1580 RIVER STREET RESIDENTIAL PROJECT

1580 River Street Hyde Park, Massachusetts

APPLICATION FOR ARTICLE 80 SMALL PROJECT REVIEW

submitted to the

Boston Redevelopment Authority





November 4, 2014

Brian Golden, Director Boston Redevelopment Authority Boston City Hall, 9th Floor Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Golden:

It is my pleasure to submit this application for Small Project Review pursuant to Article 80, Section 80E, of the Boston Zoning Code, for the 1580 River Street residential project in Hyde Park.

The proposed project is to consist of 32 new residential condominium units, primarily market-rate, including four affordable units in accordance with the Mayor's executive order on inclusionary development, served by 52 off-street parking spaces.

The applicant is Anthony Ruscito. The project architects are the firm of RCA, LLC, of Dorchester, Massachusetts.

On behalf of the applicant and the development team, I wish to thank the BRA for its guidance and assistance to date in this matter. We look forward to continuing our strong working relationship with the BRA as we move towards final approval of this project.

Very truly yours

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~ Hyde Park ~

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Submitted by

Anthony Ruscito

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I. PROJECT SUMMARY

1.1 Development Team

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1.2 Project Summary

The Proposed Project consists of the development of a 55,150 square-foot site situated at 1580 River Street in Hyde Park¹ by completing a residential rehabilitation of an existing two-story commercial building, including the addition of a third floor, to contain 32 residential units served

¹ Note that the Inspectional Services Department maintains the property site's address at 1580 River Street, which is the address used for the building permit application and this application to the BRA. The Assessing Department maintains the site's address as 1582 River Street.

by 52 accessory off-street parking spaces located partly in the building's basement garage and partly outside at the rear of the building.

The proposed project would create both market-rate and affordable housing units in an attractive newly redesigned building appropriate in scale, massing and design to the surrounding neighborhood.

1.3 Community Benefits

The Proposed Project will offer many public benefits to neighborhood and to the City of Boston, including:

- the creation of 32 new residential units in an attractive low-rise building, including four affordable units in accordance with the Mayor's Executive Order on Inclusionary Development;
- generation of over one hundred fifty thousand dollars in revenue annually to the City of Boston once the project is completed in the form of new real property tax payments;
- the expected creation of more than 60 construction jobs generated by the proposed project;
- the replacement of an aesthetically unattractive concrete building with an attractive new low-rise residential building.

II. DETAILED PROJECT INFORMATION

2.1 Site and Project Description

The Project Site includes 55,150 square feet of land area, comprising one parcel situated at 1580 River Street in Ward 18, Hyde Park, being City of Boston Assessor's Parcel No. 1812142000. The parcel is currently the site of a two-story brick commercial building classified by the City as "Storage Warehouses and Distribution Facilities/Other Storage, Warehouse and Distribution Facilities," that is currently home to Superior Carpet, Inc., Cleaning and Sales.

2.2 Project Financing and Developer Pro Forma

The applicant has successfully developed numerous projects in Boston and surrounding communities, and has a strong working relationship with several major lenders, a record of proven financial security, and intends to finance the project construction and development using traditional institutional lender financing. An initial financing commitment has been received from Bank of Canton, which has financed several other projects by the applicant.

Total Development Cost (soft/hard costs): \$6,000,000.00

Construction Cost (hard cost): \$4,300,000.00

Disclosure of Beneficial Interest in the Project

Anthony Ruscito: 100%

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Number of Construction Jobs: 60+

Estimated Constructions Start: Second Quarter 2015

Estimated Construction Completed and Occupancy: Second Quarter 2016

2.3 Proposed Project Program, Data and Dimensions

Lot Area (in square feet): 55,150 square feet

Maximum Building Height/Stories: 3 stories, 37' 2-1/2"

Number of Residential Units: 32 residential units, of which 16 would be one-bedroom units and 16 would be two-bedroom units

Total of Building Gross Square Footage: 40,686 square feet

Proposed Floor Area Ratio: .74

Parking Spaces: 52 spaces, of which 28 are to be located within a basement-level garage accessed from the rear of the building, and 24 are to be exterior spaces occupying a portion of the rear yard.

2.4 Urban Design Approach – Context, Massing, Material & Other Design Issues

The proposed project would consist of the residential renovation of an existing two-story commercial brick building. The basement level will consist primarily of a parking garage for 28 motor vehicles, with vehicular access from, and discharge to, the rear of the site. Two existing curb cuts on River Street will provide vehicular access to the site.

