## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION TOWN OF SIMSBURY, 933 HOPMEADOW STREET, SIMSBURY, CT 06070

Application Number: Fee \$ 240
Requested Action (please check appropriate box):
Variance Appeal Decision of Zoning Official
Location of Property: 10 Cedar Glen Road, West Simsbury, CT 06092
(number and street name)
Simsbury Assessor's Map Number Block Number Lot Number
Deed Volume Number Page Number (property owner must supply copy of the deed)
Applicant - Please Print the Following:
Name: Manu Singh-Looney
Address: 10 Cedar Glen Road West Simsbury CT 06092
Email: manu_singh-looney@gmail.com Telephone: 301-233-8324
Signature of Applicant: Date: 2-27-24
Applicant's Interest in Property: Currently own and reside in this property.
Record Owner of Property: Manu Singh-Looney and Curtis Looney; 10 Cedar Glen Road, West Simsbury, CT 06092  (print name & address of owner)  Date: 2 - 27 - 24  (signature of owner)
Property is in Zone of (applicable section(s) Zoning Regulations
Describe the nature of your application, including the amount of variance requested:  We are requesting the variance to change frm 40 ' to 31' along one one of the sides of the property.
Describe the specific hardship:  We are in need to build an addition to our house to allow my mother, age 75, to move in with us. She is in need to downsize from her house and
needs assistance from us related to her health and overall well-being on a regular basis. My father has passed away and she does not have any other family members to move in with. There is no other location on our plot that will allow for the addition. (the plans and explanation are provided)
This application must be accompanied by <u>required fee</u> , <u>site plan</u> and any other information required by the Zoning Regulations, Building Code, or Rules of the Board. <u>EACH APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE A LIST OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS AND ALL PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 100 FEET OF THE SUBJECT SITE. Five complete sets of <u>folded</u> plans supporting documents and any correspondence must be submitted with the application. Pictures of the property and letters from the neighbors are very helpful. <u>Applicant and/or Authorized Agent must attend meeting</u>.</u>
NOTE: PICKUP YOUR PUBLIC HEARING SIGN WHEN APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED. TOWN OF SIMSBURY

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

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# Town of Simsbury

933 HOPMEADOW STREET

SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070

Office of Community Planning and Development

### PUBLIC HEARING SIGN RECIPIENT FORM

RECIPIENT INFORMATION	
Name: LURTS LOONEY	
Number of Signs:	
Phone: (202) 276-8229	
Email: Chooner gragmail.um	
Property on Application: 10 CEDAR Glen Rd West Smy (7	0609
PUBLIC HEARING SIGN RULES	

- The sign(s) will be posted perpendicular to the property in clear view from both sides of the roadway
- The affidavit will be signed and returned after the fifteen (15) day window has elapsed

I am aware that the public hearing sign(s) must be posted on the property above in clear view of the road for the required **fifteen (15) days** prior to the meeting date, not including the meeting date.

Printed Name of Recipient: Duchs Lowey	
Signature of Recipient: / July 5	
Date: 2/294261	

September 18, 2023

Manu Singh-Looney and Curtis Looney 10 Cedar Glen Road West Simsbury, CT 06092



Town of Simsbury Planning and Land Use Department 933 Hopmeadow Street Simsbury, CT 06070

Dear Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency and Zoning Commission Members,

We are requesting a variance for the above address to build an addition to our house to allow for my mother to reside with us. She is a 74-year-old widow and has resided in Simsbury for the past 30 years. She is no longer able to manage the regular maintenance and upkeep required to live independently and is need of support from me and my husband.

The variance exception we are requesting are outlined in accompanying plot plan developed by Clark Land Surveying, LLC. A few items to address from the Inland Wetlands Permit Application that are not directly addressed on the Plot Plan are listed below:

- Identify Alternatives to the Proposed Property that were Considered (Item #8, page 3 of 4): Through discussions with our architect and the land surveyor, there was not another location available to build the addition. The back yard was not possible due to the need to build the addition in a manner that required minimal stairs for her to access the dwelling from the garage. The other side yard was not possible dur to the current septic system location
- 2. **Estimate Cost of Work and Time for Completion (Item #9, page 3 of 4)**: We do not yet have formal estimates but are anticipating the cost range to be between \$200-300K with a 6-month building time frame.

