BEATTIE & KRAHULIK

Attorneys At Law Two Bank Street Warwick, New York 10990 (845) 986-1156 Fax (845) 986-9421 www.hudsonvalleylaw.us

Hon. John J. Beattie (1872-1924) Clifford S. Beattie (1899-1952) John J. Beattie, III (1937-1984) Emil R. Krahulik (1959-2013)

Robert E. Krahulik*

*Also admitted in FL and NJ
bob@hudsonvalleylaw.us
Karen Costanzo, Paralegal
karen@hudsonvalleylaw.us

October 2, 2024

RECEIVED

Mayor Michael Newhard Village Board of Trustees Village of Warwick 77 Main Street Warwick, New York 10990

OCT **0 2** 2024

VILLAGE OF WARWICK CLERK'S OFFICE

Re: Petition to Amend Village Zoning Map Vanessa Mann & M&L Equity Auto LLC 42 Orchard Street

Mayor Newhard & Board of Trustees:

This office represents the above Petitioners in connection with a proposed change in zoning classification for a portion of the premises located at 42 Orchard Street in the Village of Warwick. The premises is located adjacent to the Warwick Car Wash and has historically been used by the Warwick Car Wash for traffic flow and snow removal. At the request of the Village Building Inspector we are seeking a change in the zoning classification of this parcel from Residential R to Light Industrial LI to bring the use into compliance with the Village Zoning Code. Conditional Final Approval of the Subdivision Map and Site Plan has already been obtained. This is the last step in the process which also includes a subdivision and conveyance of Ms. Mann's property to M&L Equity Auto LLC, the owner of the Warwick Car Wash.

Very truly yours,

BEATTIE & KRAHULIK

ROBERT E. KRAHULIK

REK ENCL.

VILLAGE OF WARWICK: VILLAGE BOARD COUNTY OF ORANGE: STATE OF NEW YORK

In the Matter of the Petition of VANESSA MANN and M&L EQUITY AUTO LLC for an Amendment to the Village of Warwick Zoning Map Pursuant to §145-21 of the Code

VERIFIED PETITION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP

Of the Village of Warwick

Petitioner VANESSA MANN ("MANN"), respectfully petitions the Village of Warwick Village Board ("Village") to amend the Zoning Map of the Village of Warwick to designate a portion of MANN's lands at 42 Orchard Street, identified on the Village of Warwick Tax Map as a portion of Section 210, Block 11, Lot 5 and identified as Lot 2 on a map entitled M&L EQUITY AUTO, LLC SUBDIVISION & SITE PLAN and prepared by Brian Friedler Engineering PLLC dated June 26, 2024, and last revised October 1, 2024, and to be filed in the office of the Orange County Clerk (hereinafter "the Map" attached hereto at Exhibit B) which is located in the R Residential Zoning District. Lot 2 is contiguous to land owned by the Petitioner M&L EQUITY AUTO LLC and known as Section 210 Block 11 Lot 16.22 located at 18 Elm Street, in the Village of Warwick and operated as a car wash ("the Car Wash") which is located in the LI Light Industrial Zoning District and presents, as and for their verified petition, the following:

- 1. The Petitioner M&L Equity Auto LLC is a duly organized limited liability company in the State of New York, which is the owner of the Car Wash located in the Village of Warwick.
- 2. Paul LeDuc is the Member of the Petitioner and is authorized to represent the LLC and makes this petition on its behalf.
 - 3. Vaness Mann is an individual and is the owner of Lot 2.
- 4. The Lot 2 consists of \pm .137 acres of land immediately adjacent to the Car Wash and has historically been used by the Car Wash for commercial purposes in connection with the operation of the car wash and specifically for traffic flow and the stockpiling of excess snow accumulation.
- 5. Petitioners have entered into a contract of sale for the sale of Lot 2 from MANN to M&L EQUITY AUTO LLC contingent upon subdivision approval and a change in zoning from R Residential to LI Light Industrial.
- 6. Petitioners have obtained Conditional Final Subdivision and Site Plan Approval from the Planning Board of the Village of Warwick for a subdivision of the

premises owned by MANN creating two lots identified as Lot 1 and Lot 2 on the above referenced Map ("Final Approval"). A copy of the resolution is attached at Exhibit A.