The basement level will also contain the building's rear lobby and elevator access, three stairways, a trash storage room, mechanical room, and a bicycle storage room. The open space areas surrounding the building at the basement level will be suitably landscaped, including grassed areas, red maple trees, and new planting beds for rhododendrons and other flora.

The first floor will contain four one-bedroom and six two-bedroom units. The second floor will contain six one-bedroom units and five two-bedroom units. The third floor will likewise contain six one-bedroom units and five two-bedroom units.

The building skin will be a composition of Hardieplank lap siding covering the majority of the exterior façades, with accents of brick and Azek panels. The materials and façade details are intended to visually interrupt the massing of the building along its elevations, and will include a neighborhood-appropriate mansard roof design. Windows will be a combination of operable and fixed sashes. The proposed building height is approximately 37 feet 2 ½ inches and three stories from the River Street median grade.

Final elevation studies will be reviewed and approved by the BRA as the design process evolves.

2.5 Traffic, Parking and Access

The project's 52 on-site parking spaces will be accessed by two existing double-width curb cuts on River Street, one on either side of the building and site. Ample secure space for bicycle storage will be provided within the building's garage.

2.6 Anticipated Permits and Approvals

Agency Name	Permit or Action		
Boston Redevelopment Authority	 Article 80 Small Project Review Design Review Approval Affordable Housing Agreement 		
Boston Water and Sewer Commission	Local Sewer and Water Tie-in and Site Plan Approval		
Boston Public Safety Commission, Committee on Licenses	Parking Garage Related Permits		
Boston Inspectional Services Department	 Zoning Board of Appeal Approval Building Permit Certificate of Occupancy		

III. BOSTON ZONING CODE DATA

3.1 Zoning District Requirements

The site is situated within an LI-1 Local Industrial 1 zoning district under Article 69 of the Boston Zoning Code, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Zoning Article.

The applicable zoning requirements, and anticipated as-built zoning characteristics of the Proposed Project, are as follows:

DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS TABLE D

ITEM	REQUIRED	EXISTING	PROPOSED
MIN. LOT SIZE	NONE	55,150 [±] S.F.	55,150 [±] S.F.
MIN. LOT WIDTH	NONE	175'-7" [±]	175'-7" [±]
MIN. LOT FRONTAGE	NONE	175'-7" [±]	175'-7" [±]
MAX. FLOOR AREA RATIO	1.0	0.45 (21,940 S.F. ±)	0.74 (40,686 S.F. ±)
MAX. ALLOWABLE BUILDING HEIGHT	35'-0"	33'-2" ±	37'-2 1/2" [±]
MIN. FRONT YARD	5'	21.8' *	21.8' *
MIN. SIDE YARD	NONE	15.7' [±]	15.7' *
MIN. REAR YARD	10'	91'-5" [±]	91'-5" [±]
OPEN SPACE	NONE	N/A	14,035 SQ. FT. [±]

Off-Street Parking Requirements of Article 69:

• 32 residential units @ 2 spaces per unit = 64 spaces

3.3 Zoning Relief Required

Article 69, Section 14: Multifamily Dwelling, Forbidden Use

Article 69, Section 15: Excessive Building Height
Article 69, Section 29: Insufficient Off-Street Parking

3.4 Building Code Analysis

The construction of the building will be Type VA.

The building will be fully sprinkled in conformance with NFPA 13.

The building will be a residential building.

Residential: R-2Parking garage: S-2

As defined by Table 508.4, fire separation requirements are as follows:

- R-2 requires 1-hour separation
- S-2 requires 1-hour separation

IV. ZONING REFUSAL LETTER: URBAN DESIGN SUBMISSION PHOTOGRAPHS AND PLANS

Exhibit 1: Assessing Map

Exhibit 2: Certified Plot Plan (Existing Conditions)

Exhibit 3: Zoning Code Refusal Letter

Exhibit 4: Aerial Views of Site

Exhibit 5: Aerial Views of Site (cont'd)

Exhibit 6: Street Views of Site

Exhibit 7: Street Views of Site and Zoning Map
Exhibit 8: Proposed Site Use Plan (architectural)

Exhibit 9: Existing Basement Floor Plan
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Exhibit 19: Front Rendering

1580 River Street, Hyde Park



Property Information

Parcel ID 1812142000

SANTACROCE PAUL J TS Owner

Address 1582 RIVER ST 0316

Property Type Building Value \$411,200.00 \$410,800.00 **Land Value Total Value** \$822,000.00 Lot Size 55150 sq ft Commercial Land Use