Thank you for your time to review the materials and this request. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions: <a href="mailto:manu\_singh-looney@jsi.com">manu\_singh-looney@jsi.com</a> or 301-233-8324

Sincerely,

Manu Singh-Looney

#### **Hollis Joseph**

From: Manu Singh-Looney <manu\_singh-looney@jsi.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 4:02 PM

To: Hollis Joseph

**Subject:** Re: 10 Cedar Glen Road Application Info

Thank you! That is correct. I didn't think to include the garage.

Manu

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On Mon, Mar 18, 2024 at 3:16 PM Hollis Joseph < <a href="mailto:jhollis@simsbury-ct.gov">jhollis@simsbury-ct.gov</a>> wrote:

Thanks for that. The total addition breakdown I have is as follows:

First Floor: 650 SF Accessory Dwelling Unit

330 SF Garage

Second Floor: 733 SF Total Floor Plan

Total Addition: 1,713 SF

Can you verify this?

Joseph Hollis, AZT **Code Compliance Officer** Town of Simsbury 933 Hopmeadow Street Simsbury, CT 06070 P(860) 658 3228 F(860) 658 3217 jhollis@simsbury-ct.gov From: Manu Singh-Looney < manu\_singh-looney@jsi.com > Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 11:02 AM To: Hollis Joseph < <a href="mailto:jhollis@simsbury-ct.gov">jhollis@simsbury-ct.gov</a>> Subject: Re: 10 Cedar Glen Road Application Info Hi! I calculate the lower level total square footage to be: 733 sq.ft. Broken down: 1. Bonus room: 498 sq.ft. 2. Bedroom: 166 sq.ft. 3. Foyer: 42 sq.ft. 4. Mechanical Room: 27 sq.ft.

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On Tue, Mar 5, 2024 at 3:47 PM Manu Singh-Looney <<u>manu\_singh-looney@jsi.com</u>> wrote:

Hi!

Please see attached the design plans for the addition. It contains the square footage and elevation. Thank you!

