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b)(2), and (d) having found that the proposal is compatible in character with the district and the purposes of Chapter 24A;

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 an electronic set 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 contact the staff person assigned to this application at 301-563-3400 or dan.bruechert@montgomeryplanning.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.



APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301.563.3400

HAWP#_ DATE ASSIGNED____

FOR STAFF ONLY:

APPLICANT:

Name:	E-mail:
Address:	City: Zip:
Daytime Phone:	Tax Account No.:
AGENT/CONTACT (if applicable):	
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HAWP APPLICATION: MAILING ADDRESSES FOR NOTIFING [Owner, Owner's Agent, Adjacent and Confronting Property Owners] Owner's mailing address Owner's Agent's mailing address Adjacent and confronting Property Owners mailing addresses

Description of Property: Please describe the building and surrounding environment. Include information on significant structures landscape features, or other significant features of the property:
Description of Work Proposed: Please give an overview of the work to be undertaken:

Work Item 1:	
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:
Work Item 2:	
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Work Item 3:	
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HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT CHECKLIST OF APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

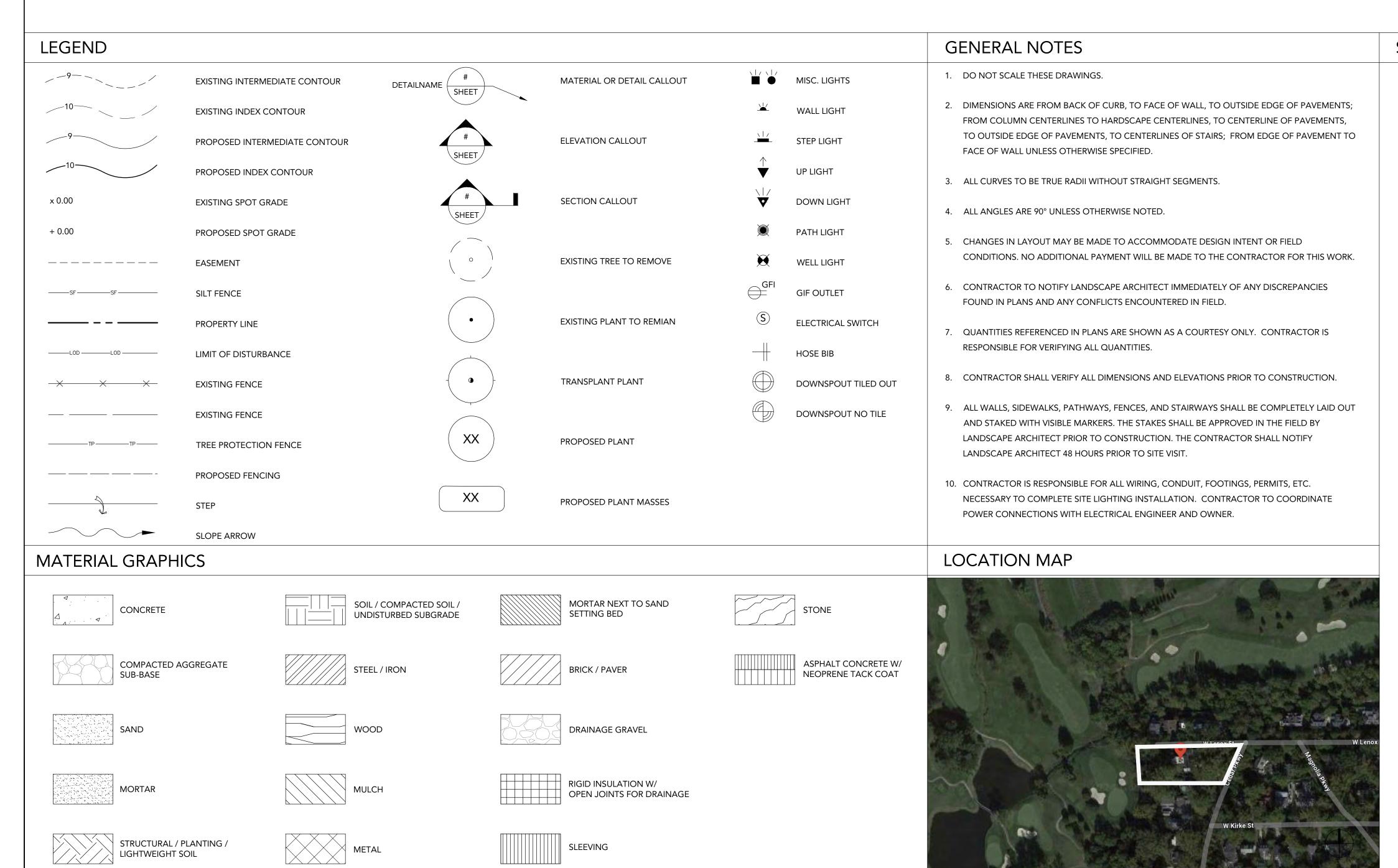
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New Construction	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Additions/ Alterations	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Demolition	*	*	*		*		*
Deck/Porch	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Fence/Wall	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Driveway/ Parking Area	*	*		*	*	*	*
Grading/Exc avation/Land scaing	*	*		*	*	*	*
Tree Removal	*	*		*	*	*	*
Siding/ Roof Changes	*	*	*	*	*		*
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NICHOLS RESIDENCE