MAP FOR REFERENCE ONLY NOT A LEGAL DOCUMENT

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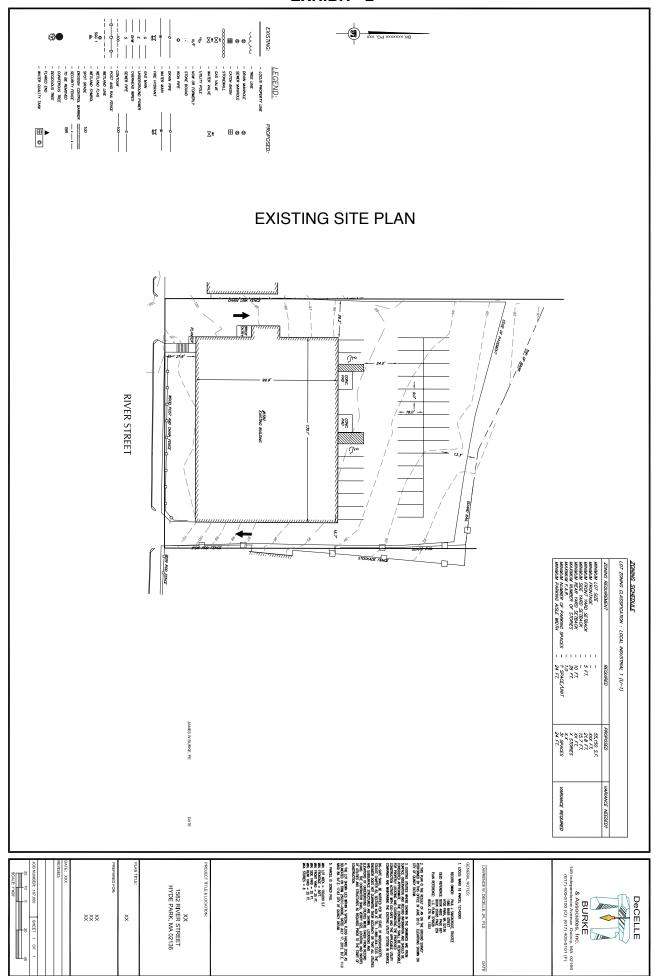


EXHIBIT "3"



Boston Inspectional Services Department Planning and Zoning Division

1010 Massachusetts Avenue Boston, MA 02118 Telephone: (617) 635-5300

Martin J. Walsh Mayor

ZONING CODE REFUSAL

Gary P. Moccia
Inspector of Buildings

ANTONIO RUSCITO 21 MAZZEO DRIVE

October 09, 2014

UNIT 101

RANDOLPH, MA 02368

Location: 1580 RIVER ST HYDE PARK, MA 02136

Ward: 18

Zoning District: Hyde Park N.D

Zoning Subdistrict: LI - 1

Appl. #: ALT385089 Date Filed: July 17, 2014

Purpose: Change Occupancy from a Carpet Warehouse to a 32 Unit Residential Condominium as per plans.

Construct a 3rd story onto building. Renovations to existing building. Work to include: new windows, new insulation, carpeting, installation of new Kitchens, new Bathrooms, all finishes, all new MEP, new Fire Alarm and Sprinkler systems. Revise exterior Site and Parking. Revise exterior

of Building.

YOUR APPLICATION REQUIRES RELIEF FROM THE BOARD OF APPEAL AS SAME WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF THE BOSTON ZONING CODE TO WIT: CHAPTER 665, ACTS OF 1956 AS AMENDED:

 Violation
 Violation Description
 Violation Comments

 Article 69 Section 14
 Use Regulations
 Use: Multifamily Dwelling: Forbidden

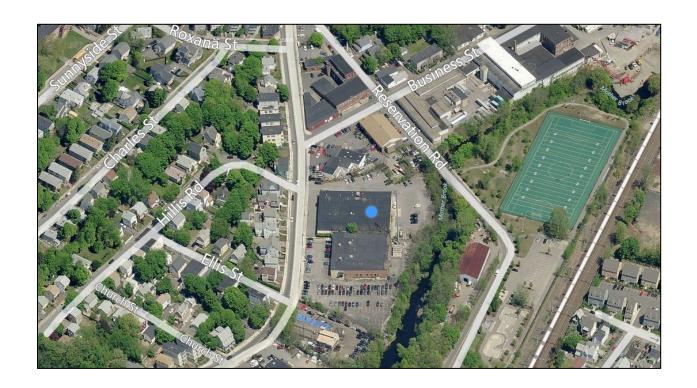
 Article 69 Section 15
 Dimensional Regulations
 Building Height Excessive

 Article 69 Section 29
 Off-Street Parking Req's
 Off-Street Parking Insufficient

THIS DECISION MAY BE APPEALED TO THE BOARD OF APPEAL WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 665 OF THE ACTS OF 1956, AS AMENDED. APPLICATIONS NOT APPEALED WITHIN THAT TIME PERIOD WILL BE DEEMED ABANDONED. IF YOU HAVE INQUIRIES REGARDING THE NEIGHBORHOOD PROCESS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AT 617-635-3485.

