

# Stearns Meadow Drinking Water Treatment Plant

Planning Board Meeting September 14, 2023







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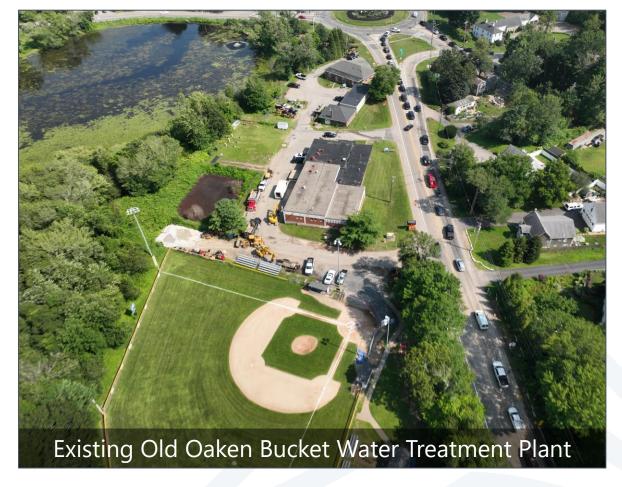
# Project Background



### **Stearns Meadow Water Treatment Plant**

- Water System Master Plan by Tighe and Bond (2021) recommended a new Water Treatment Plant
- ► The Town of Scituate Water Department serves approx. 7,900 services. Approx. population of 19,000.
- Approx. 1.553 million gallons per day (MGD)
- ► The current Old Oaken Bucket (OOB)

  Treatment Plant is unable to effectively
  manage the manganese levels from the OOB
  Pond.
- Design and construction of the new WTP at Stearns Meadow was approved at the September 2022 Special Town Meeting



# **Project Objectives**



### **Water Treatment Plant Performance**

Permitted Average Flow (OOB): 0.79 MGD

WTP Design Capacity: 3.0 MGD

- Filtered Water Turbidity 0.1 NTU
- Finished Water Manganese < 0.05 mg/l</li>
- Meet all EPA and MassDEP Water Quality Standards
- Ability for future PFAS treatment
- Process automation and remote monitoring capabilities

### **Water Supply Operations Resiliency**

 Capability to produce 3 million gallons in 16 hours



# Site Overview – Original Concept (April 2022)



Site Characteristic	Area
Building Area	43,500 S.F.
Impervious Area (excluding building)	57,500 S.F.
Facility Footprint	8.8 Acres



# Site Overview – September 2022



Site Characteristic	Area
Building Area	35,000 S.F.
Impervious Area (excluding building)	40,000 S.F.
Facility Footprint	5.9 Acres





# Site Overview – Proposed



Site Characteristic	Area
Building Area	35,000 S.F.
Impervious Area (excluding building)	35,500 S.F.
Facility Footprint	4.0 Acres
Total Disturbance (Limit of Work)	9.1 Acres

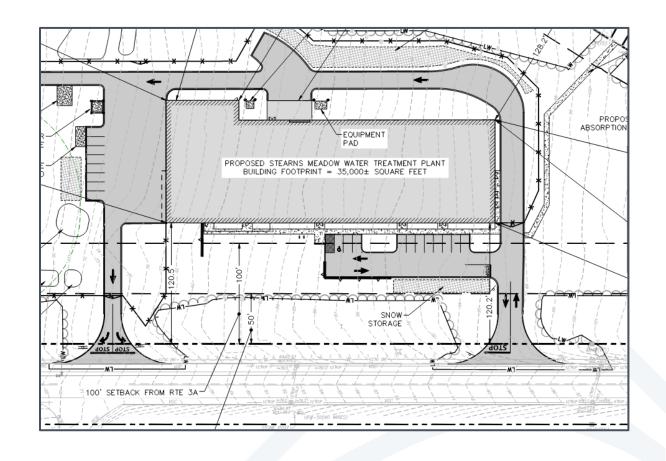


# Site Overview – Parking



### **Current Parking Calculations**

- Staff
  - 15 total (typ. 10-14 onsite)
    - 4 Water Treatment Operators
    - 8 Distribution Crew Members
    - 2 Administrative Personnel
    - 1 Superintendent
  - 3 Public Visitors
- Proposed Parking Spaces
  - Total of 19 Parking Spaces
    - 18 Parking Spaces
      - 8 at lower garage area (secured)
      - 10 in front parking area
    - 1 Accessible Parking Space