- 7. Final Approval of the Map is conditioned on the Petitioners obtaining a change in the zoning classification allowing the continued use of Lot 2 for commercial purposes in connection with the operation of the car wash.
- 8. The Petitioners seek a change in the Zoning District Classification for Lot 2 from R Residential to LI Light Industrial.
 - 9. The legal description of Lot 2 is attached hereto at Exhibit C.
- 10. The use of Lot 2 for commercial purposes has been ongoing, open and notorious for decades.
- 11. The continued use of Lot 2 for commercial purposes is consistent with the Master Comprehensive Plan of the Village of Warwick; the historic use of the property; is not detrimental to nearby property owners; promotes the safe and efficient flow of traffic through the Car Wash site; and is in the best interest of the Village of Warwick.

WHEREFORE, Petitioners seek a change in the zoning classification of Lot 2 from R Residential to LI Light Industrial.

DATED:

September 30, 2024 Warwick, New York

By: Robert E. Krahulik, Esq.

Beattie & Krahulik Attorneys for Petitioner

2 Bank Street

Warwick, New York 10990

(845) 986-1156

EXHIBIT A

VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK)
)ss: COUNTY OF ORANGE)
PAUL LEDUC, being duly sworn states: 1. I am the Member/Manager for M&L EQUITY AUTO LLC, the Petitioner herein; 2. I have read the annexed Petition and it is entirely true based upon my own personal knowledge, except as to those matters which are alleged upon information and belief, and as to such matters the deponent believes them to be true.
PAUL LEDUC
Sworn to before me on theday of October, 2024
Notary Public
VERIFICATION
STATE OF NEW YORK))ss: COUNTY OF ORANGE)
Vanessa Mann being duly sworn, says:
I am the Petitioner in the action herein; I have read the annexed Petition, know the contents thereof, and the same are true to my knowledge, except those matters therein which are stated to be alleged on information and belief and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.
Vanessa Mann

Sworn to before me on the of October, 2024

ROBERT E. KRAHULIK
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York
No. 4940119
Qualified in Orange County
Commission Expires August 8, 19

VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK)	
COUNTY OF ORANGE)ss:)	
EQUITY AUTO LLC, the Fentirely true based upon n	ng duly sworn states: 1. I am the Member/Manager for M&L Petitioner herein; 2. I have read the annexed Petition and it is ny own personal knowledge, except as to those matters which ion and belief, and as to such matters the deponent believes PAUL LEDUC	
Sworn to before me on the 2nd day of October, 2024 Motor Public	Artoinette McGee Netary Public State of New York No. 01MC6142701 Qualified in Orange County Commission Expires March 20, 20	
VERIFICATION		
STATE OF NEW YORK)	
COUNTY OF ORANGE)ss:)	
Vanessa Mann bei	ng duly sworn, says:	
the contents thereof, and	in the action herein; I have read the annexed Petition, know the same are true to my knowledge, except those matters be alleged on information and belief and as to those matters,	
Vanessa Mann		
Sworn to before me on the of October, 2024	е	

RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL FOR AMENDED SITE PLAN AND SUBDIVISION APPROVAL

FOR

M & L EQUITY AUTO LLC VANESSA MANN SBL 210 – 11 – 5

210-11-16.22

Nature of Application

M & L EQUITY AUTO LLC and VANESSA MANN seek to alter the existing lot line between 18 Elm Street (SBL 210-11-16.22) and 42 Orchard Street (SBL 210-11-5). Such alteration consists of transferring 5,963 square feet from 42 Orchard Street to 18 Elm Street. The purpose of the project is to eliminate the existing encroachment of M&L Equity Auto facilities across the rear of the Mann property (42 Orchard Street). Other than the installation of additional screening in the form of landscaping and a fence, the application does not propose any new construction.