5918 CEDAR PARKWAY CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

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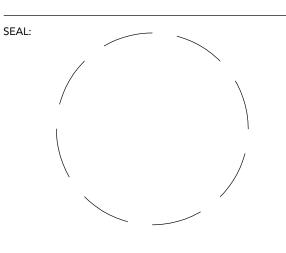


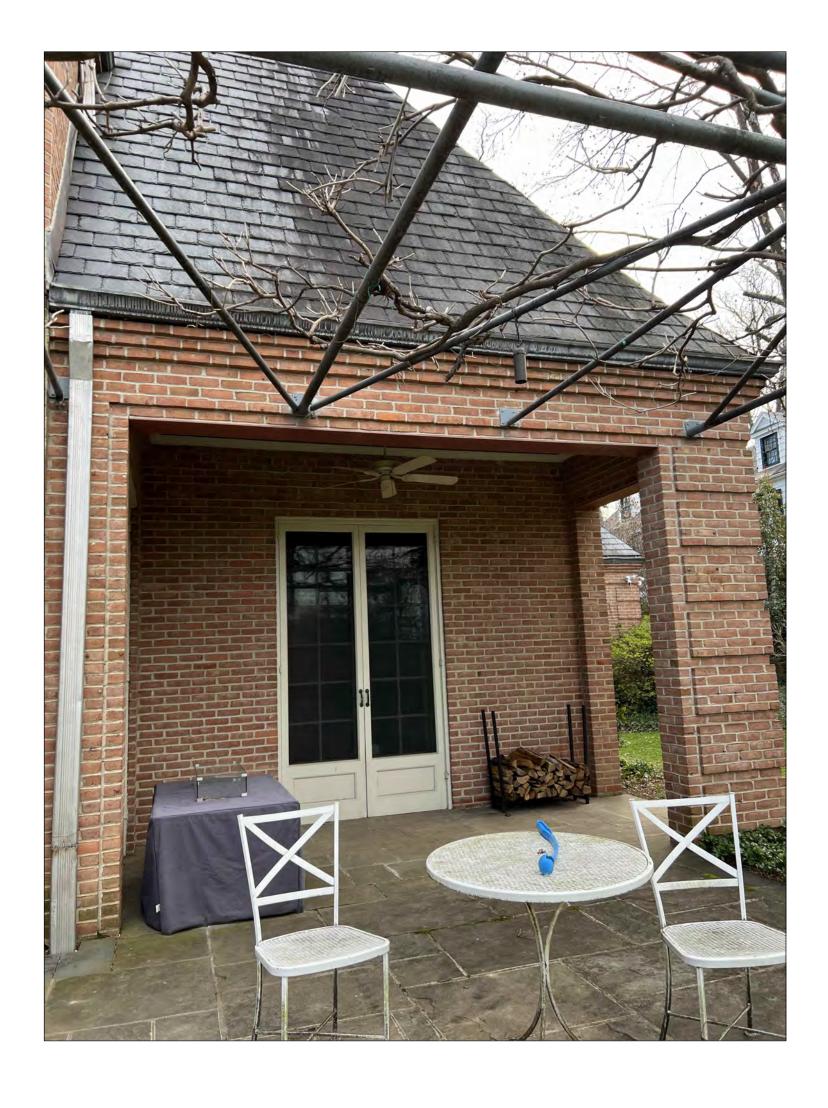
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