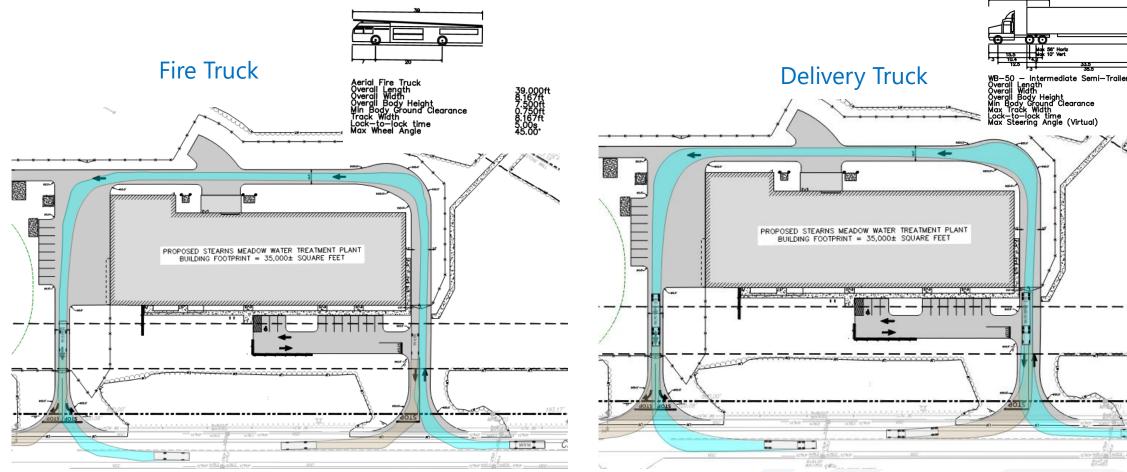


# Site Access – Emergency Access & Deliveries

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► Emergency Access by Fire Trucks is Paramount to Safety and Security of Facility

► Delivery Trucks Must Deliver Chemicals to the Facility on a Routine Basis







### **Traffic Study Findings**

Traffic Increases are Minimal and Well Within Typical Traffic Fluctuations

- ► Chapelle Engineering Conducted a Traffic Study and estimated trip generation based on the Institute of Transportation Engineering (ITE) *Trip Generation Manual*.
  - Utilized Land Use Code 170 (Utilities) and 30,000 square foot building (excludes garage area) to estimate trip generations NOT the number of employees utilizing the site.
- ► Study *(using ITE methods)* estimated:
  - 370 trips generated per weekday daily
  - 4.7% Increase during peak hours on south side
  - 3.3% Increase during peak hours on north side
- Study concluded that estimated trips are below MassDOT Impact Assessment Guidelines, no further evaluations required.

### **Current OOB Facility Traffic**

- Typical shifts for Water Department staff
   7AM to 3PM
- ► Estimated ~114 trips per weekday daily based on current activity at OOB, including:
  - Worker commutes
  - Treatment operator visiting remote sites
  - Distribution crew responses
  - Visitors

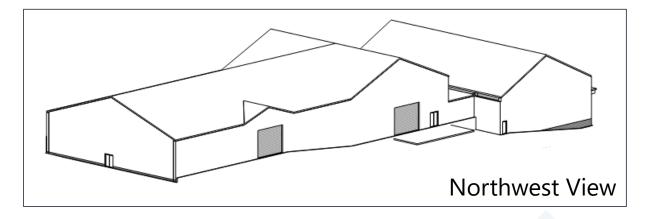


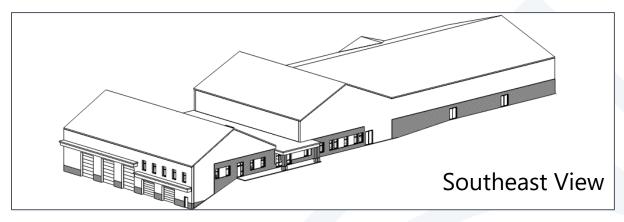
# Building Overview – Dimensions



### **Building Dimensions**

- ► Building is 35,000 +/- S.F.
- Building Components:
  - Treatment Process Area
  - Operations functions
  - 5 Bay Garage (equipment storage)



