

March 26, 2009

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Re: Redevelopment

604-630 E. Johnson Street 309-323 N. Blair Street 609-625 E. Gorham Street

Dear Members of the Landmarks Commission,

Attached please find our proposed redevelopment plan located on the west end of the 600 block of East Johnson/Gorham Streets at the North Blair Street intersection. The site is approximately two acres in size and contains a total of 19 structures plus a garage building. It was formerly under the control of a single developer and the deferred maintenance of the structures is extensive. This project proposes the renovation of the historic homes and yards on the north side of the site while redeveloping the south side of the property for an 85-unit townhome and apartment development.

Thank you for your review and consideration of this matter.

Yours Very Truly,

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Charles Quagliana Architect, AIA, NCARB 5018 Holiday Drive Madison, WI 53711

March 9, 2009

Mr. J. Randy Bruce Knothe & Bruce Architects, LLC. 7601 University Avenue Middleton, WI 53562

Re:

Evaluation of properties at 309 and 311 North Blair Street and 604, 606, 610, 612, 614, 618, 620, 626 and 630 E. Johnson Street Madison, WI

Dear Randy,

The following is my report on these properties.

Purpose

The purpose of the research and observations was to investigate the properties and to provide an opinion on architectural significance and integrity relative to Madison General Ordinance 28.04(22) the standard for demolition or removal of buildings.

Present Use

All of the subject properties are currently multiple tenant student housing.

Background

On-site observations were conducted on March 3 and 4, 2009 by Preservation Architect Charles Quagliana and Structural Engineer Kurt Straus. We were guided by the landlord's representative and gained access to each property and most of the interior rooms. Elements open to view were observed, photographs taken, field notes were recorded.

The location of these buildings is on the western edge of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood, part of the original plat of Madison of 1836. Many of these structures are over 100 years old and represent some of the oldest housing stock in the neighborhood. The dates of original construction range from 1869, 1874 and 1899 to 1900, 1921 and 1927. Two structures (311 N. Blair and a garage behind 614 E. Johnson) were built in 1987. The structure at 330 E. Johnson has a rear addition from 1987.

The older properties embody the general vernacular vocabulary of worker housing from the late 1800s and early 1900s. Modest in design, detail and finishes, these relatively small scale homes have been converted to multiple tenant student housing. The majority of key interior and exterior identifying features of these homes have been lost to multiple remodeling campaigns. The newer structures are non-descript low cost buildings serving rental market purposes.

General Observations

Exterior

The exteriors of the older structures retain their primary form but have lost significant portions of the defining elements, details and finishes. Barge boards, decorative shingle patterns, brackets, wood banding, wood trim and surrounds are lost. What does remain is hidden under the applied plywood, vinyl or aluminum siding.

Each of the older structures exhibits significant deferred maintenance issues and serious deficiencies contributing to building deterioration. These include roofs at the end of their useful life, opening in soffits and eves allowing weather penetration, deteriorated soffits and lack of gutters and downspouts contributing to basement water and foundation settlement issues.

All of the front porches on these older structures have been altered, some to create interior rentable space. Most porches exhibit settlement issues with noticeable deflections, tilting and/or sagging.

Many of the properties have original wood multi-pane windows with storms. These windows lack any weather stripping and are very leaky to air infiltration. Several buildings have had all of the windows replaced with low cost insulating units that are not sympathetic to the original designs.

Every brick chimney on the older buildings are in need of repair or replacement. Many do not meet current codes for height or clearances.

The 1987 structures feature exterior insulation system with synthetic stucco, double pane wood/clad windows, metal entry doors and fiberglass shingle roof.

Overall the exteriors of these older buildings are in fair condition. They require remedial, repair and maintenance work soon to maintain a weather tight exterior enclosure especially related to the roof and the foundation walls.

Interior

The majority of interior spaces of the older structures have been significantly remodeled and modified to accommodate student housing. The floor plans of all first, second and third floors have been modified to accommodate additional bedrooms, kitchens, closets and bathrooms. The majority of this has been additive, some subtractive.

All of the kitchens have some contemporary low budget cabinets, laminate counter tops, vinyl floors and acoustic tile ceilings. The bathrooms of these units are typically in poor to fair condition with leaks present and the need for constant caulking and minor repairs very evident. Water leakage is anticipated to be causing deterioration of adjacent wood framing in every bathroom observed.

It appears that much of any custom detail, built-ins, pocket doors and decorative work have been removed. Many have maple or oak wood floors with some fragments of decorative base and trim remaining. Interior doors are typically for or five panel typical of the period of original construction. Other significant fragments that remain in many buildings are bathroom sinks, tubs and fixtures.

Three buildings, those at 610, 612 and 630 E. Johnson Street, retain enough original or transitional woodwork, surrounds, doors and trim to warrant removal and reuse.

The interiors of these buildings are in fair condition with serviceable materials and finishes. Some level of repair and rehabilitation work is required in each building.

Structural

Given the structural spans and materials used, it is apparent that the floor structure of the older homes was typically under designed by a factor of two. In addition, these older houses have been beaten up, torn apart and significantly modified. The resulting redistribution of floor loads has created significant floor deflections and settlement in 80% of the first floor structures. Cracks in walls parallel to the floor structural system and racked doors are clear evidence of this deflection. This deflection is very evident in almost every building upon entry to the first floor. Some deflection is in excess of two inches.

In addition, the ceiling structure and attic framing of many of these homes were under structured when originally constructed as evidenced by sagging ceilings and multiple consistent cracking of ceilings especially on the upper most floors. Acoustic ceilings have been used to disguises this deflection and cracking on all levels.

All of the basements have water problems. Several had one or two inches of standing water on the days of observation. The majority of foundation walls are leaking due to runoff water and due to apparent high water table levels in this portion of the neighborhood. Mildew, mold and excessive dampness were noted in all basements of the older buildings.

The stone basement walls of the older homes are consistently cracked on the lower one third of their height. Cracks at the corners of these walls indicate arching soil pressure impacting the center sections of these walls causing slight overturning.