Manu

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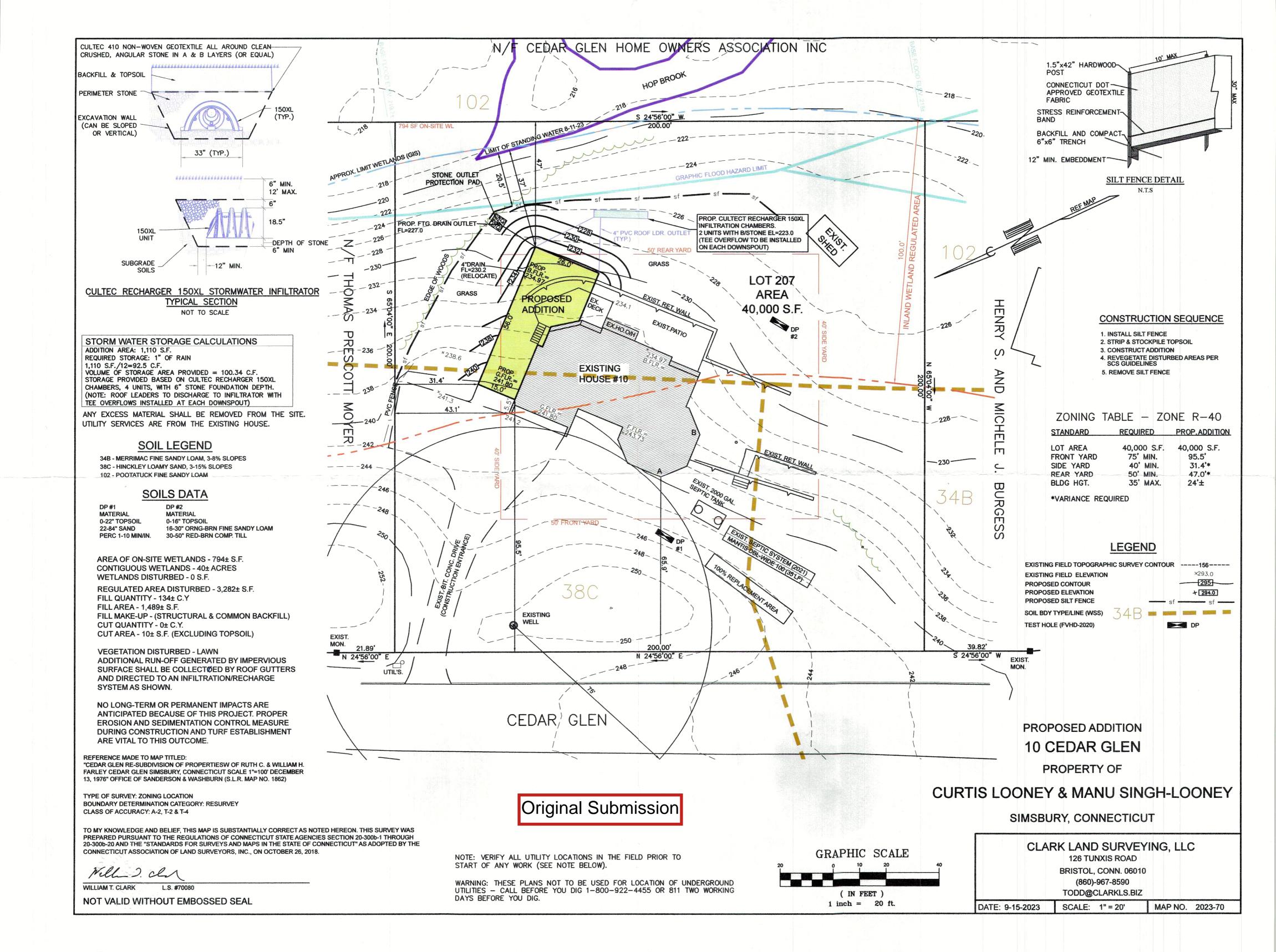
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