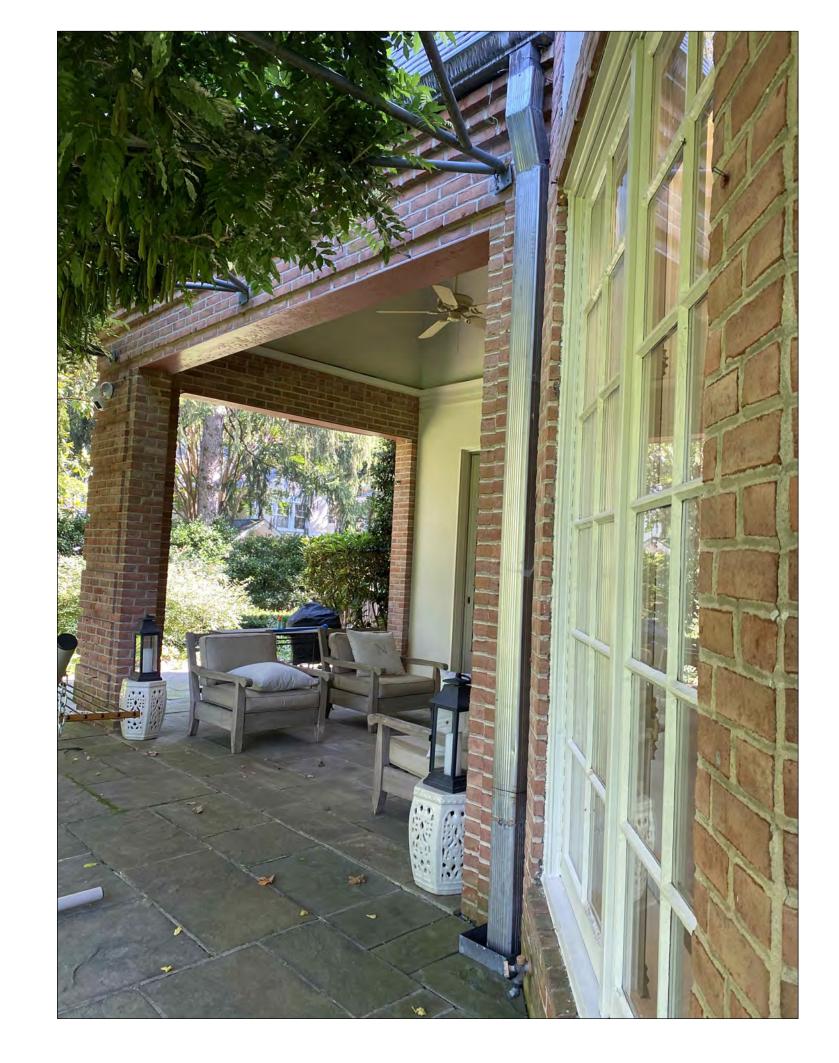
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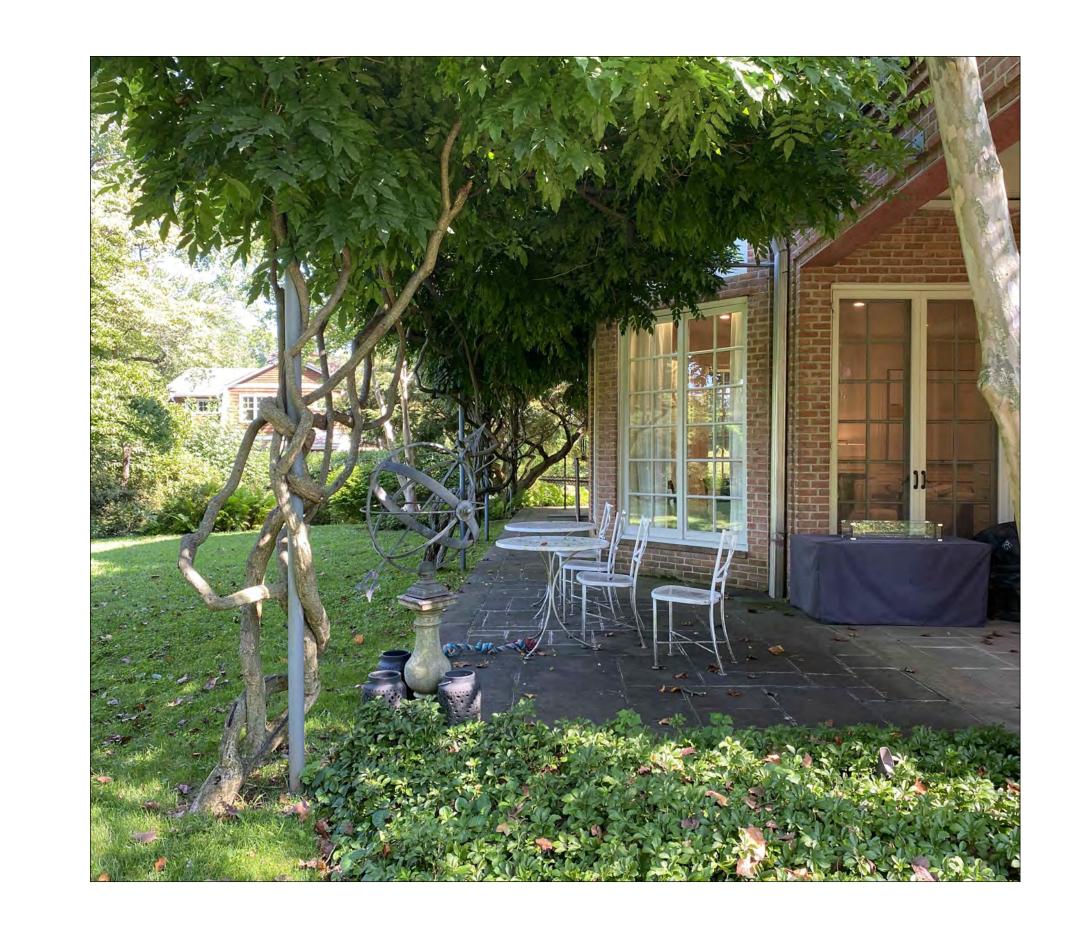
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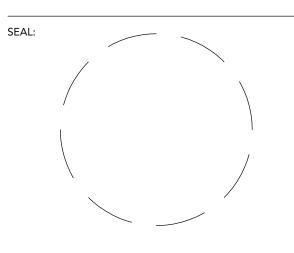