The 1980s buildings are in good condition structurally. The older structures are in fair to poor condition with repairs and remedial work necessary very soon to prevent further deterioration of the structural systems, in particular the foundation walls and first floor framing.

Mechanical, electrical and plumbing

The existing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems are functional and apparently somewhat code compliant. The age and state of maintenance of the equipment indicates upgrades and replacement that are not too far in the future.

Most of the buildings are heated by boilers supplying hot water to perimeter radiators or fin tube enclosures. These are controlled by thermostats, typically on each floor. Several houses have forced air heat.

Most of the structures have a newer electrical service and panel board. However there still exist outdated components such as knob and tube wiring and rotary switches throughout some buildings.

Plumbing waste and supply piping is generally newer and adequate.

Overall the mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems are essentially functional but not fully code compliant and likely have significant maintenance issues and repair frequencies.

Hazardous materials

Hazardous materials are likely present in every older building. There appears to be asbestos containing floor tile and pipe warp. Given the age of the buildings lead paint is likely present throughout. Some areas of mold were noted in basement areas.

Findings

Historical Significance

A judgment concerning historical significance of the properties (the association with events or lives of persons significant in our past) cannot be determined without intensive research into specific activities and their impact. It should be noted that none of the properties included in this report are included as part of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Historic Walking Tour brochure.

Architectural Significance

The architectural significance of these properties is low. These properties can not easily be associated with the original designer or architect and it likely they were simply builder designed and constructed from pattern books of the period. These houses were originally rather modest residences in a modest neighborhood. They were typical worker housing of the late 1880s and early 1990s possessing some level of craftsmanship and detail but not of a high quantity or quality.

Currently available documentation and field observations indicate major remodeling projects were accomplished in all of the properties. Although the properties retain basic form and some features conveying elements of the original, the houses have lost the majority of their defining distinctive characteristics.

Architectural Integrity

The overall architectural integrity of these properties is very low. Much of the original character defining elements have been removed or covered over. I estimate that less than 25% of the character defining features or elements, interior and exterior, remains intact on any individual older property.

Architectural Context

It is my opinion that the architectural context of these properties is good. For all of their history, these homes have been part of a dense residential area. Originally dominated by single family homes the area has gradually transformed to multi-family, student tenant and some single family uses. These are examples of the kinds of homes that dominated much of this part of Madison around the turn of the 20th century.

Conclusion

The older properties have serious structural deficiencies in the wood framing and foundation structure. In addition, hazardous materials, standing water in basements and mold are visible in some of the buildings. Most of the character defining elements of the architecture have been lost.

Although the context of these properties is good, the properties do not possess a high enough level of architectural significance or integrity to mandate their retention. Given the collective deferred maintenance and significant alterations to the original buildings, the extensive rehabilitation and code related upgrades required to retain these properties would likely be prohibitive.

Preservation Issues

Preservation of Historic Buildings

As a nation, we are much more aware of the importance of our heritage than any time before. We embrace the concepts of historic preservation and protection of cultural resources as a necessity in the course of our continued development of the built environment.

It must be acknowledged that the degree of repair and rehabilitation required on any individual building, since they are in need of significant deferred maintenance and code related upgrades, may not be cost effective. Rehabilitation with suitable compatible uses may not cost effectively extend the service life of these buildings.

The preservation of the best buildings within the urban environment is an inherently sustainable activity with the reuse of the building, building components and materials and the embodied energy they represent. Preservation and reuse of the buildings embraces our nations growing concerns about a post war culture of temporary and disposable as opposed to a new vision of sustainability, reuse and recycling. Preservation represents a green approach through use of recycled materials, day lighting and improved energy efficient that can be achieved through rehabilitation.

If removal of the homes is selected, deconstruction should be the preferred method of removal. Deconstruction involves carefully removing materials, elements and components that can be reused and recycled. A comprehensive reuse and recycling plan, meeting City of Madison requirements, will be necessary to obtain a demolition permit.

As a prelude to the deconstruction, appropriate documentation, as negotiated with the City Preservation Planner, should be completed.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Quagliana, AIA, NCARB Preservation Architect



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3, All New Drives to be constructed with class III Approaches in accordance with madison general ordinance section 10.08(4)

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5. SEE SITE GRADING AND UTILITY PLANS FOR

6. COM 62.0500/III-RECURED FIRE LAYES SHALL BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO THE PLACEMENT OF CONDITIBLE MATERIALS AT THE BUILDING SITE, OR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY PORTION OF A BUILDING ABOVE THE FOOTING AND FORDATION.

7. ALL WORK IN THE RIGHT OF WAY SHALL BE PERFORMED BY A CITY LICENSED CONTRACTOR.

8. BIKE STALLS TO BE IN ACCORDANCE TO MADISON GENERAL ORDINANCE 281), (SEE 30965CTIONS (3)(c) AND (3)(h)(2)) USE THE 'BIKE HITCH' STYLE FOR ALL SKIPFACE PARKINS, USE THE SOLAKE "UP RACK FOR THE 'X' 6' TYPICAL INDERSROUND BIKE PARKINS.

