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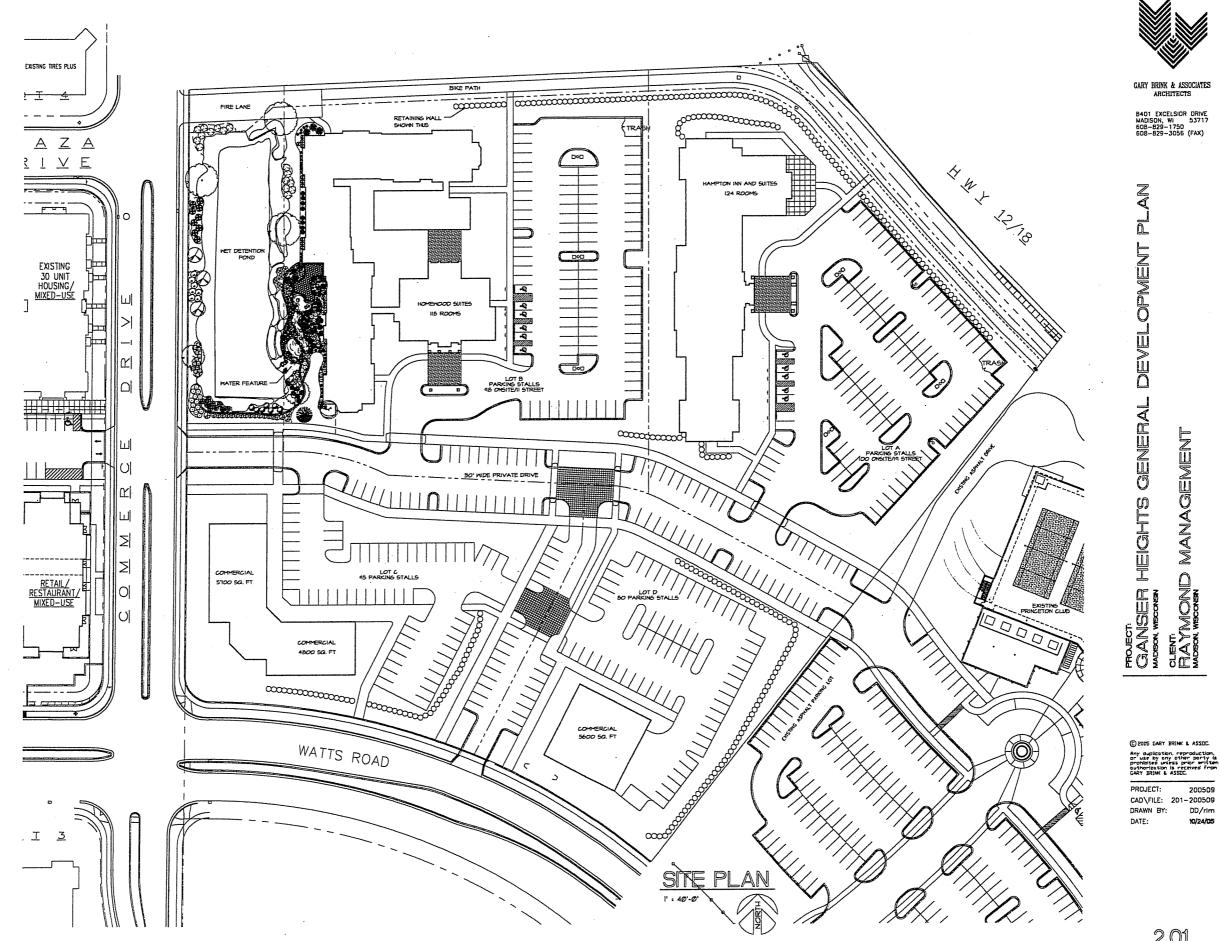
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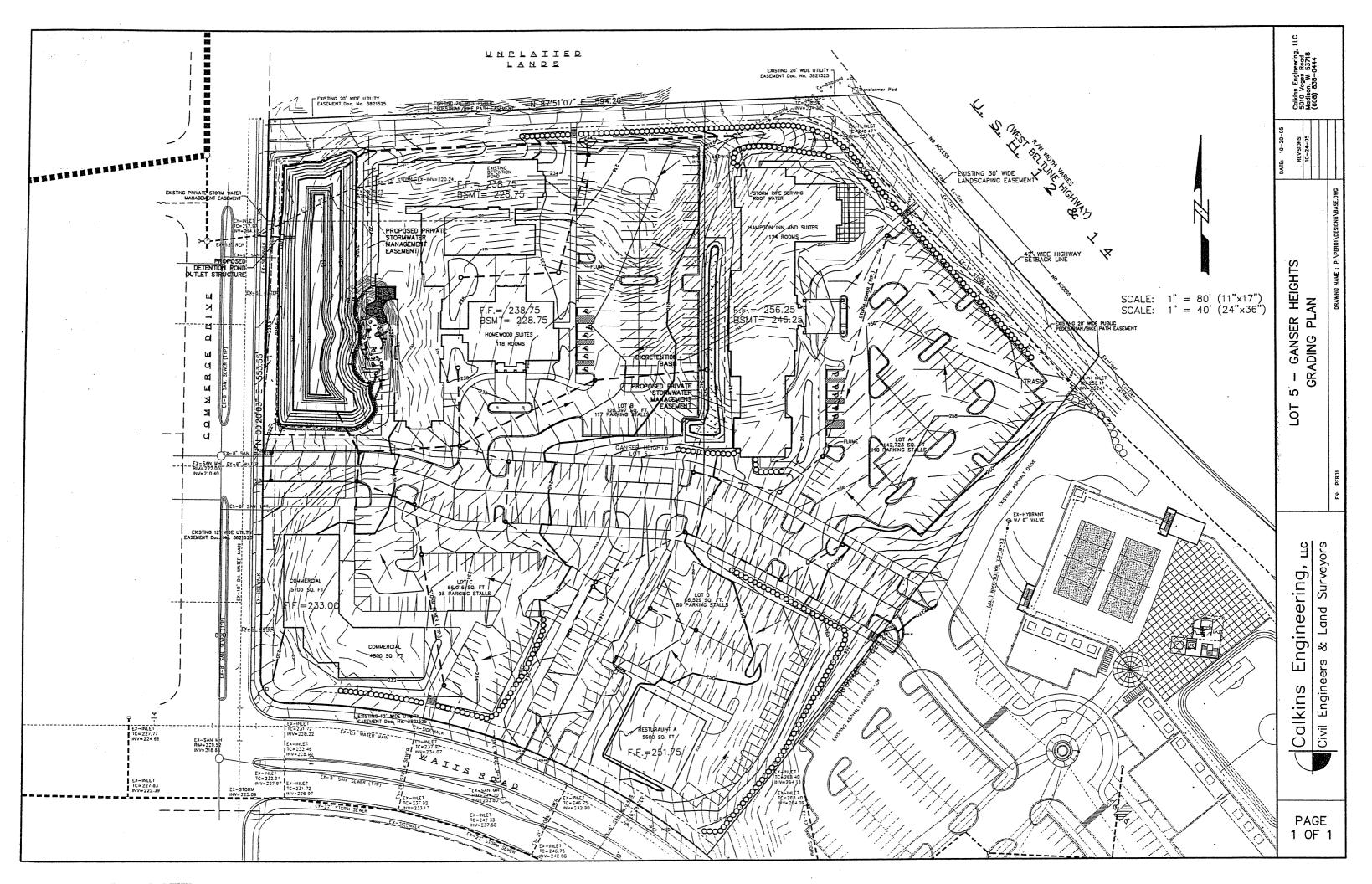
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PROJECT