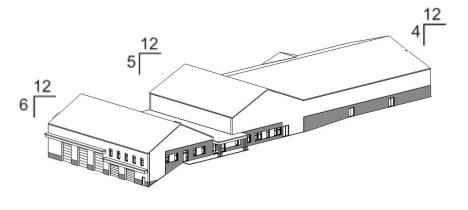




# Building Overview – Height







1) SOUTH EAST VIEW

### Average = 34' - 4"

AVERAGE HEIGHT

AVERAGE GRADE

INTERMEDIATE GRADE

BELOW GRADE BUILDING OUTLINE

### Max Height

\*\*Height taken from average grade to ridge height

83.5 (Garage) 44'-0" 87.5 (Flat Roof) 19'-2" 93 (Processing) 45'-1"

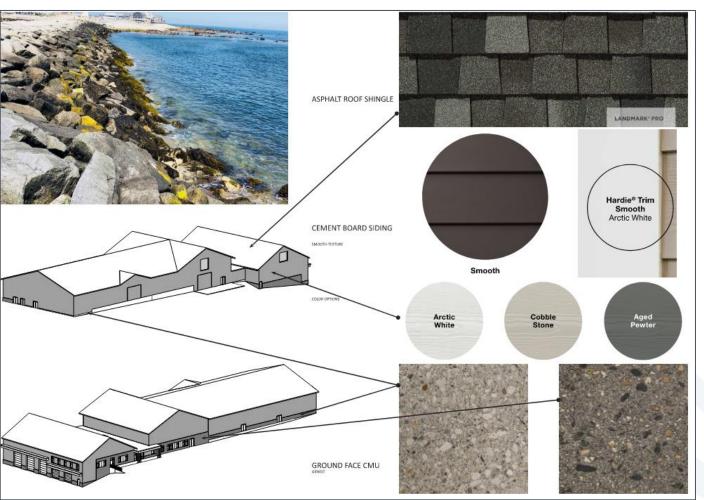


# **Building Overview - Materials**



### **Exterior Materials**

- Picked to blend with adjacent properties
- Traditional "New England" aesthetic
  - Asphalt shingle roof
  - Cement board siding
  - Two-toned concrete masonry units (CMU) foundation.

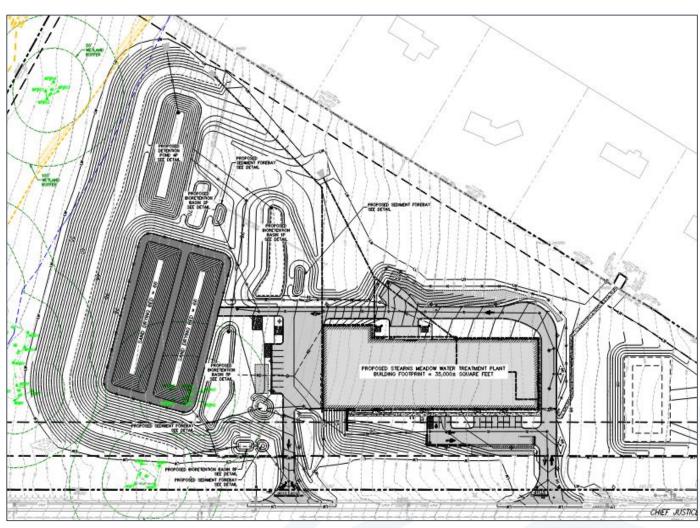


### Stormwater



Stormwater Requirements & Constraints -

- Floodplain & Watershed
   Protection District
- Water Resource Protection District
- Water Quality: 90% TSS Removal
- Groundwater Recharge: retain 1" of runoff from impervious
- Slope: 4 to 1 or better for all finished slopes
- ► Rate & Volume: no increase
- ► Site Soils: generally slow draining with shallow groundwater table