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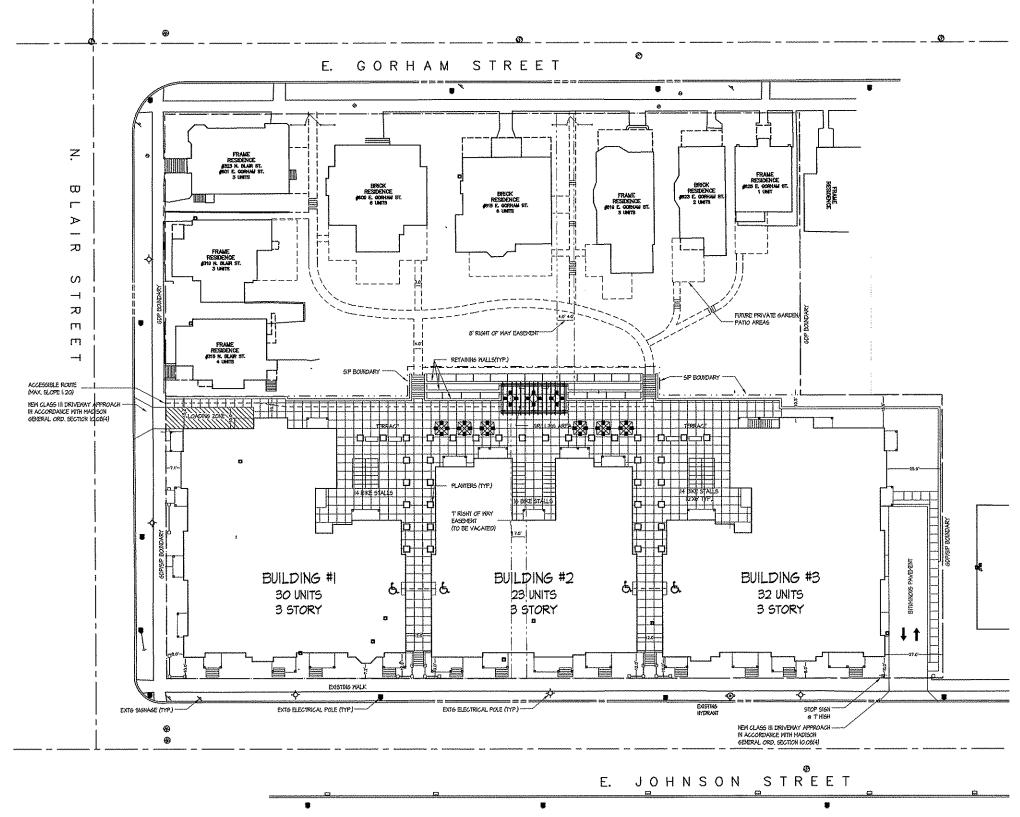
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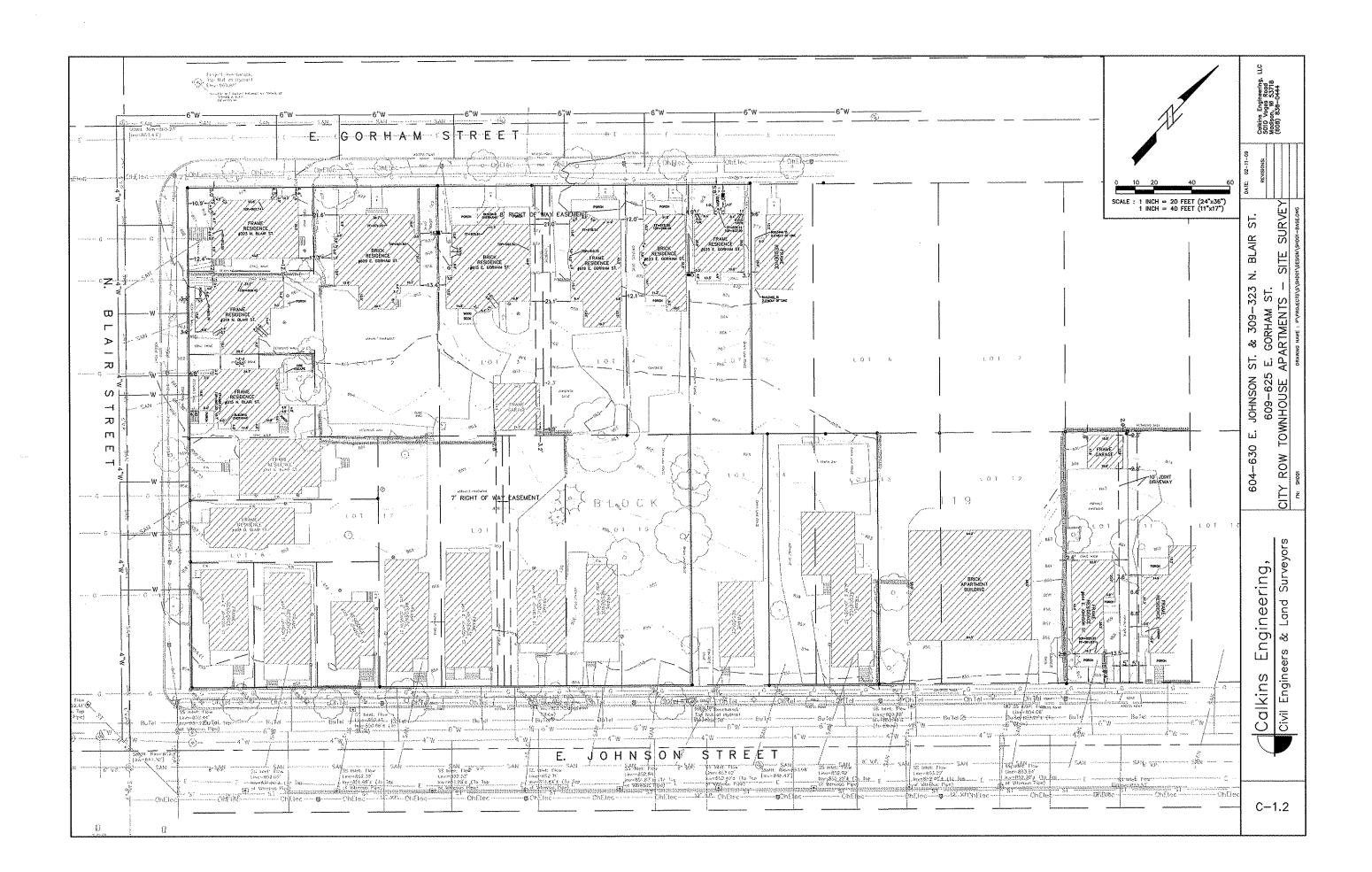
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