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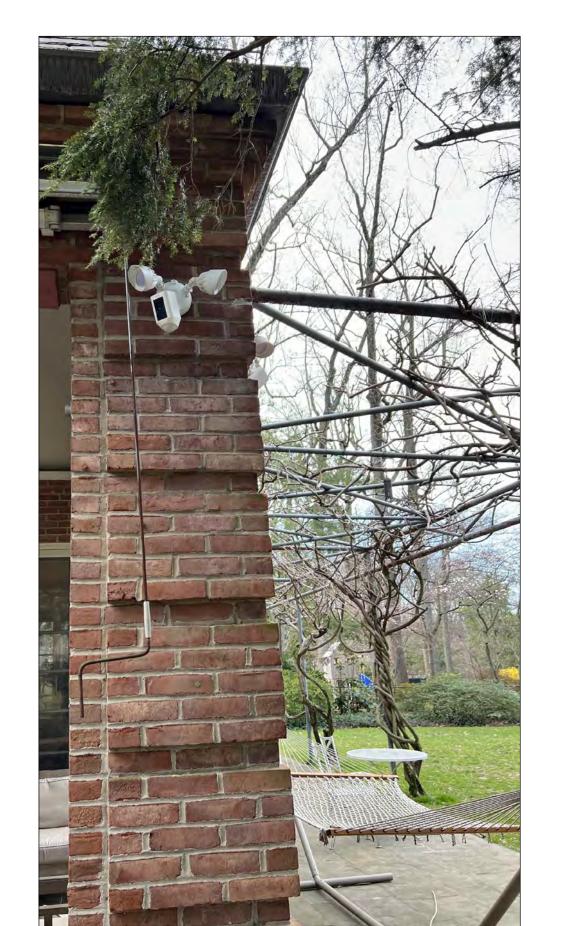
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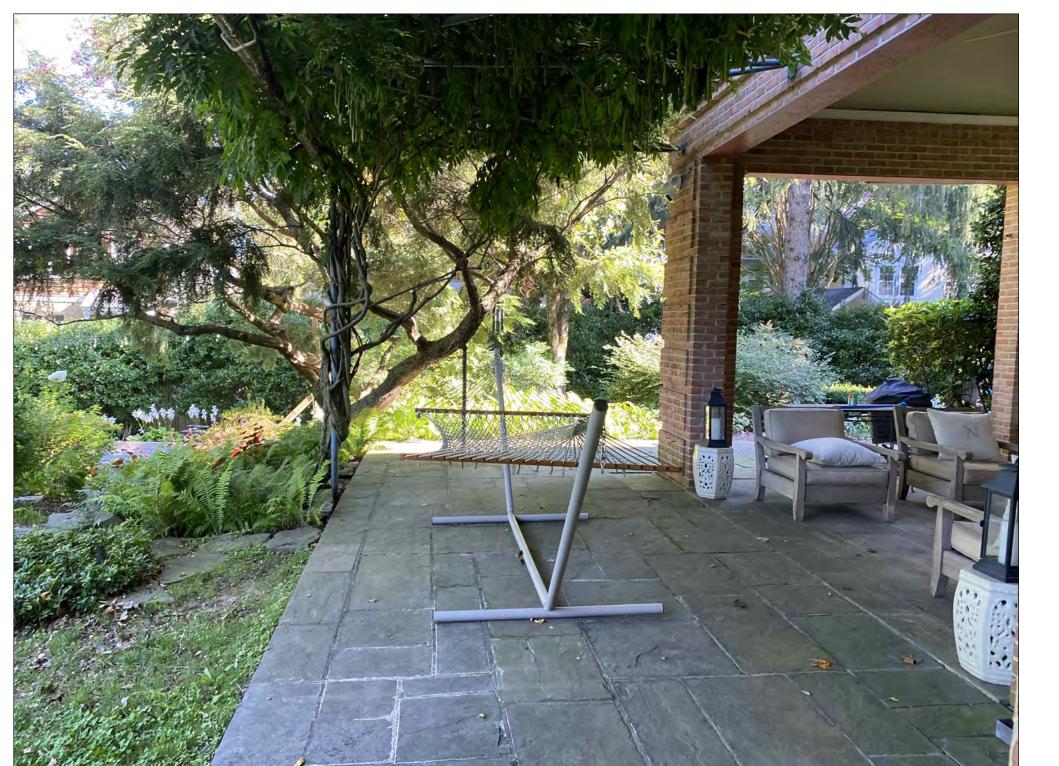