Zoning District:

The Mann property (42 Orchard Street) is located in the Residential (R) zoning district. The M&L Equity Auto property (18 Elm) Street is located in the Light Industrial (LI) zoning district. The application requires a zone change by the Village Board of Trustees, rezoning the transferred property from Residential (R) to Light Industrial (LI).

Gasoline service stations, Automobile sales and service, and car washes are conditional uses in the Light Industrial (LI) district as set forth in the Village of Warwick Zoning Code. The site last received site plan approval on August 2, 1990, subject to the terms and conditions of an area variance granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Plans

The Subdivision Approval and Amended Site Plan application materials being considered consist of the following:

- 1. Application, dated May 8, 2023, submitted by letter dated July 20, 2023.
- 2. Subdivision Application, dated March 26, 2024
- 3. A three (3) sheet set of plans containing the following:
 - a. "Site Plan, M&L Equity Auto LLC Lot Line Change" prepared by Friedler Engineering, PLLC, dated June 26, 2023, last revised August 13, 2024 (Entitled "Subdivision Plan")

- b. Subdivision Plan, prepared by Schmick Surveying, Inc., dated March 10, 2023, last revised August 5, 2024
- c. Subdivision Plan, sheet 2, prepared by Schmick Surveying, Inc., dated March 10, 2023, last revised August 5, 2024, containing the Zoning Board of Appeals decision.
- 4. Short Form Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) dated May 8, 2023.

History

Date of Application

The Planning Board initially received an application for a lot line change on or about July 20, 2023. By memorandum dated October 3, 2023, Planning Board Attorney Robert Dickover opined that the Village Code required that the project be treated as a subdivision application and not a lot line change application.

The Applicant submitted a subdivision application dated April 17, 2024, which was initially taken up by the Planning Board at its May 14, 2024 meeting.

By memorandum dated August 27, 2024, Planning Board Attorney Elizabeth Cassidy opined that in addition to subdivision approval, site plan approval was also required. The Planning Board took up site plan considerations at its September 10, 2024 meeting.

GML 239 Referral

This application was not subject to review by the Orange County Planning Department.

SEQRA

Lead Agency & Type of Action:

At its May 14, 2024, the Planning Board adopted a resolution declaring Lead Agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and further declared that the proposed action was an Unlisted action, and that uncoordinated review was warranted.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Village of Warwick Zoning Board of Appeals, by decision signed April 25, 2024, granted an area variance reducing the minimum lot area 42 Orchard Street (SBL 210-11-5) from 20,000 square feet to 6,625 square feet. 42 Orchard Street was originally 12,589 square feet.

Public Hearing

A public hearing was held on August 13, 2024, and held over until September 10, 2024 as to the Subdivision Application.

With respect to site plan, pursuant to its authority set forth the Village of Warwick Code § 145-96, the Planning Board resolved that given the nature of the amendments coupled with the fact that the subdivision application contained substantially similar information that a separate public hearing on the site plan would not be required.

On August 13, 2024, one neighbor spoke requesting the opportunity to review the revised plan. The public hearing was held open to accommodate that request. No further public comment was received.

Findings

The Planning Board has determined that final approval of the amended site plan and subdivision approval will substantially serve the public convenience, safety and welfare in that the proposed project better screens the existing Light Industrial Use from the adjoining residential properties. The purpose of the instant application is to conform the documents on file with the Village of Warwick with what exists on site and has been developed overtime.

The Planning Board discussed at length various options for screening the light industrial uses from the adjoining residential properties. The applicant will extend the existing fence line which runs in a East-West direction parallel to Orchard Street through 42 Orchard Street. The western most property line will be shielded with a series of Arbor Vitae planted in two offset rows. The Board finds that planted screening on this property line will have less impact on the floodplain and allows flood water to travel through the natural trees compared with a fence.

Resolution of Approval,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PLANNING BOARD RESOLVES to grant final approval to the amended site plan application and subdivision applications of M&L Equity Auto LLC and Vanessa Mann as depicted on the plans identified above upon conditions outline below, and the Chairperson (or his designee) is authorized to sign the plans upon satisfaction of those conditions below noted to be conditions precedent to such signing.