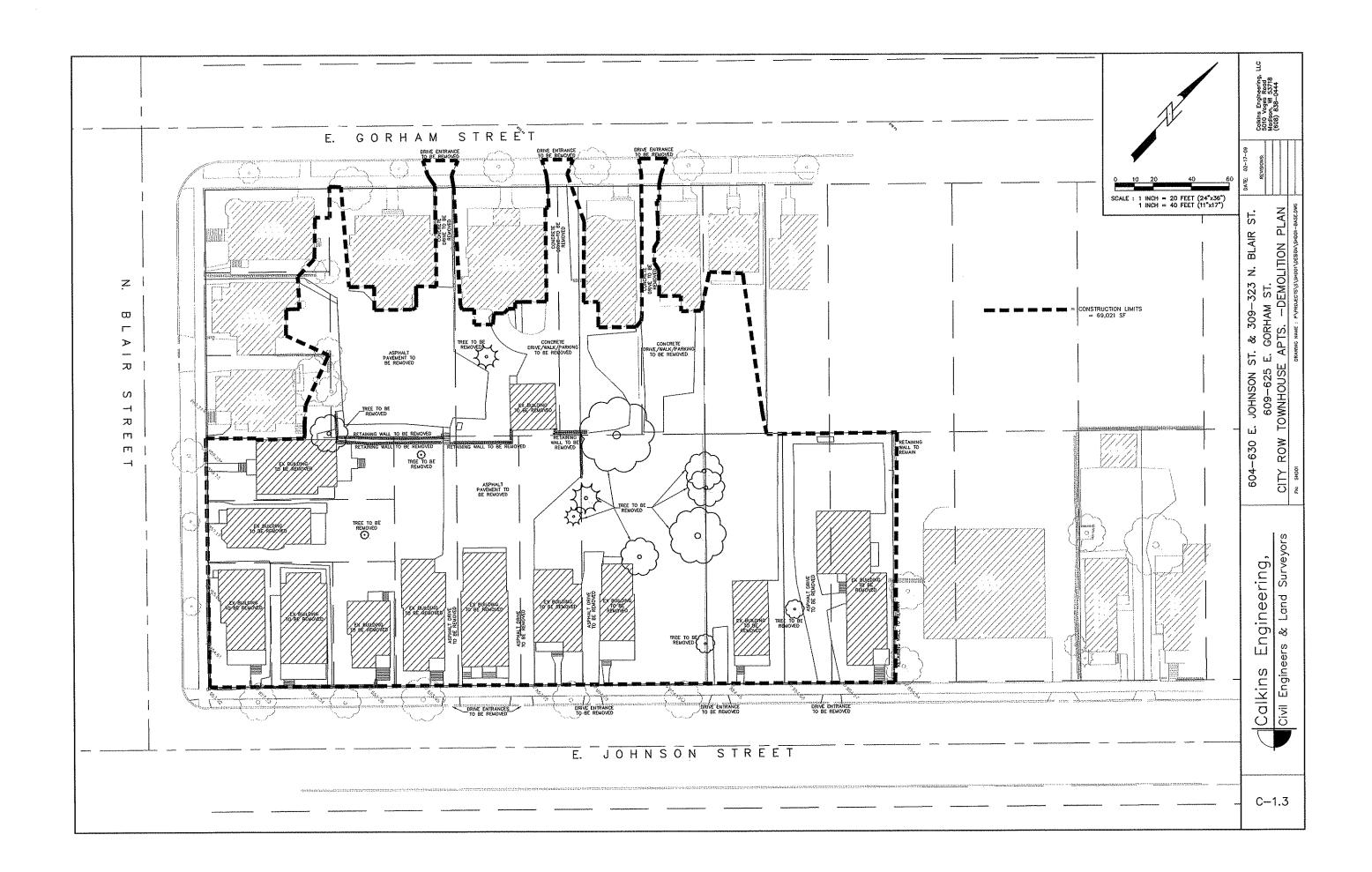
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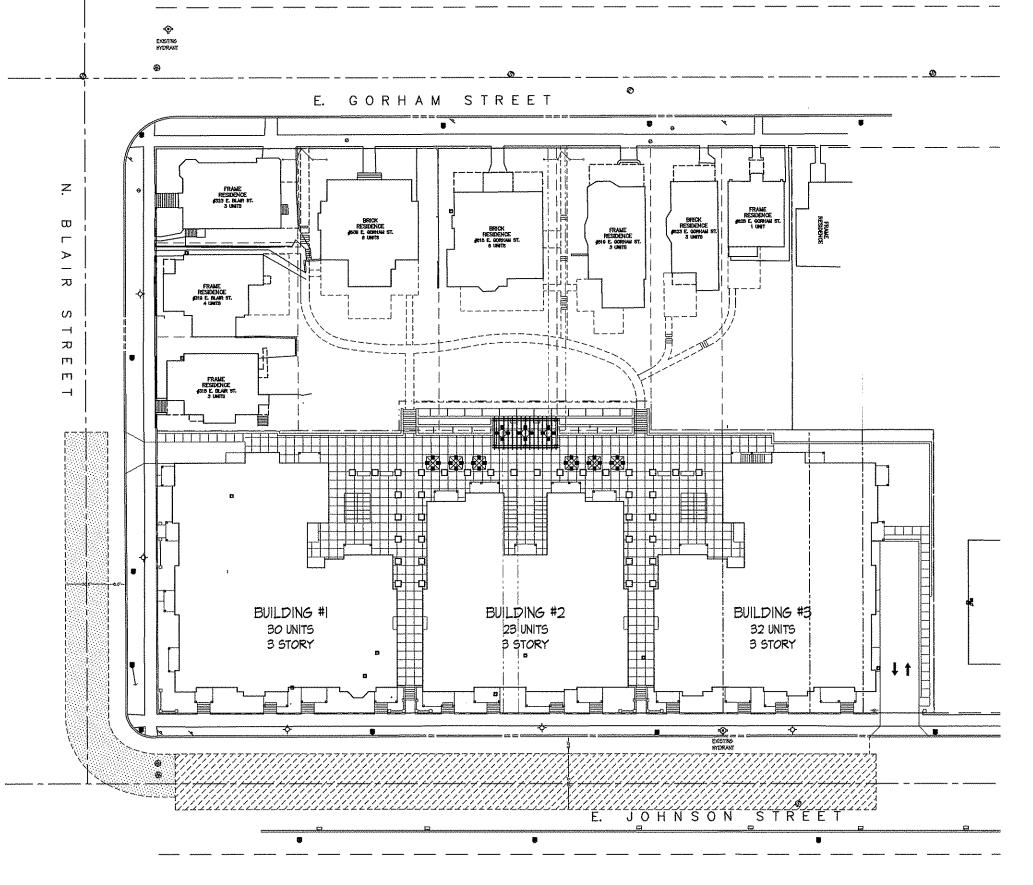
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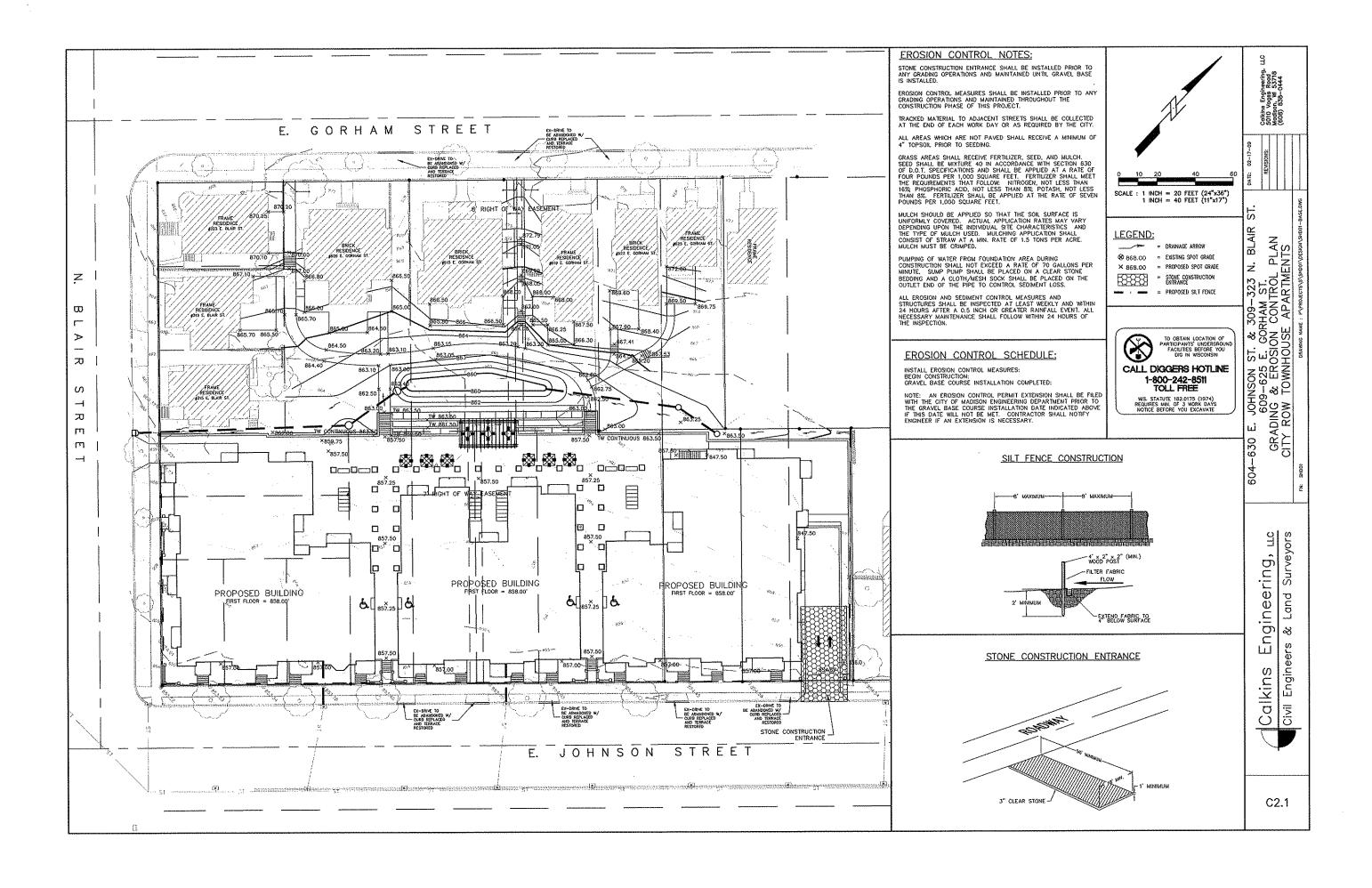