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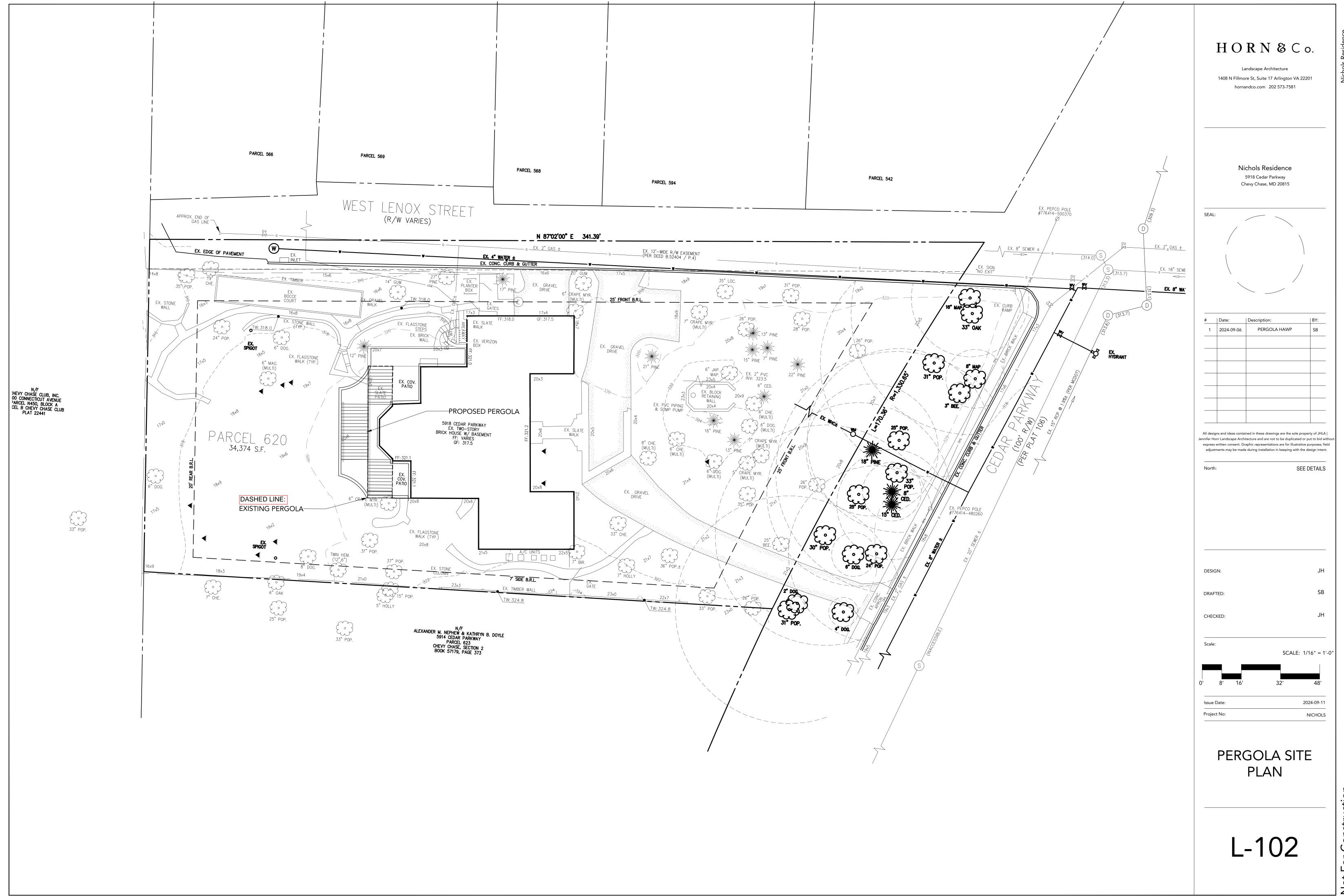
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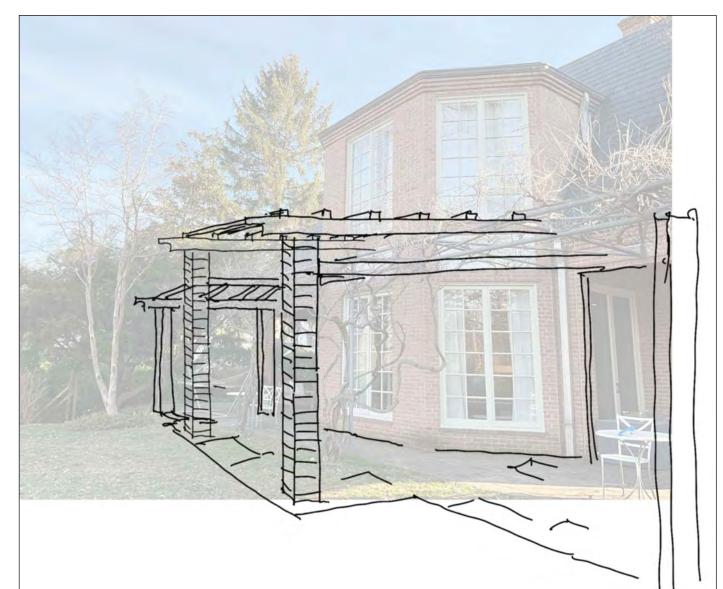