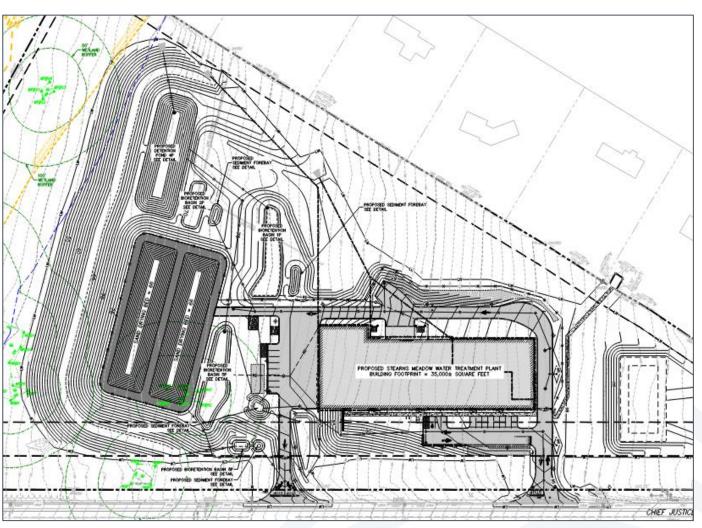


### Stormwater



Stormwater Approach & Results -

- catch basins > forebays > biofiltration > infiltration = 94% TSS Removal
- ► Flow rates: 8% to 38% reduction for events modeled
- ► Flow volume: 2.5% increase for 100-year (6.66 ac-ft vs. 6.49 ac-ft) [assumed 0.17 in/hr]
- Adequate volume retained for groundwater recharge



### Climate Resilience



- New WTP Completely Outside of Flood Plain
- Updated Equipment for Energy Efficiency
  - LED Lighting
  - High Efficiency Motors
- Utilizes Sloped Site for Treatment Process Hydraulics
- ► EV Charging Station (Town Vehicles)
- Building is "Solar Ready"
- Zero Liquid Discharge
  - Septic System
  - Sand Drying Beds