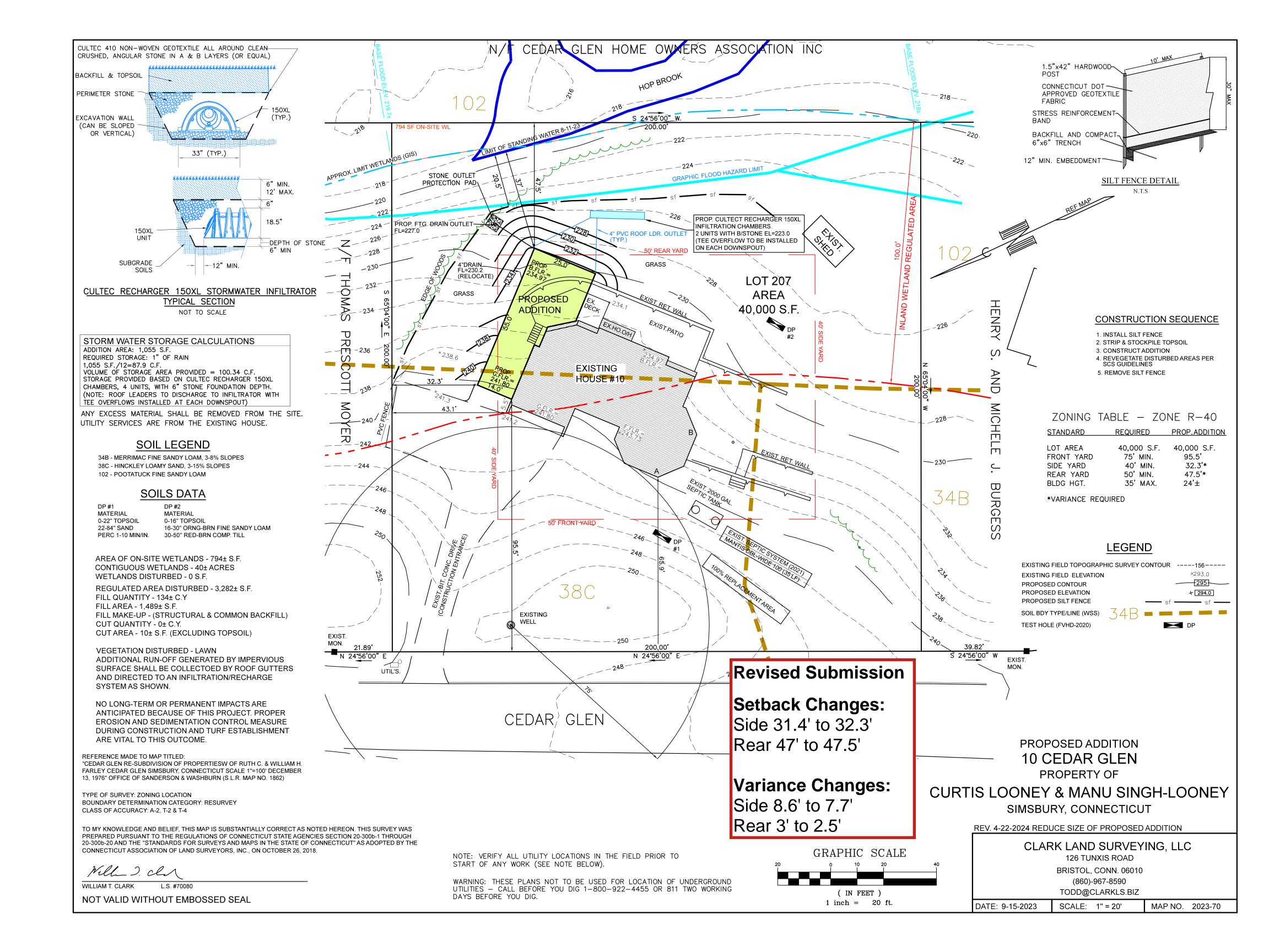
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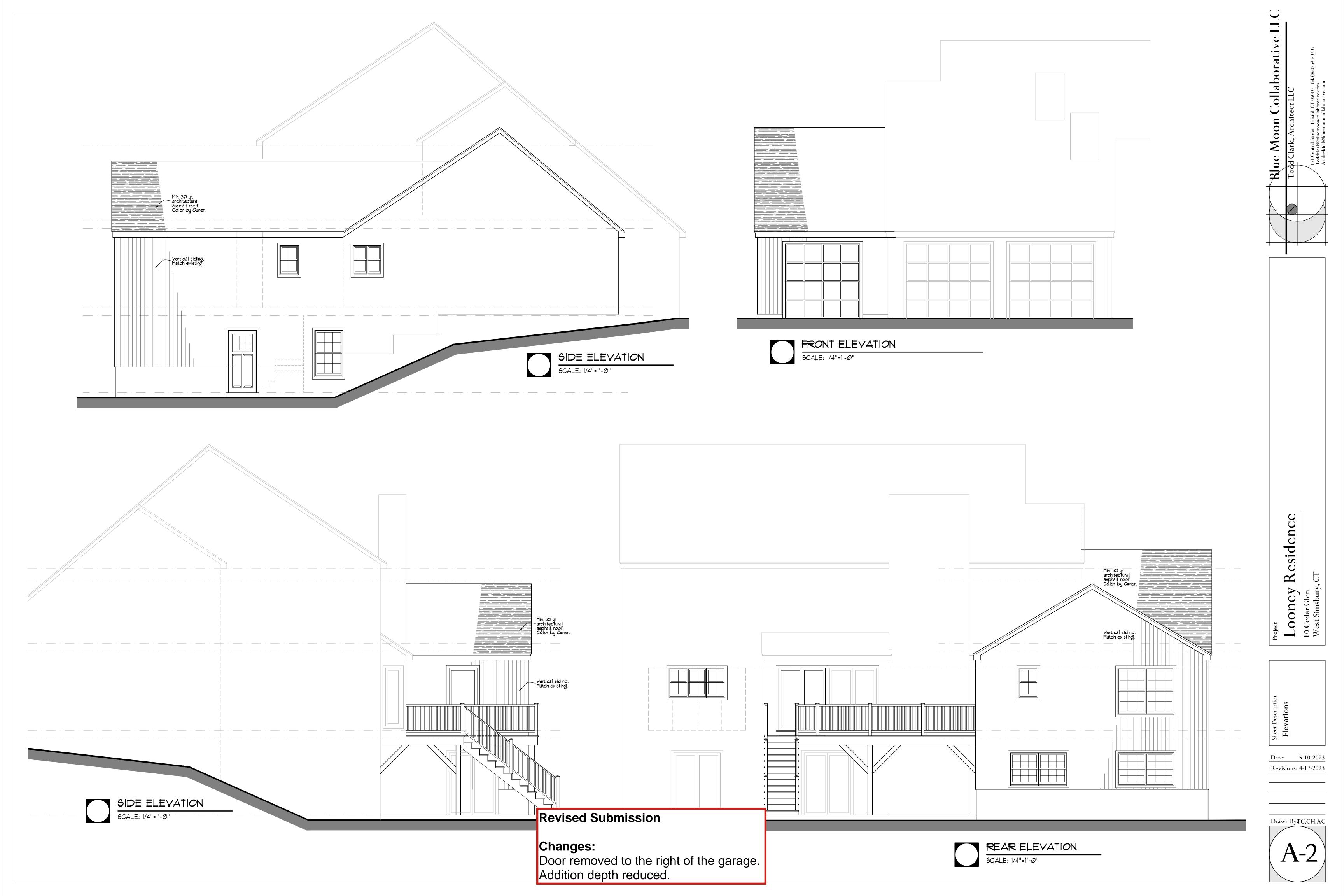