Thomas White (617)961-3275 for the Commissioner

EXHIBIT "4"



SITE AERIALS



EXHIBIT "5"



SITE AERIALS, INCLUDING TYPICAL TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

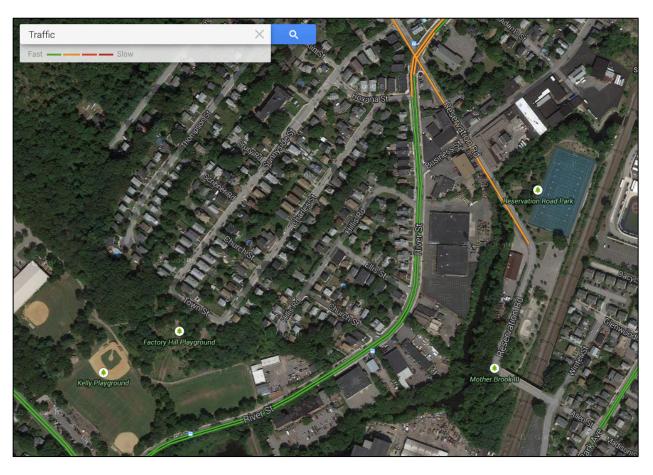
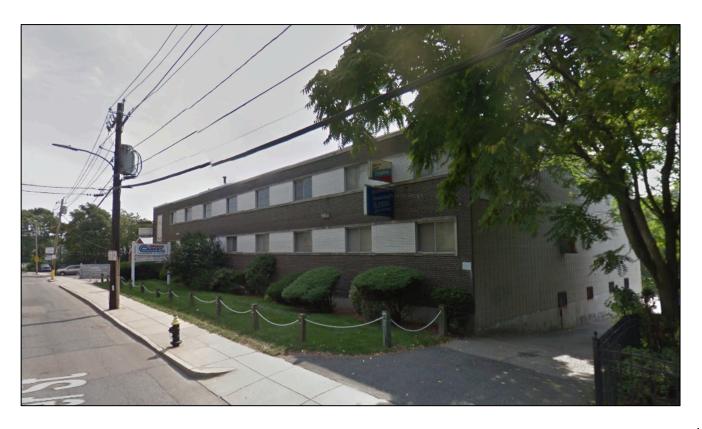
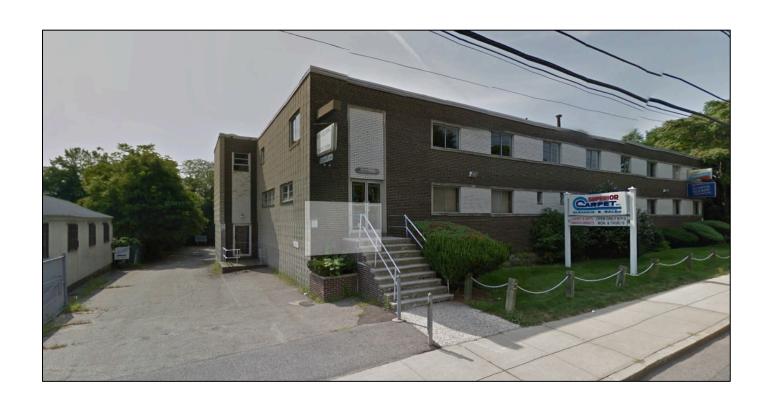


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STREET VIEWS OF SITE ALONG RIVER STREET