ADDRESS: 8102 Watts Road	
ALDERMANIC DISTRICT: Skidmore	
OWNER/DEVELOPER (Partners and/or Principals) Raymond Management Co.	ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/OR AGENT: Gary Brink & Associates, Inc.
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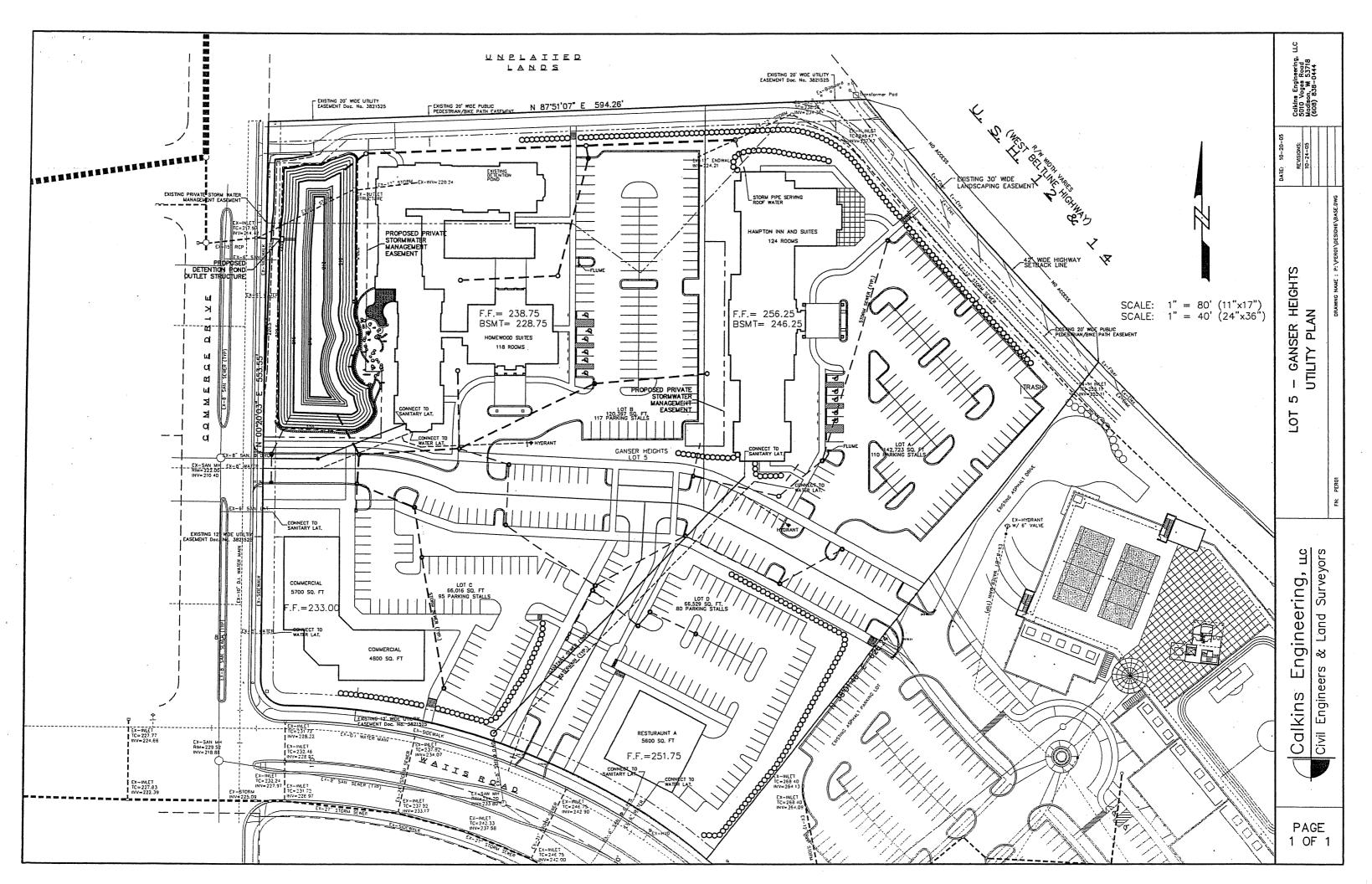
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<sup>\*</sup>Public Hearing Required (Submission Deadline 3 Weeks in Advance of Meeting Date)