General Conditions

- 1. This approval is conditioned upon the applicant submitting all necessary copies of the plans to be signed, as required to the Village of Warwick Planning Department.
- 2. This approval is further conditioned upon the applicant paying or depositing into escrow all applicable review, inspection and any other applicable fees.
- 3. This approval is further conditioned upon the applicant delivering (prior to signing the plans) proof, in writing, that all fees engineering, legal and otherwise in regard to this project have been fully paid.
- 4. The plans shall not be signed until proof satisfactory to the chair, has been presented showing that all conditions of this approval have been fulfilled or otherwise satisfied.
- 5. All conditions of this conditional approval shall be fulfilled within twelve (12) months from the date of the Village Board approval of the zone change as required by Specific Condition 11 unless the applicant shall, within said twelve (12) month period and prior to expiration of said time, file with the Planning Board a request for an extension of this conditional approval and prove to the satisfaction of the Planning Board that such extensions is justified based upon such matters as are outside the control of the applicant. Upon expiration of said twelve (12) month period without an extension having been granted this conditional approval shall lapse.
- 6. All conditions precedent to this approval shall be satisfied prior to issuance of a Building Permit for the new fence.
- 7. No approval is intended to be given or is given by this resolution for site plan elements depicted on adjoining properties.

- 8. Construction hours at the project site shall be limited to the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm on weekdays and 8:00 am and 7:00pm on Saturdays. There shall be no construction on Sundays.
- 9. The Chairman shall be authorized to sign the site plan and subdivision plat upon receipt of written confirmation from the Village Engineer and Planning Board Attorney that the final site plan and subdivision plat conform to the terms of this approval.

Specific Conditions

In Favor

- 10. This approval is subject to a zone change by the Village Board of Trustees within 12 months of this approval. In the event such zone change is not granted, M&L Equities shall return to the Village Planning Board for amended site plan approval.
- 11. This approval is subject to the terms and conditions of the Decision of the Village of Warwick Zoning Board of Appeals dated April 25, 2024.
- 12. Prior to signing the plat, applicant to file an easement in favor of the Village of Warwick confirming and restating the sewer easement given by Booker J. Smith Enterprises, Inc. to the Village of Warwick, dated August 14, 1998, and recorded in the Orange County Clerk's office on September 18, 1998 in Liber 4874 at Page 46.
- 13. Prior to signing the plat, applicant to locate existing sewer easement on plan.
- 14. Prior to signing the plat, applicant to address all outstanding comments as set forth in the memorandum of Keith Woodruff, Engineering & Surveying Properties, dated September 4, 2024.
- 15. Landscaping to be maintained in perpetuity.

Against

- 16. Applicant to submit site plan application materials together with the applicable fee to reflect the inclusion of site plan approval.
- 17. Applicant to remove gravel area to the extent it encroaches on SBL 210-11-4.
- 18. The proposed fence shall be constructed to a height of six feet to be consistent with the existing privacy fence.
- 19. Subdivision Plat to be filed in the office of the Orange County Clerk within sixty-two (62) days from the map signature date, with a copy to be furnished to the Village of Warwick Clerk.

Abstain

Dated: September <u>to</u> , 2024	AA
	JESSE GALLO, Chairman VILLAGE OF WARWICK PLANNING BOARD

Filed in the Office of the Planning Board Clerk on this _____ 19th day of September 2024

Planning Board Secretary

0

Absent

0

I, Raina Abramson, Clerk of the Village of Warwick, does hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was filed in the Office of the Village Clerk on Jepten ber 20, 2024