VIEW OF SITE AND ZONING MAP

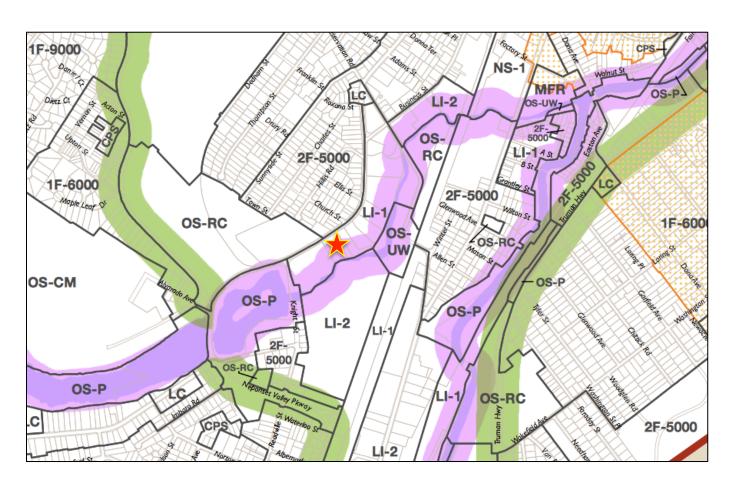


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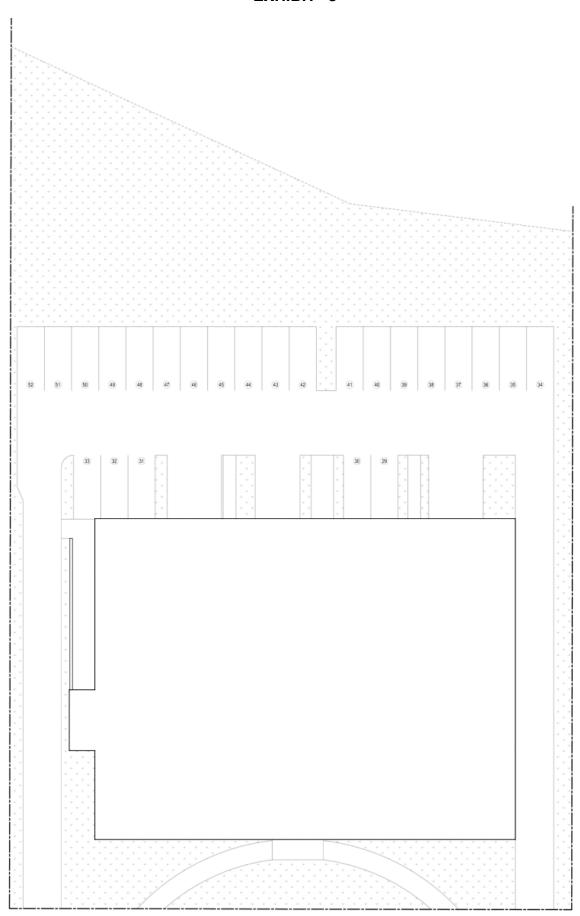
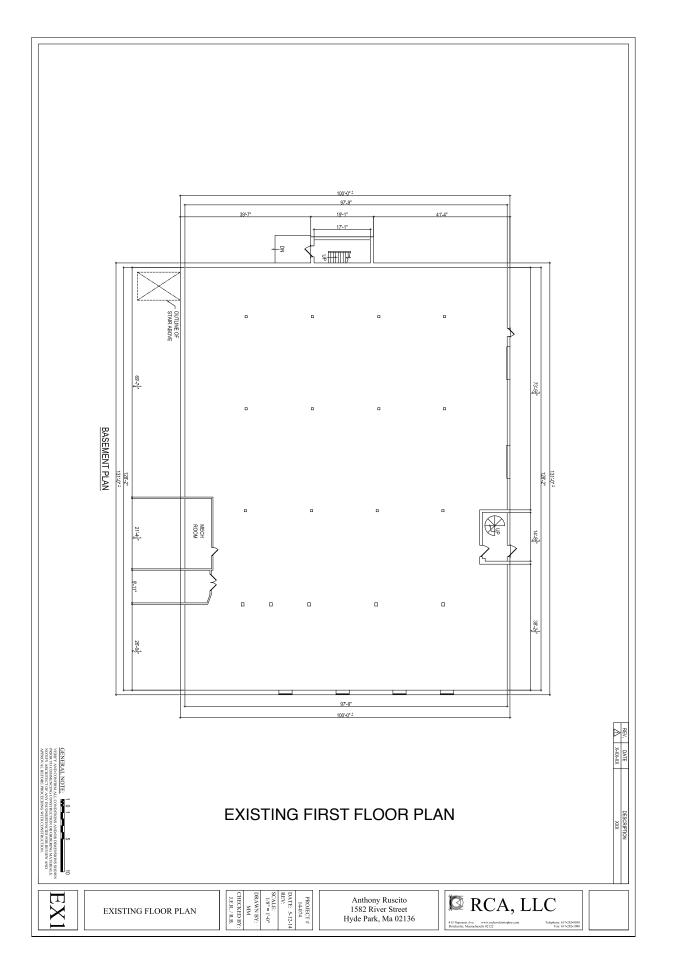