## Ganser Heights Lot 5 General Development Plan Questions & Answers

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#### Q: Who is the sponsor/developer of the proposal?

 A: The proposed development is a joint venture between the North Central Group (NCG) & Raymond Management Company (RMC). NCM & RMC have a long history of developing & operating high quality hotels in the Madison area including: the Courtyard by Marriott, Hampton Inn (east & west), Residence Inn & Hilton Garden Inn. Both companies are recognized as award winning hotel owners & managers that construct high quality properties while providing excellent customer service.

Q: How does the proposed GDP vary from concept plans discussed in the past?

 A: The concept plans located a detention basin along the northern edge of the property, where the proposed GDP locates it at the low point along the western edge of the site. Proposed uses also vary slightly; the proposal includes two hotels vs. a single hotel. We've also omitted proposed office/retail buildings & included mixed-use restaurant/retail pads as opposed to a single restaurant in the concept plans. The current request also reduces parking from 457 stalls to 415 stalls. Otherwise, the GDP is materially unchanged from the concept plans.

#### Q: Why did you relocate the detention basin?

• A: The property has a significant change in grade from the top of slope adjacent to the Princeton Club, with the low point located at the northwestern corner of the property. Relocating the basin allows us to accommodate the existing grades, simplify the detention system & maximize opportunities for storm water infiltration.

#### Q: Are there special features involved in the basin?

• A: Yes, the detention basin is designed as a wet pond. In addition, the pond includes a water feature with tiers of moving water surrounded by extensive landscaping. There is also an informal seating area that takes advantage of a jog in the building wall to allow hotel guests to view the water feature. A graphic of the proposed water feature follows.

#### Plant Mate

		Plant Material List	
Broadleaf De			
Quantity	Code Name	Common Name	Planting
1	ABM	Autumn Blaze Maple	2° 888
1	CMCA	Candymint Crabapple	1 3/4" B
11	CCP	Chanticleer Callery Pear	2" B&B
3	PCW TEM	Prairie Cascade Willow Three-flower Maple	2" B&B 1 3/4" B#
2	WBC		1 3/4" Ba
		Whitespire Gray Birch (cip)	10 888
Conifer Every Quantity	Code Name	Common Name	Planting :
1	BHS	Black Hills Spruce	IO' TS
10	BMJ	Broadmoor Juniper	#5 CON
8	DMP	Dwf Mugo Pine	IB" POT
4	EA	Emerald Arborvitae	5' B&B
3	MAJ	Mini Arcadia juniper	#5 CON
3	RHMBS	Montgomery Blue Spruce	#6 CON
5	TY	Taunton Yew	18" B&B
7	TA	Techny/mission Arborvitze	5' B&B
Perennial			
Quantity	Code Name	Common Name	Planting :
10	AD	Anzac Daylly (red 28" M Re)	#2 CON
4	AJS	Autumn Joy Sedum (red 24")	#I CON
11	BD	Baja Dayilly (red 26" M Re)	#I CON
8	BES	Black-eyed Susan	#I CON
7	FA	Fanal Aszilbe (red)	#I CON
13	HDFG	Hameln Dwf Fountain Grass	#I CON
4	JBC	Johnson's Blue Cranesbill	#I CON
9	KFG LM	Karl Foerster's Feather Reed Grass	#I CON
3	LBD	Lady's Mantle Little Business Daylily (red 15" Em Re)	#I CON
5	MNMS	May Night Sage	#I CON
4	MBC	Moonbeam Coreopsis	#I CON
3	PPCB	Palace Purple Coral Bells	#I CON
5	RSH	Royal Standard Hosta (green 12-24")	#I CON
3	RS	Russian Sare	#I CON
12	SDD	Stella De Oro Daylily (gold 18" Re)	#I CON
437	PCG	Prairie Cord Grass	.45 CON
77	MOF	Monkey Flower	.45 CON
57	WII	Wild Iris	.45 CON
92	PAS	Palm Sedge	.45 CON
101	CAA	Canada Anemone	.45 CON
86	clM	Chocolate Joe-Pye Weed	.45 CON
141	FOS	Fox Sedge	.45 CON
Shrub			
Quantity	Code Name	Common Name	Planting S
4	AH CFE	Annabelle Hydrangea	#3 CON
3	CBC	Chicago Fire Winged Euonymus	3' B&B #5 CON
16	GFS	Cranberry Cotoneaster Goldflame Spirea	#2 CON
7	HBC	Hummingbird Clethra	#3 CON
9	ID	Isanti Dogwood *	#5 CON
9	IHD	Ivory Halo Dogwood	#5 CON
3	JRW	java Red Weigela	#3 CON
3	KSI	Kalm St Johnswort	#3 CON
4	LPS	Little Princess Spirea	#2 CON
2	MKL	Miss Kim Lifac	30" B&B
17	NWR	Nearly Wild Rose	#2 CON
1	PL	Palibln Lilac	30" B&B
7	PDH	Pink Diamond Hydrangea	#5 CON
6	RUSC	Ruby Spice Clethra	#3 CON
3	SWN	Summer Wine Ninebark	#5 CON
18	WARW	Wine & Roses Weigela	#5 CON
S	CBAW	Canyon Blue Arctic Willow	#3 CON
16	DW	Dappled Willow	#3 CON
3	DBLAW	Dwf Blue Leaf Arctic Willow	#3 CON
7	CPGH	Compact Pee Gee Hydrangea	#2 CON



#### GENERAL NOTI

A) Individual treas (and shrub groupings) found along parimseer of property as well as those found within lawn areas to receive bark rings (and bark beds) consisting of a mixture of hardwood shredded bark mulch spread to a minimum 3° depth (3' wide beds for shrub groupings).