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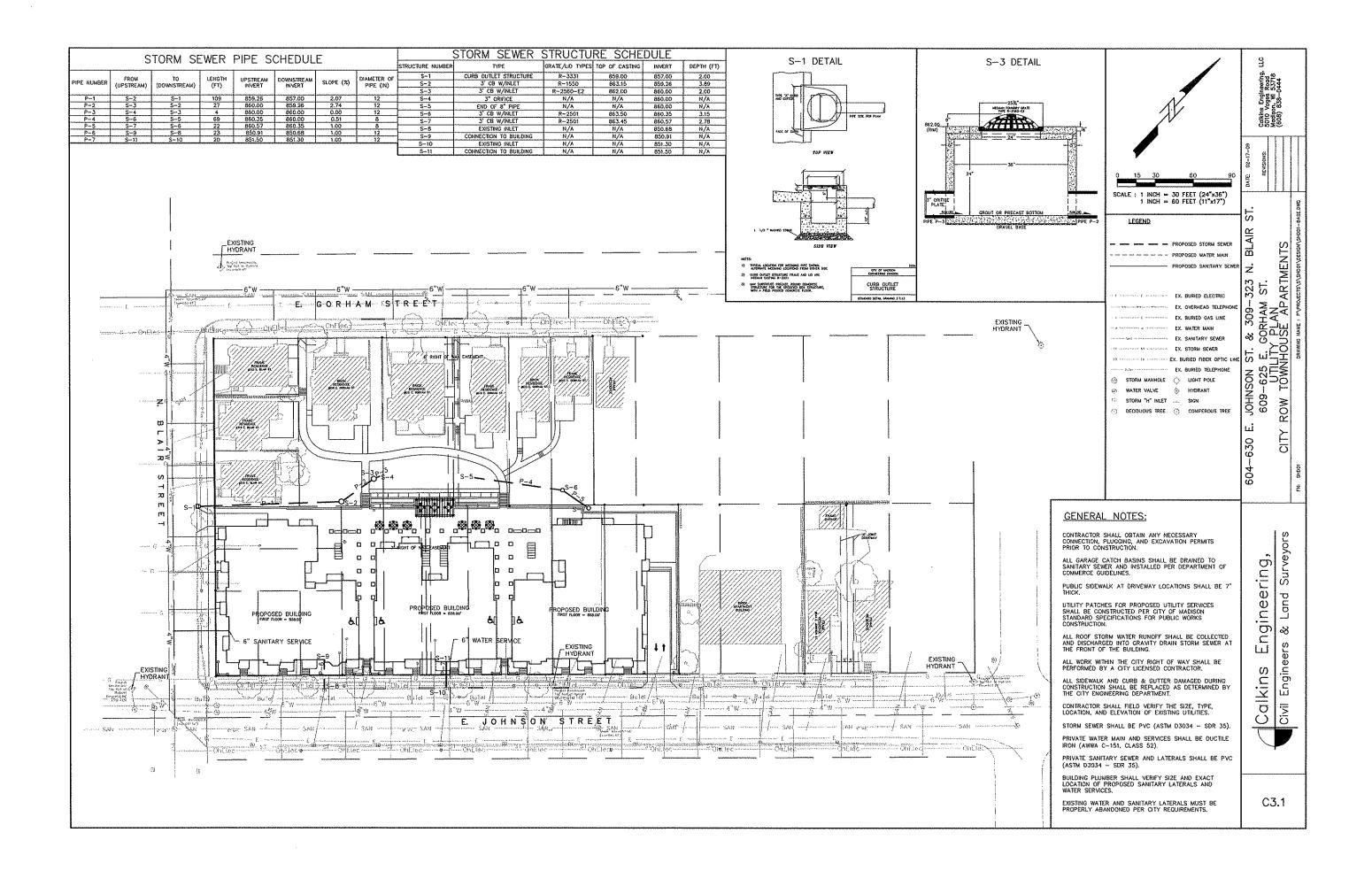
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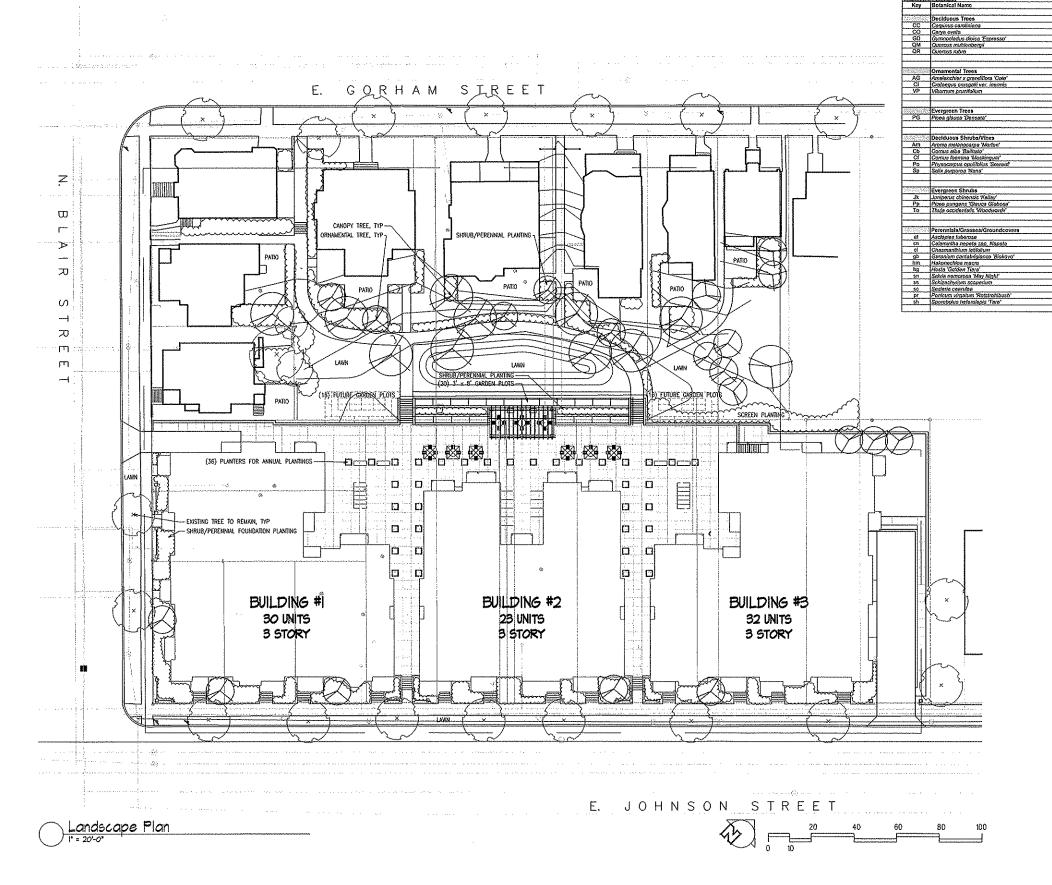
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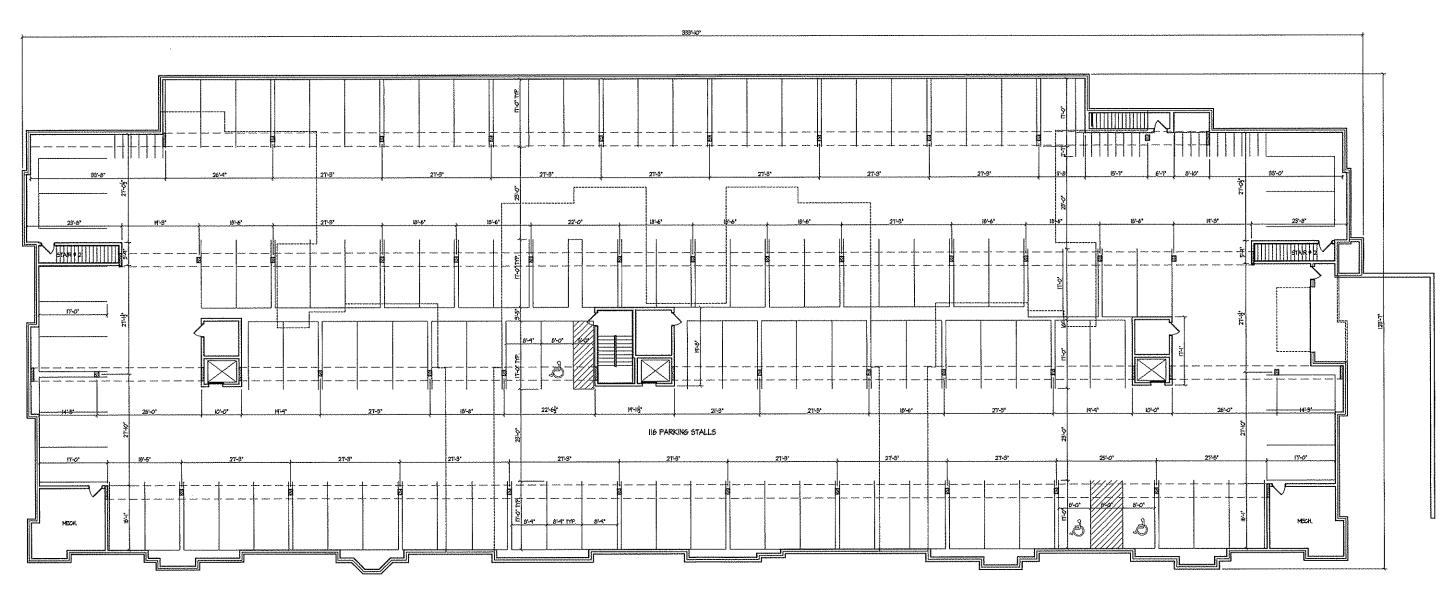