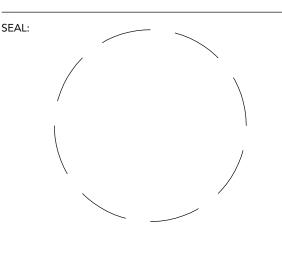


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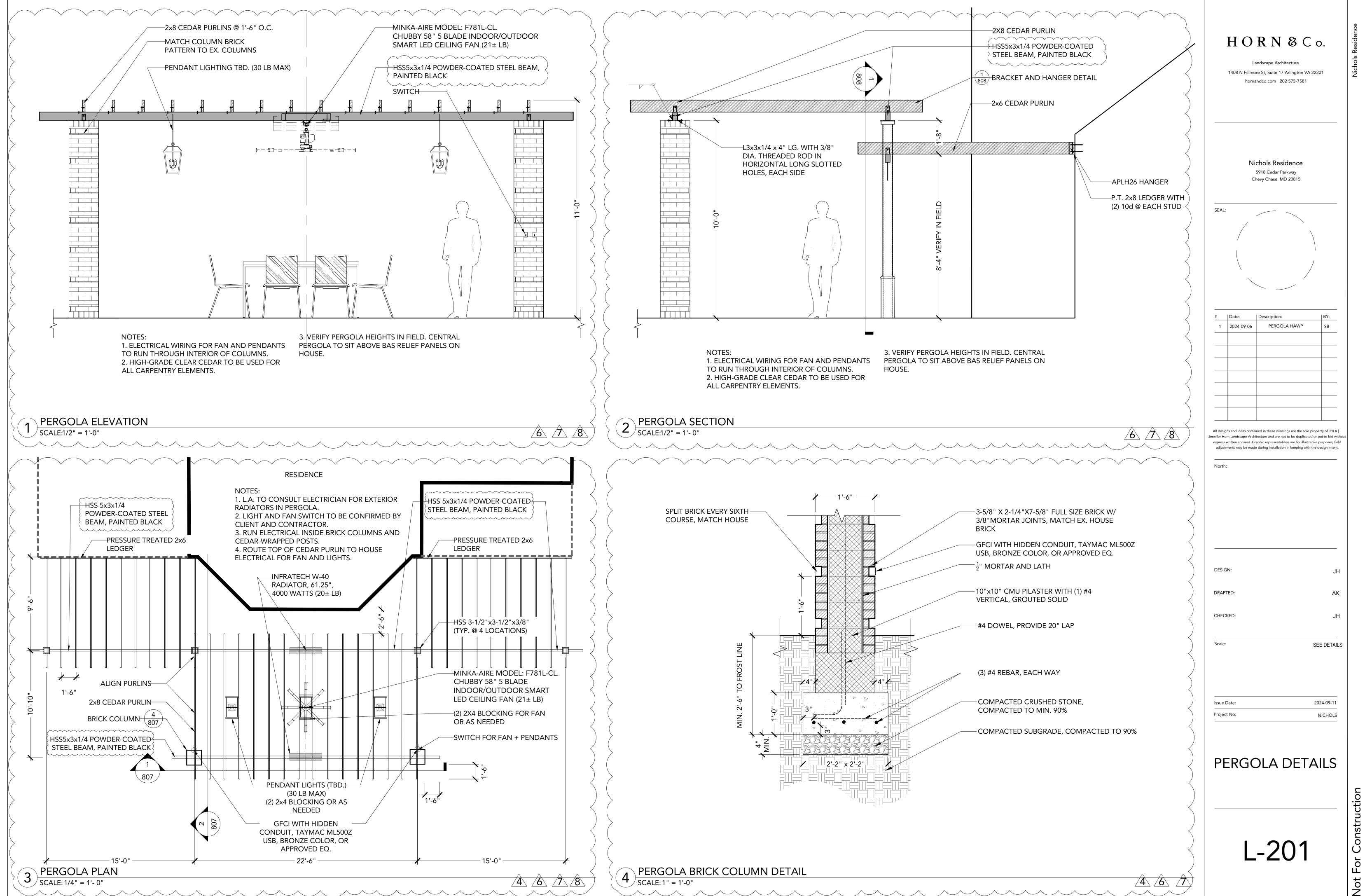
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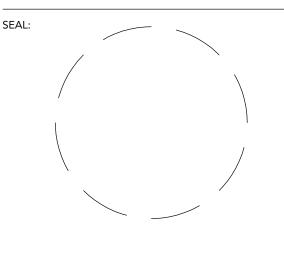
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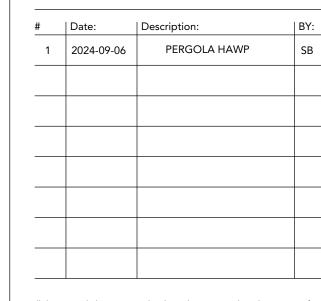




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2 1/4"x4"x7" TOP PLACED WITH (4) 3/8" DIA. x 2" LONG THREADED RODS SCALE: 1/2" = 1"

3 1/2"

-ALIGN PURLINS

THREADED RODS

PAINTED BLACK

-2x8 CEDAR PURLINS @ 1'-6" O.C.