"Plastic Edging" to be Valley View Black Diamond Edging or equivalent.

D) Areas labeled "Gravel Mulch" to receive 1-1/2" washed gravel spread to a

E) Areas labeled "Sod" shall receive only No. I grade nursery-grown bluegrass

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**Proposed Water Feature** 

## Q: Did maintaining other aspects of the concept plans shape the current plan?

A: Yes – the concept plans required future development maintain an internal road grid & established curb cuts permitting traffic to move between uses without accessing Watts Road, as shown on the graphic that follows. Adjoining development started this network & we intend to continue this drive through our property eventually intersecting with Commerce Drive. Maintaining this circulation shapes the pattern of development that can be sited on the property. This circulation feature, combined with the need to maintain views for adjoining property owners & accommodating existing topography, drove the ultimate form of the development.



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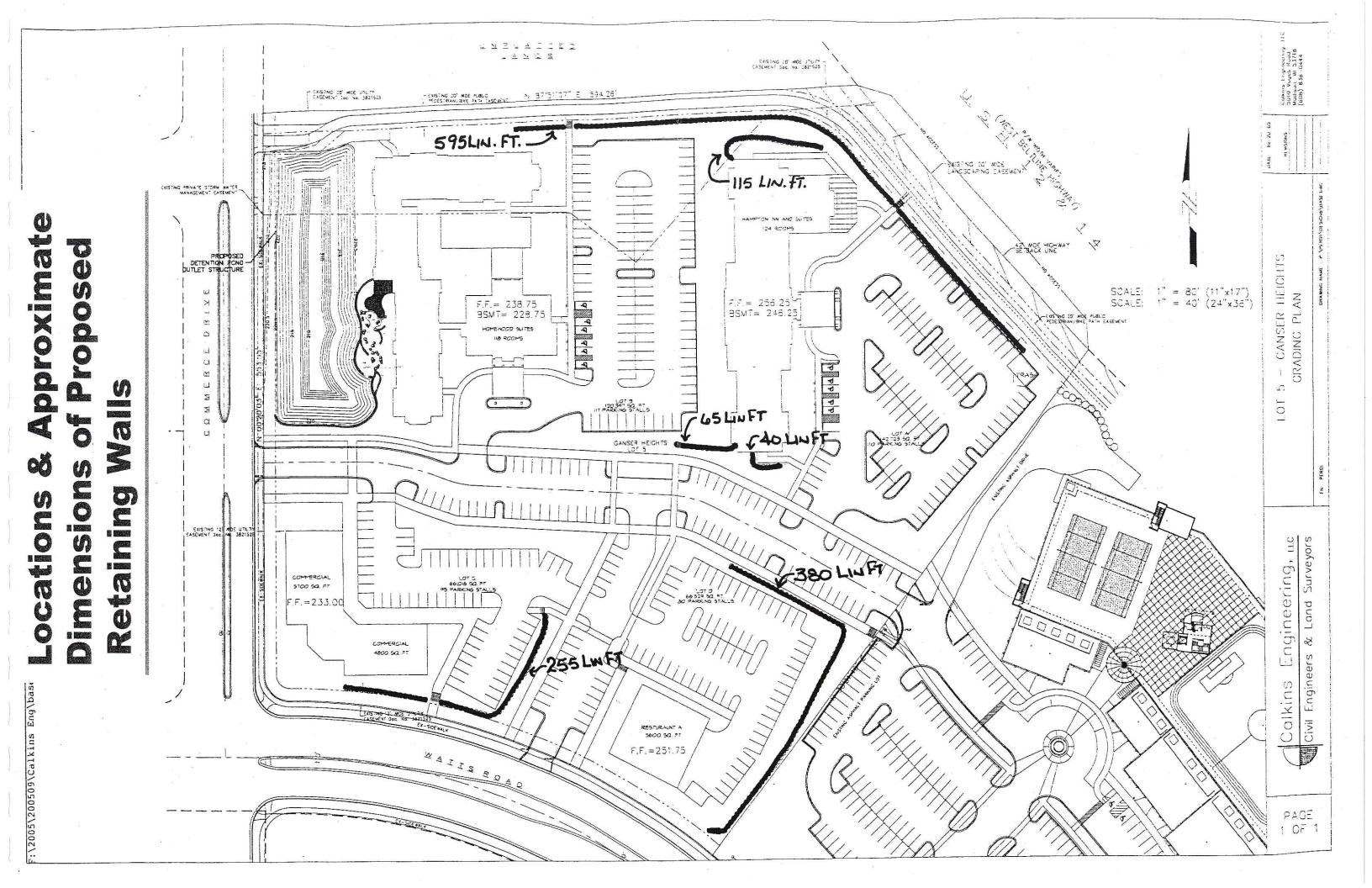
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Effect of Internal Circulation on Development Plan