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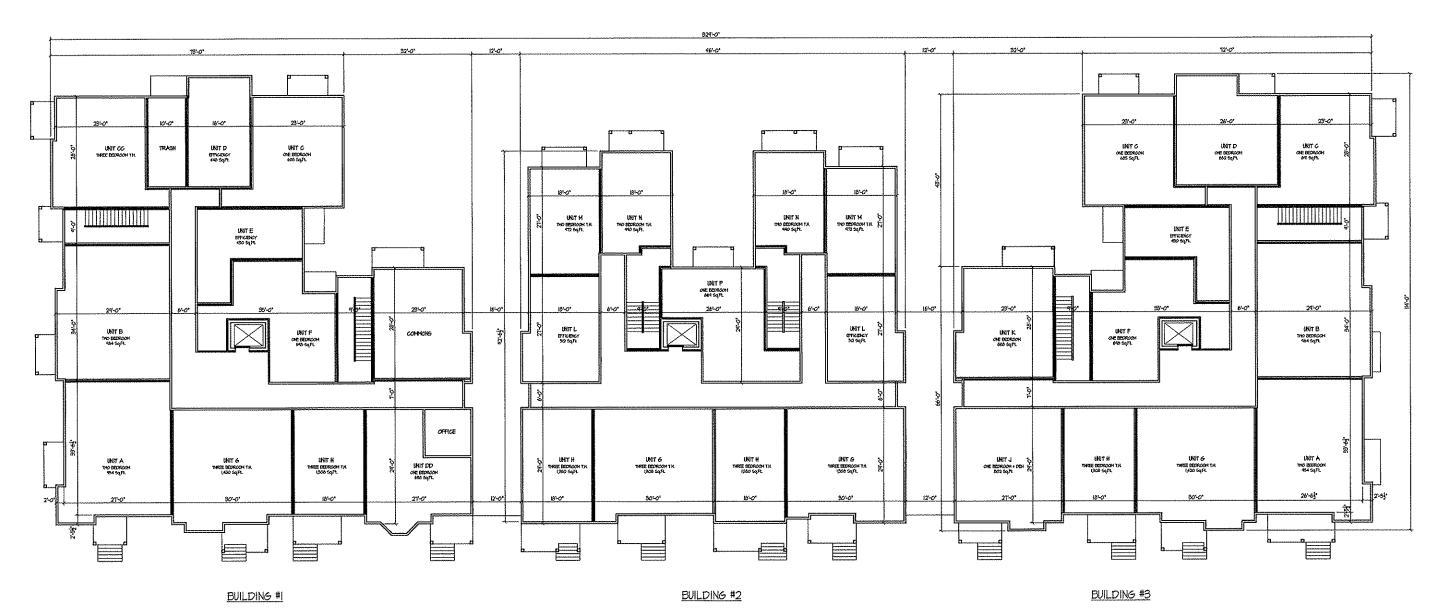
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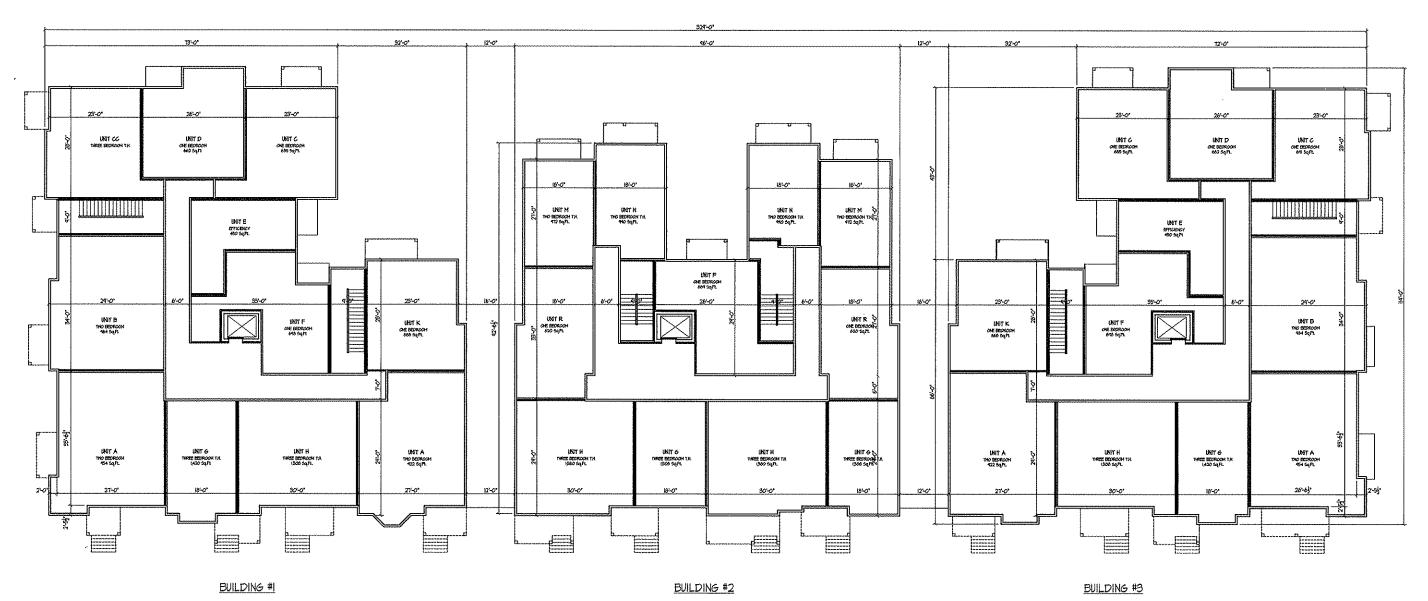
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