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SIMPSON #9 x 1-1/2" SD SCREW @ EA. PURLIN

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& SELF TAPPING SCREW TO HSS BEAM

-ADJACENT PAVING, SEE DETAIL 2-801

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-CEDAR CAP, SHIM AS NEEDED

WITH (4) 3/8"DIA. x 2" LONG

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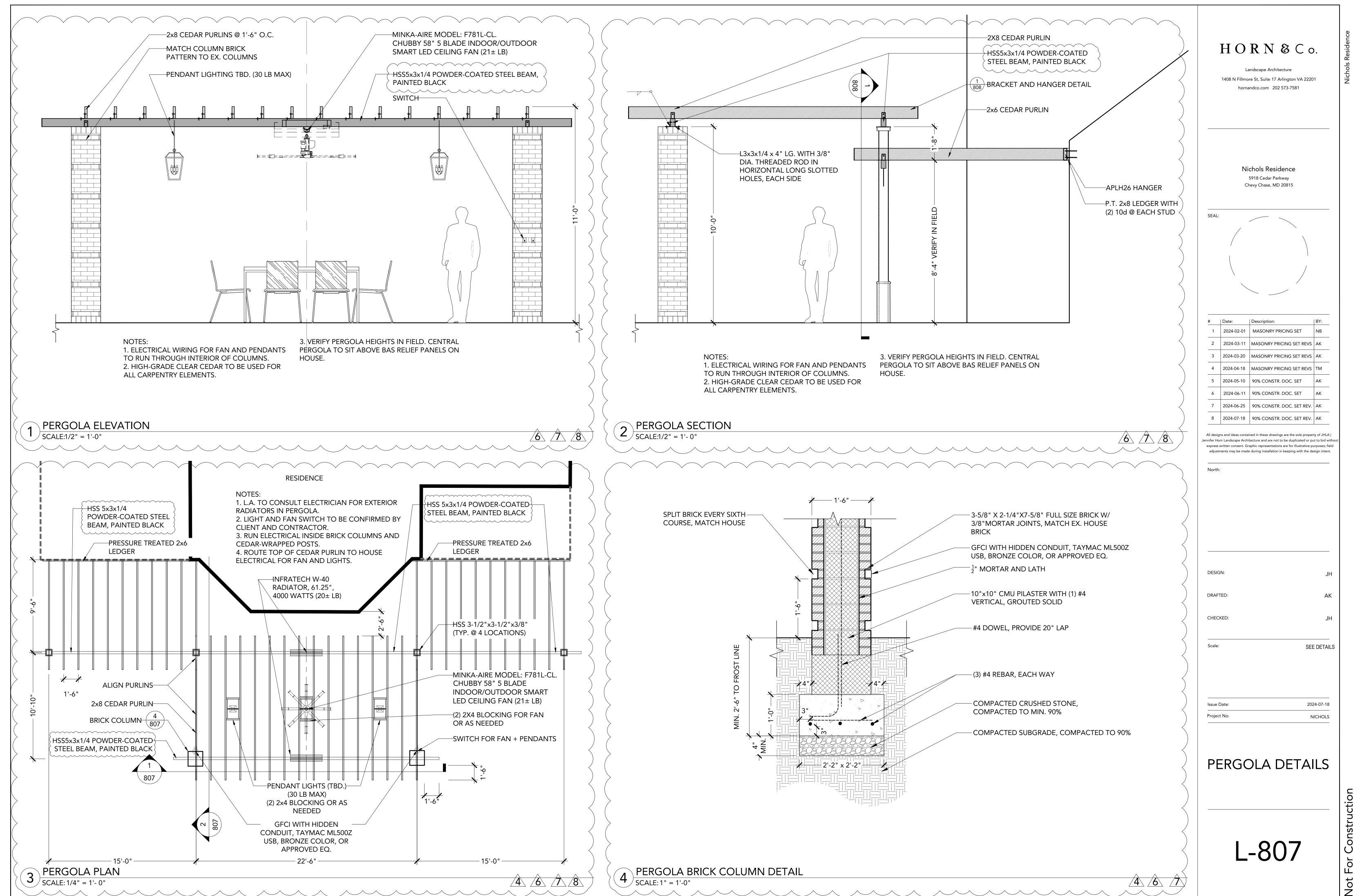
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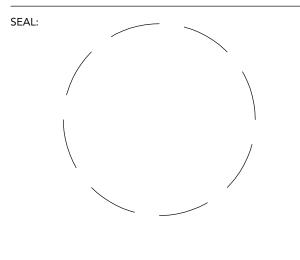