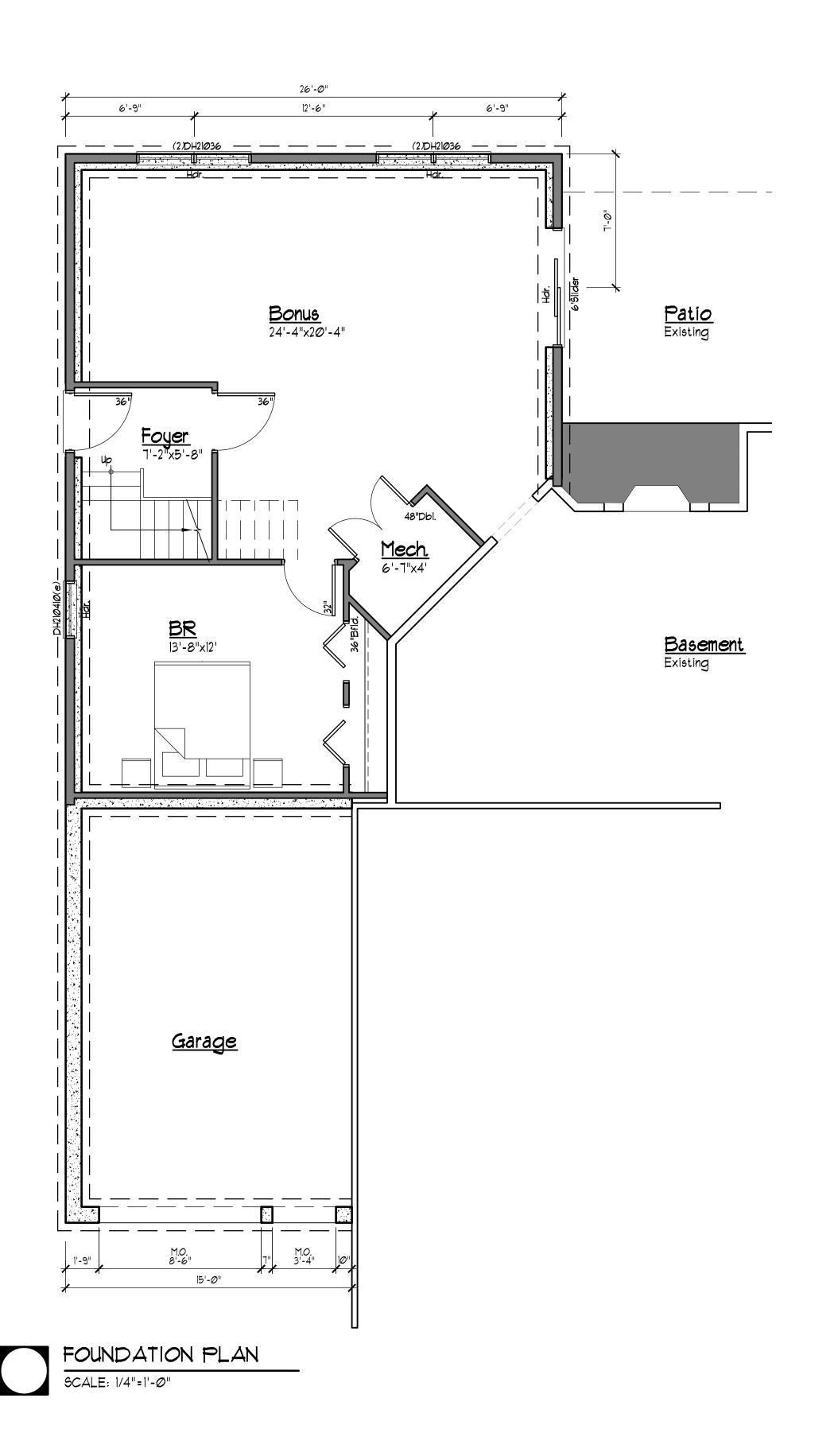
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