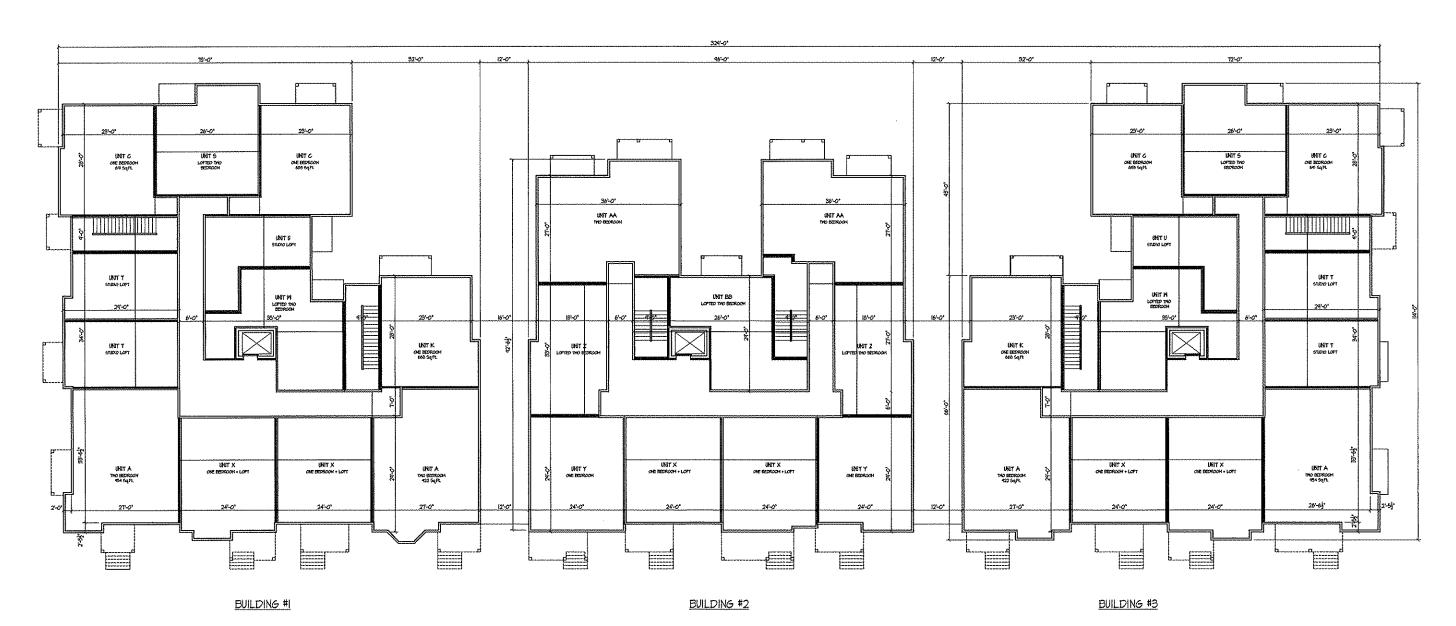
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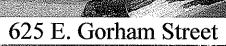
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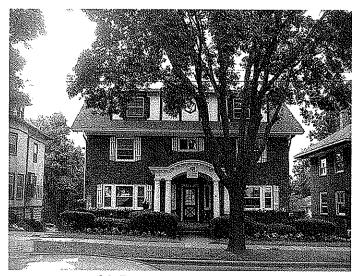