## Q: How did the topography of the site influence the proposed amendment?

Existing topography influenced design in a number of ways. The slope from the Princeton Club to Commerce Drive averages about 6.5% & is most pronounced near the Princeton Club, where the transition exceeds 7%. Accommodating these slopes forced the creation of terraces with extensive use of retaining walls to form relatively level building pads & parking areas. A graphic depicting the locations & dimensions of the proposed retaining walls follows. Where possible, the building foot print was reduced by adding an exposed lower level to allow the building to step down the slope. The only way to avoid these transitions is to incur extraordinary grading costs or through the use of structured parking that's cost prohibitive whether freestanding or sited below grade. Additionally, structured parking places the hotels at a competitive disadvantage since no other property in the market charges for parking.



### Q: Does site topography present any advantages?

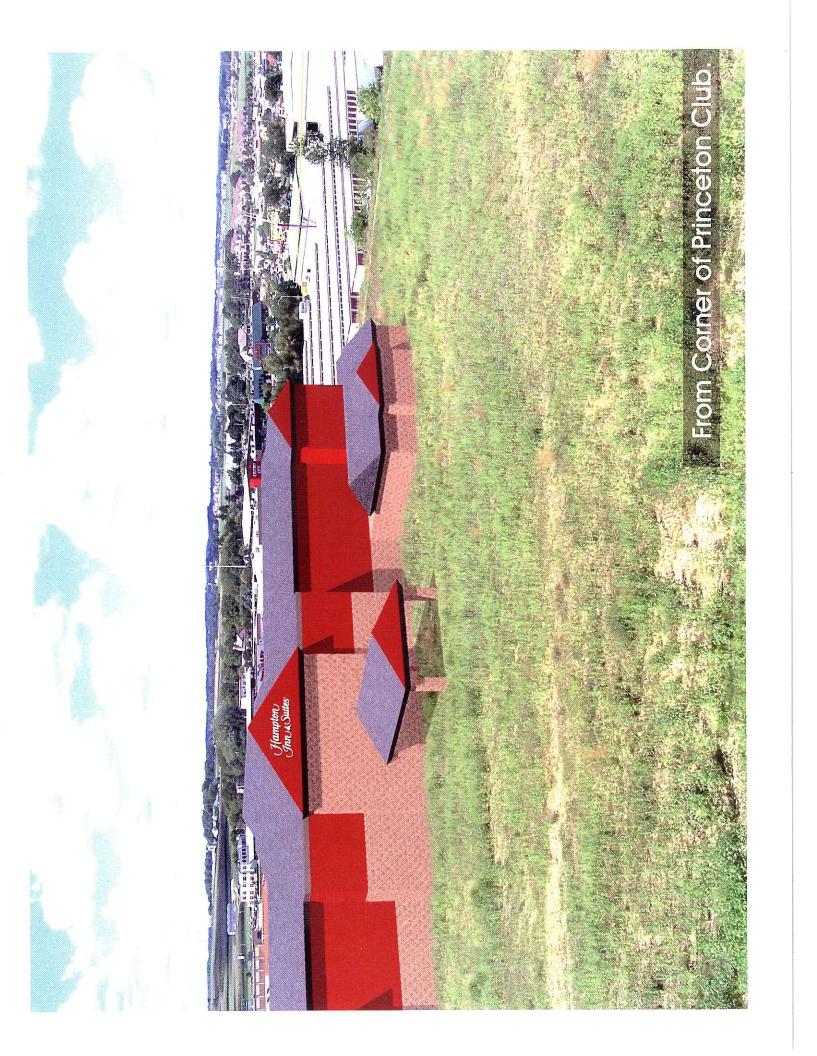
One of the benefits of the topography is that the parking is largely screened from view from the beltline. We considered using underground parking to further reduce the amount of surface parking. Unfortunately, use of underground parking increases overall building heights. Since much of the feedback from neighboring owners centered on keeping building heights consistent and maintaining views, the idea of underground parking was eliminated given that it would result in additional building height and obstructed views. The graphics that follow show how the site presents itself from various approaches.