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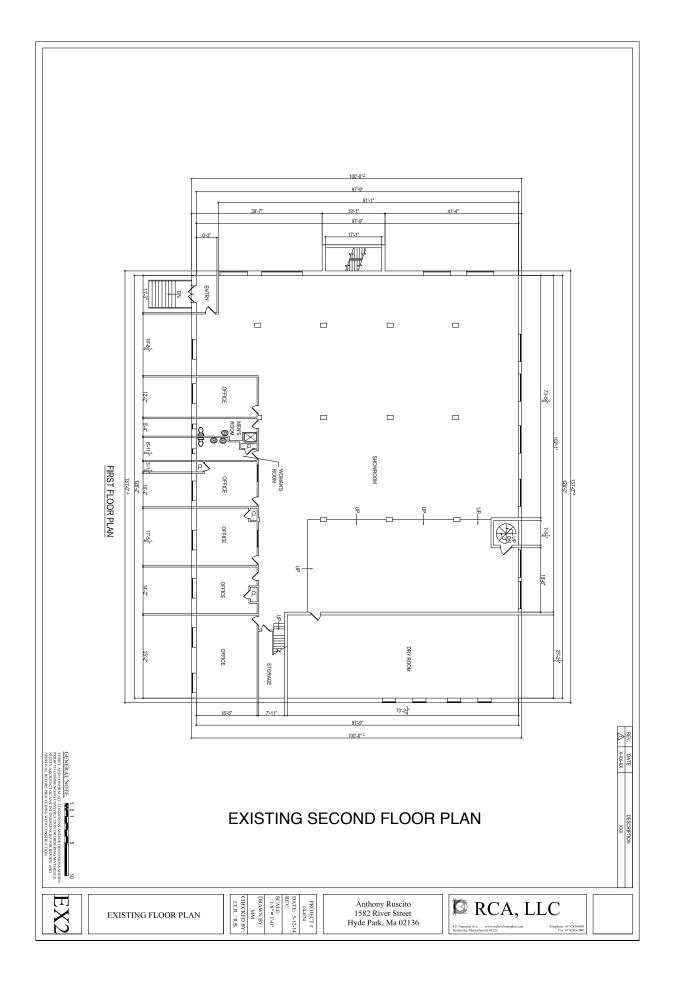
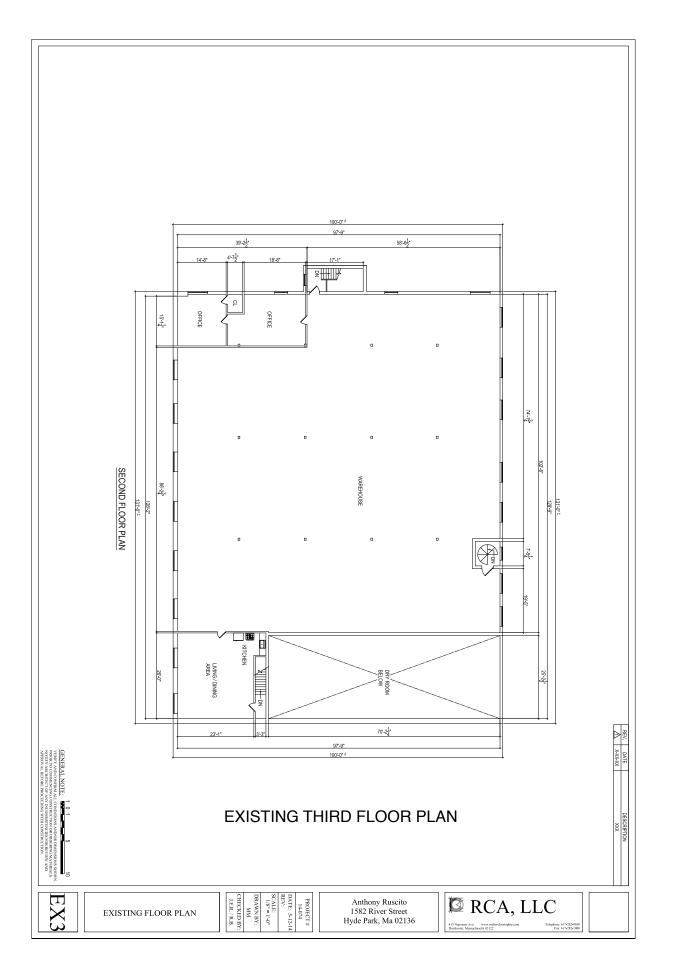
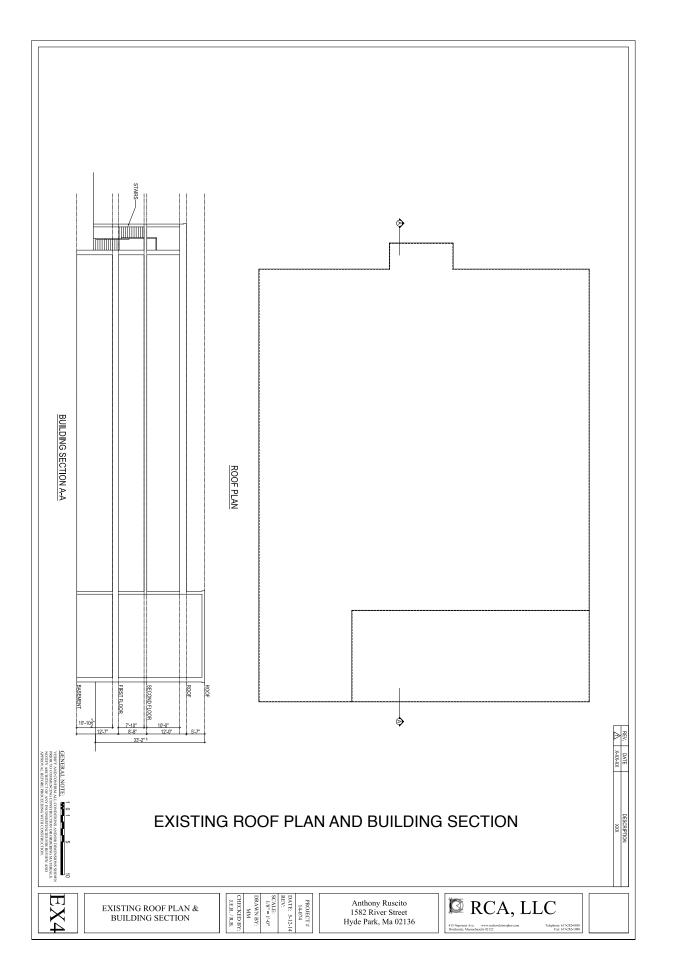
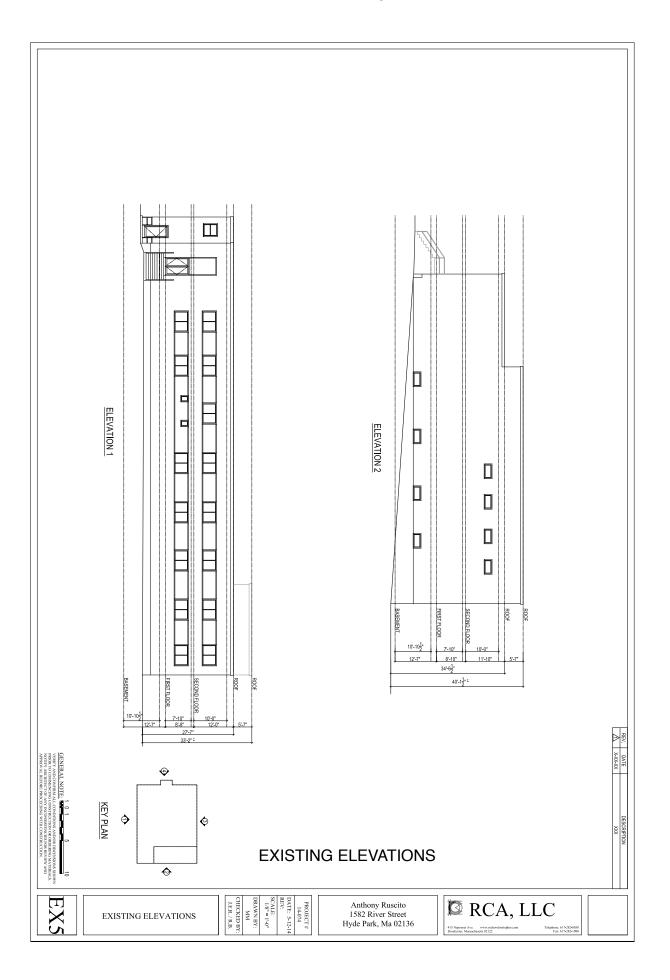