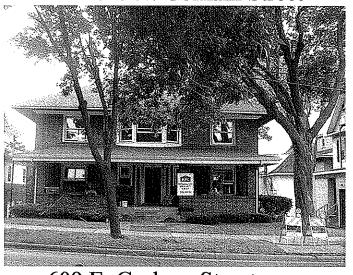
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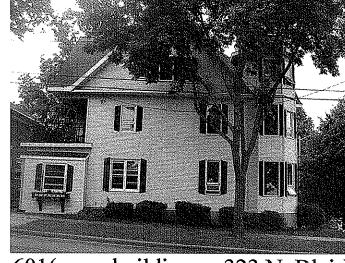
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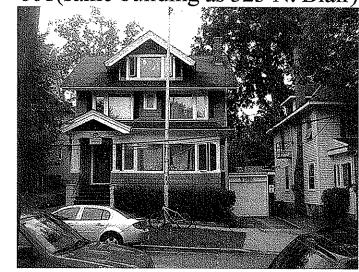
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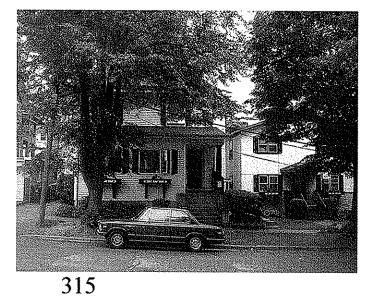
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