## Photographs ust off of the Eastbound Approach

# Photographs Approach

## Q: Have you worked with the surrounding owners in developing the proposal?

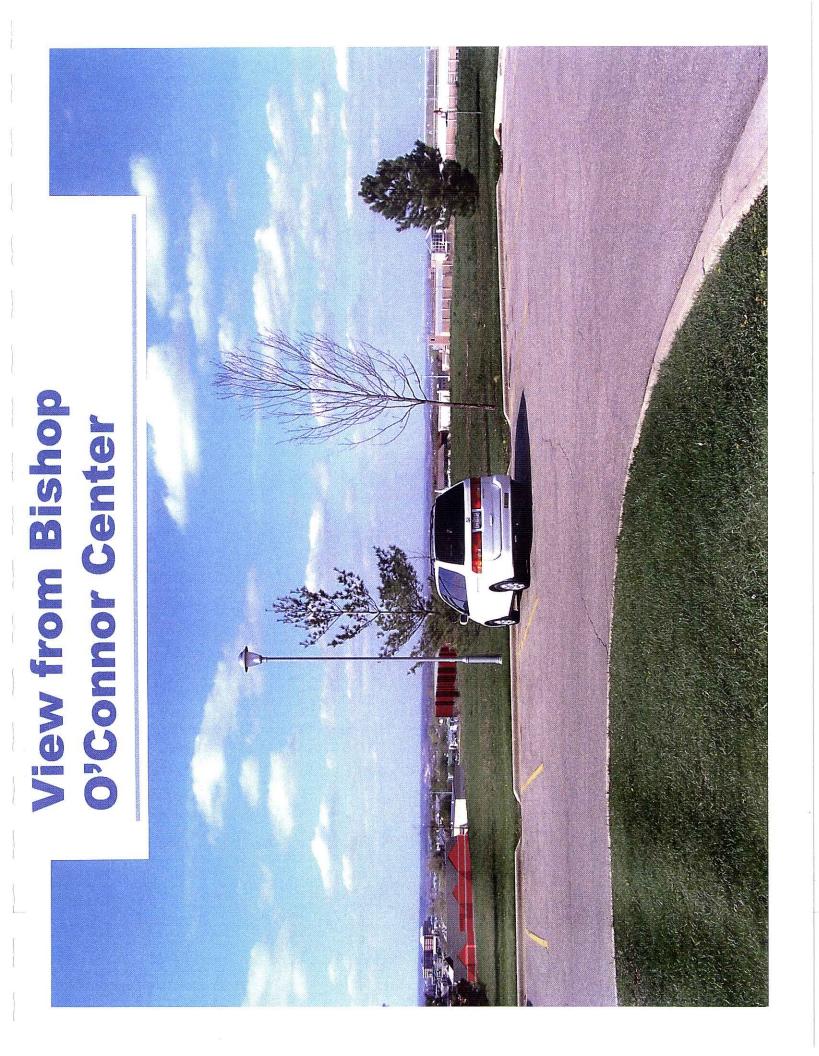
 A: Yes—during the creation of the plan we met with the owners of the Princeton Club, the Arch Diocese of Madison & the owners of Cortland Commons to integrate their comments into the amended GDP. Their comments focused on maintaining views to & from their properties through building placement & limiting building heights. Where taller buildings on our site abut lower buildings on adjoining sites, we took care to provide a buffer to reduce the conflict between existing structures and proposed buildings. A section showing the building heights & relationships follows. The recorded restrictive covenants require approval by the Design Review Board of the Bishop O'Connor Center, as well as outlining landscaping guidelines, suggesting building materials and providing setback/ height limits. As part of our predevelopment activity, we reviewed the plan with the Design Review Board and received initial approval.



#### **Building Section**







#### Q: How does the proposal compare to the original with regard to traffic generation?

 A: We undertook a traffic study as part of our predevelopment activity. Analysis of the GDP shows that the proposal will generate less traffic than the concept plans. The results are summarized below.

	2001 Concept Plans	Proposed	Variance
Daily Peak Trips	5,694	4,273	-25.00%
PM Peak trips	363	356	-1.90%

Source: Engineering Solutions Report Dated 5/4/2005: Comparison of Latest Trip Generation Projections to March 2001