Raina Abramson, Clerk Village of Warwick

EXHIBIT B

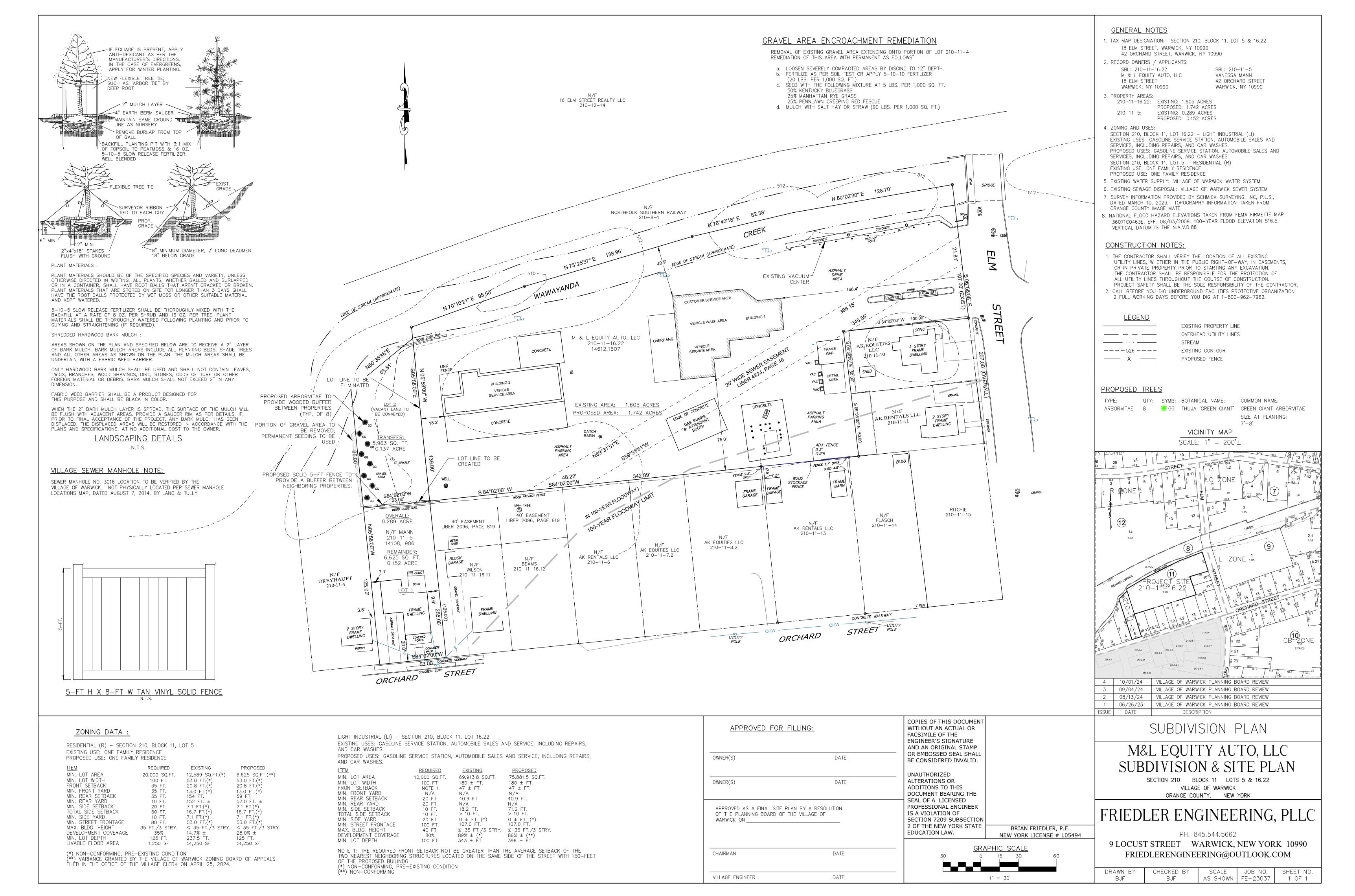


EXHIBIT C

Schedule A

All that certain piece and parcel of land located in the Village of Warwick, Town of Warwick, County of Orange And State of New York and known as Lot 2 on a map entitled M&L EQUITY AUTO, LLC SUBDIVISION & SITE PLAN and prepared by Brian Friedler Engineering PLLC dated June 26, 2024, and last revised October 1, 2024, and to be filed in the office of the Orange County Clerk.