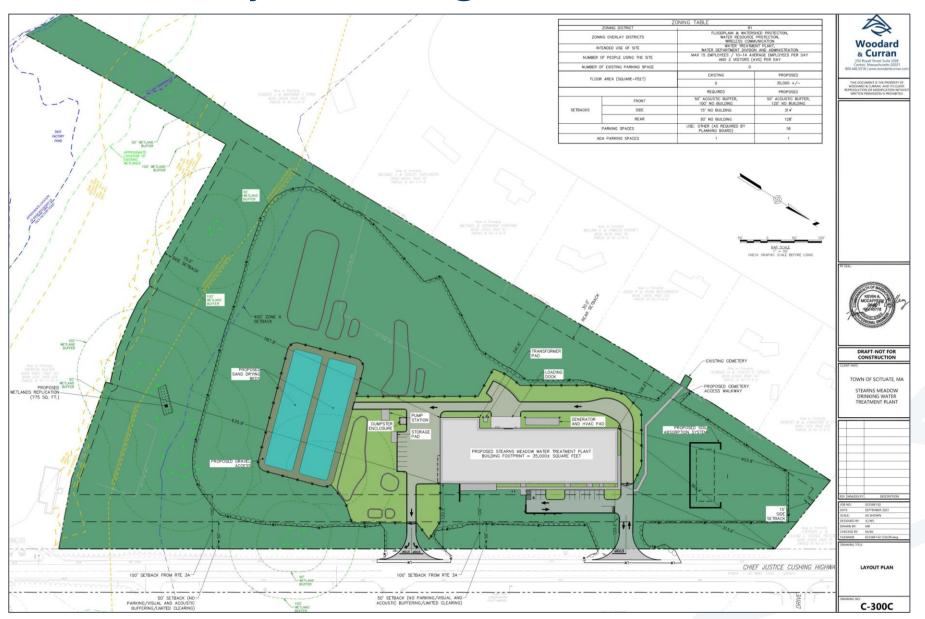




# Renderings



# Current Site Layout – August 2023





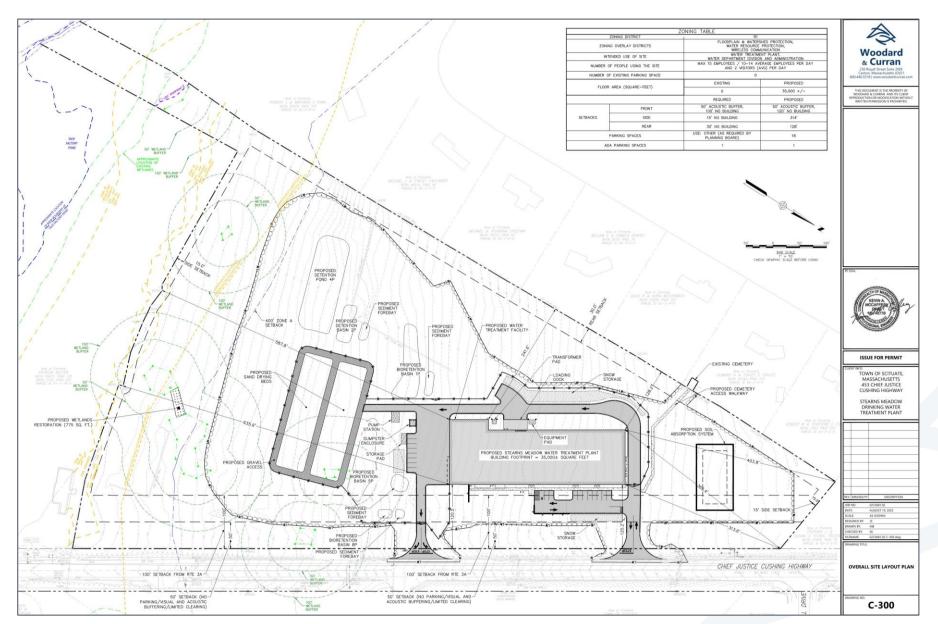








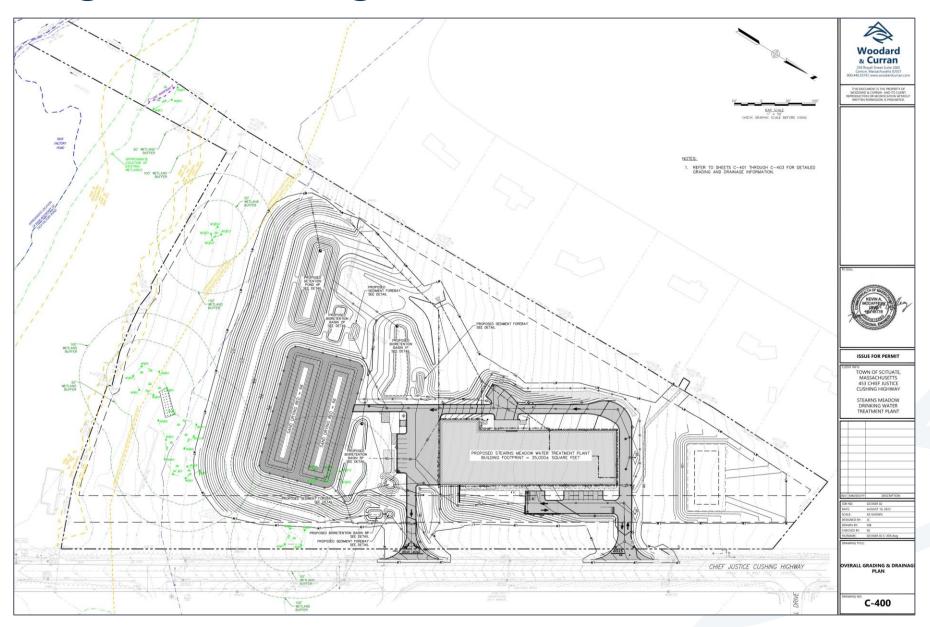
# Layout Plan







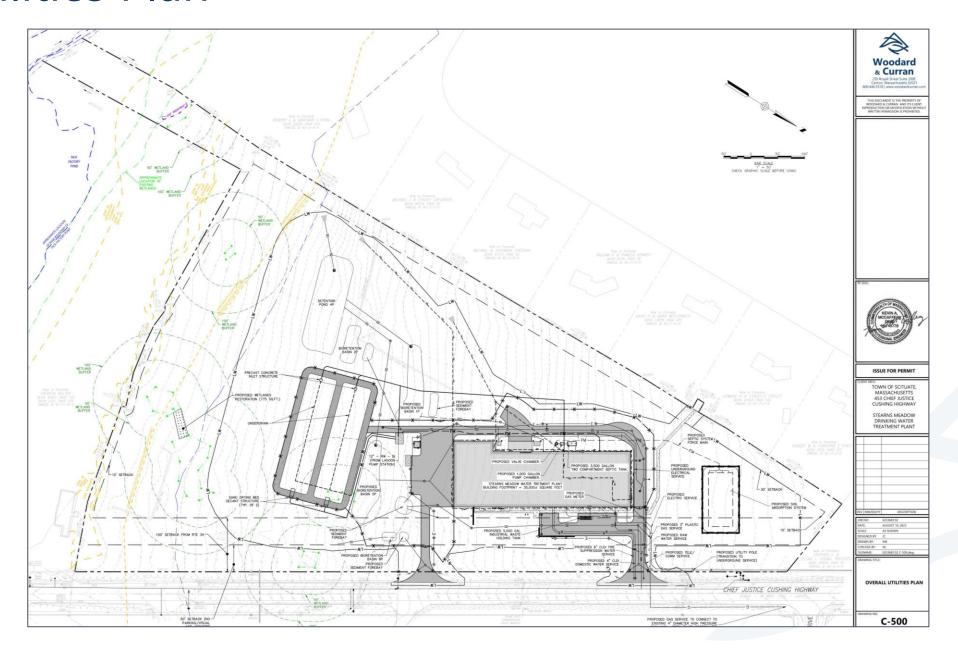