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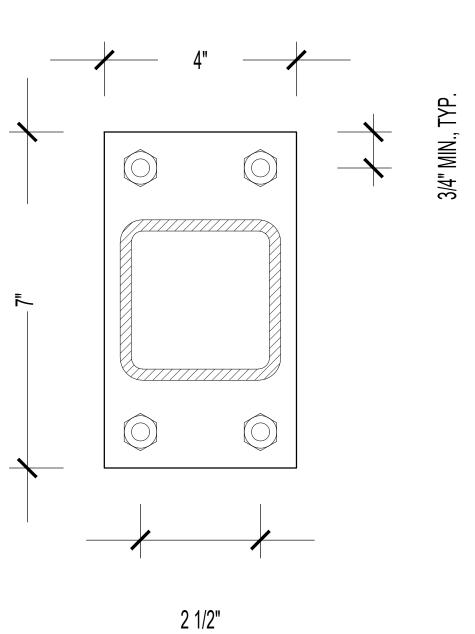


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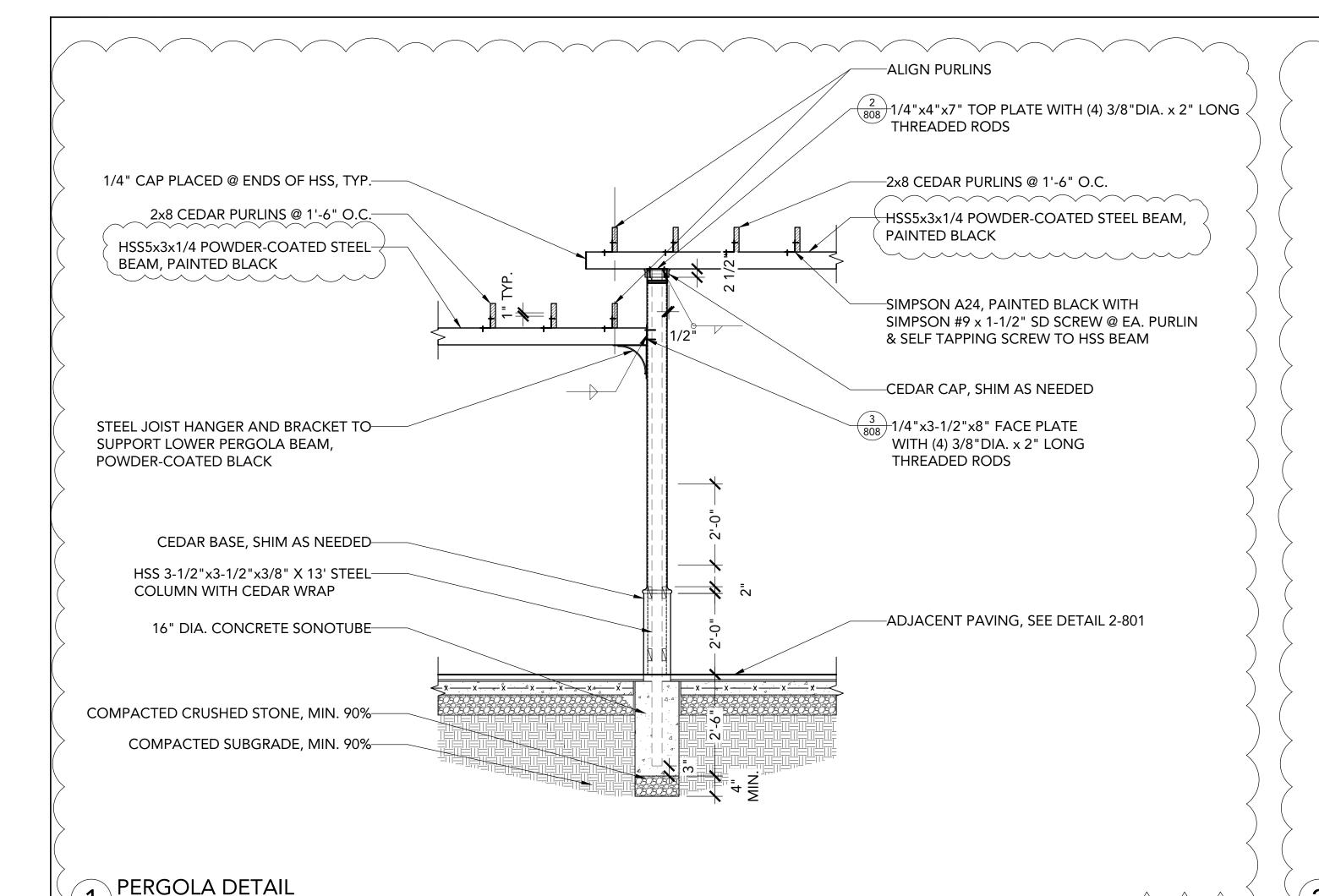
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