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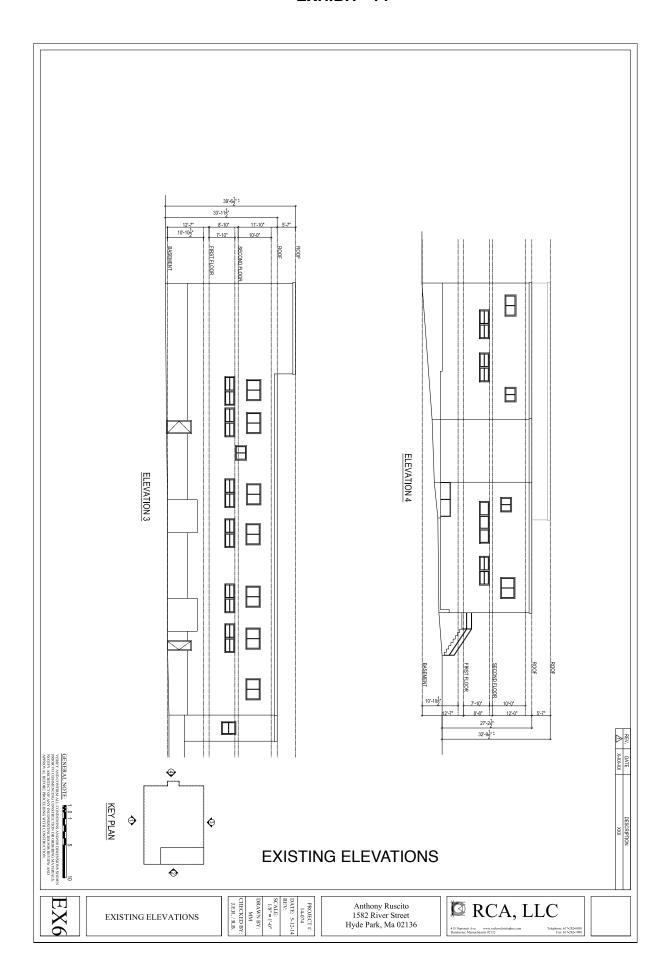