# Grading and Drainage Plan







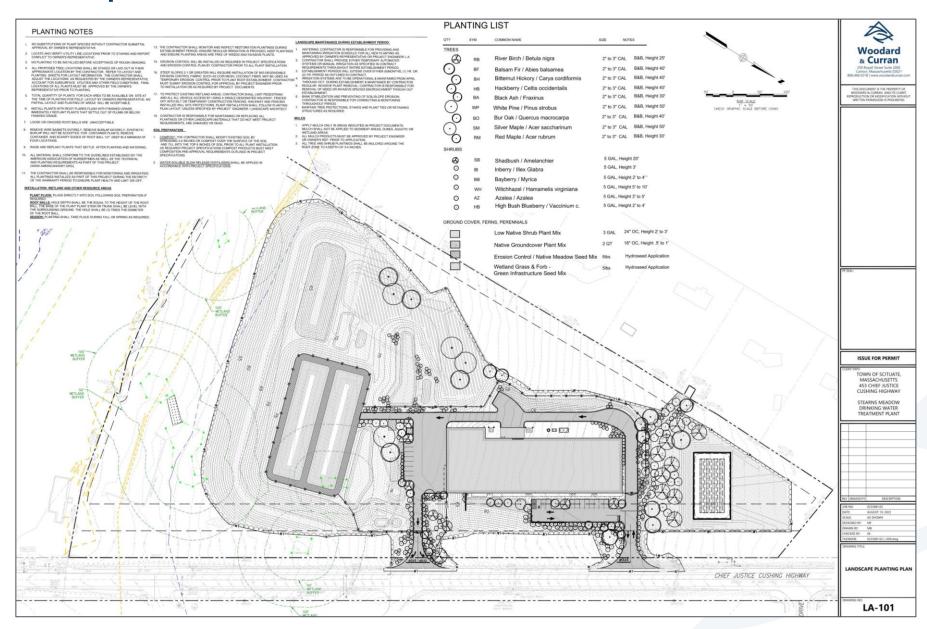
# **Utilities Plan**







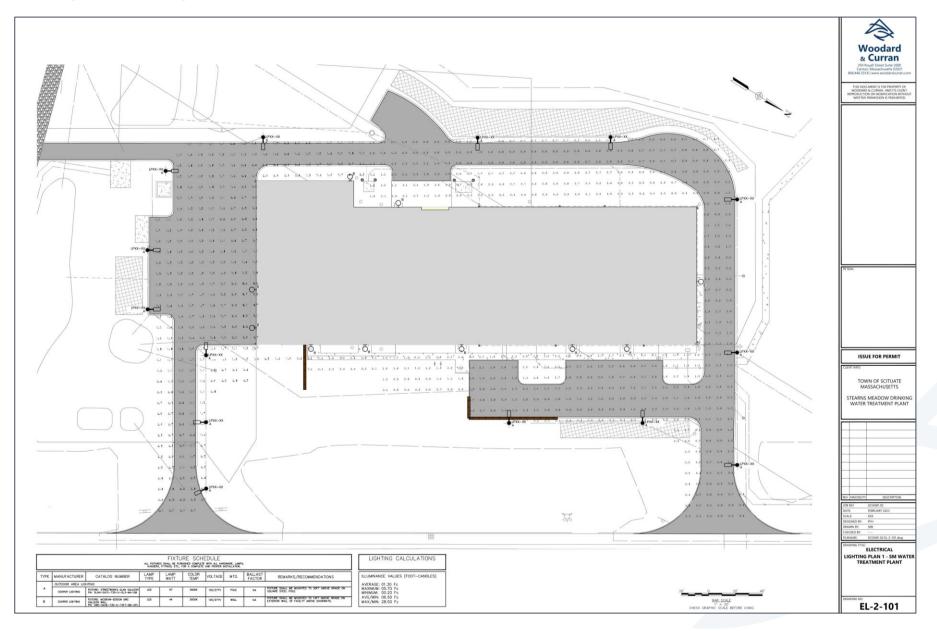
# Landscape Architecture Plan







# Site Lighting Plan









# Q&A and Public Comment



# Thank you!