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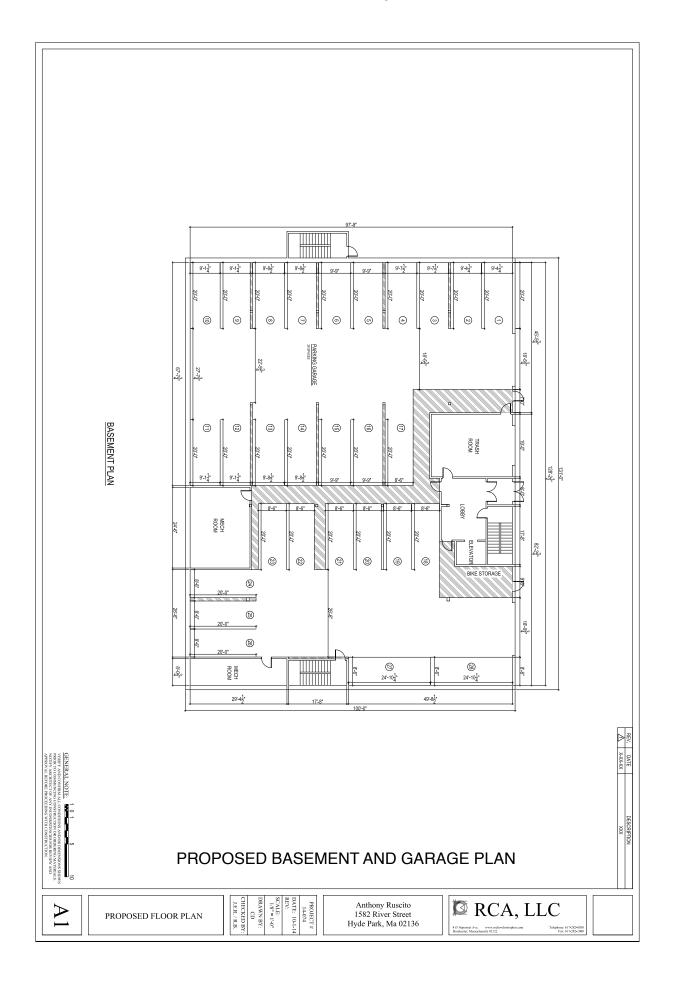


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