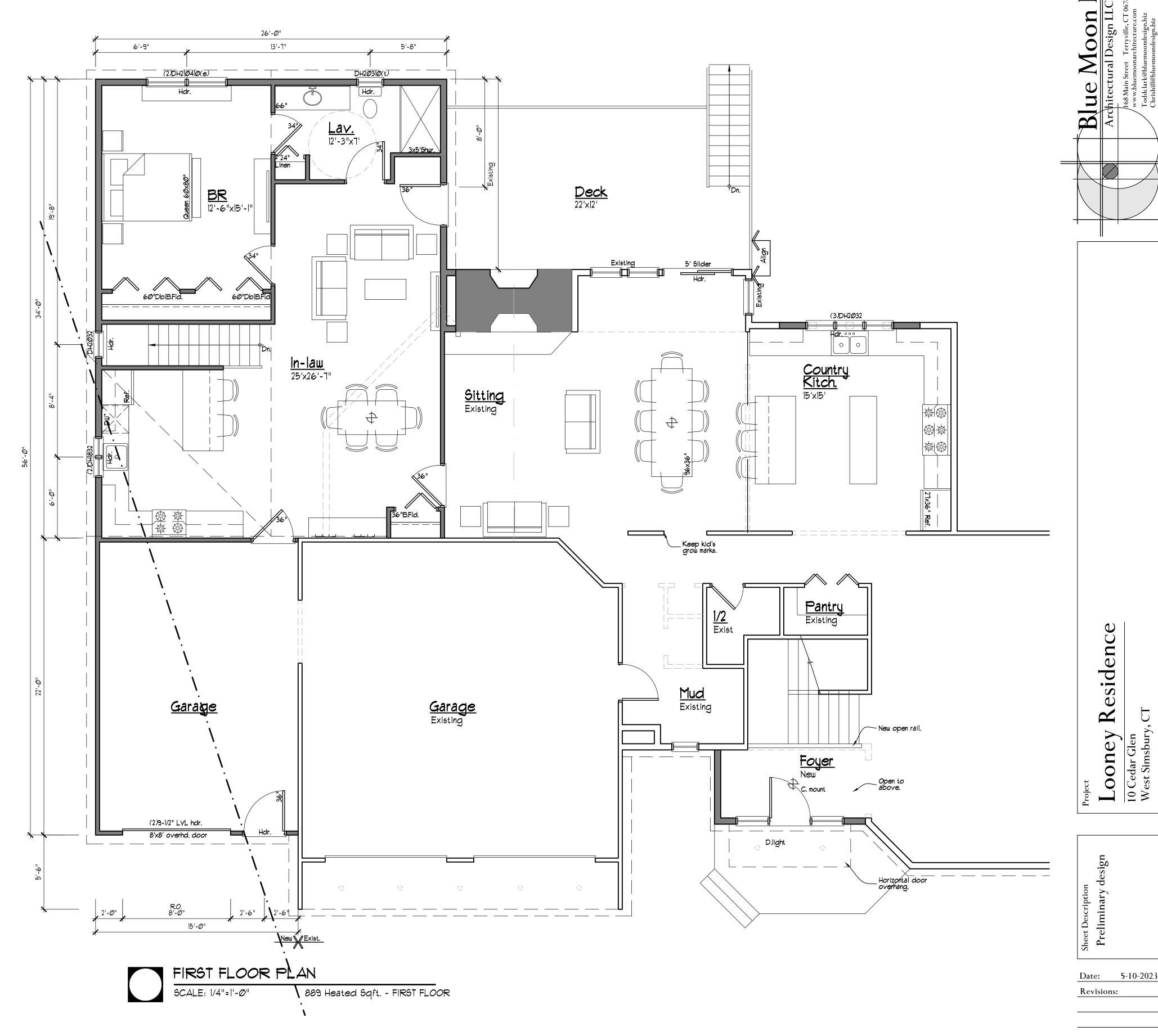






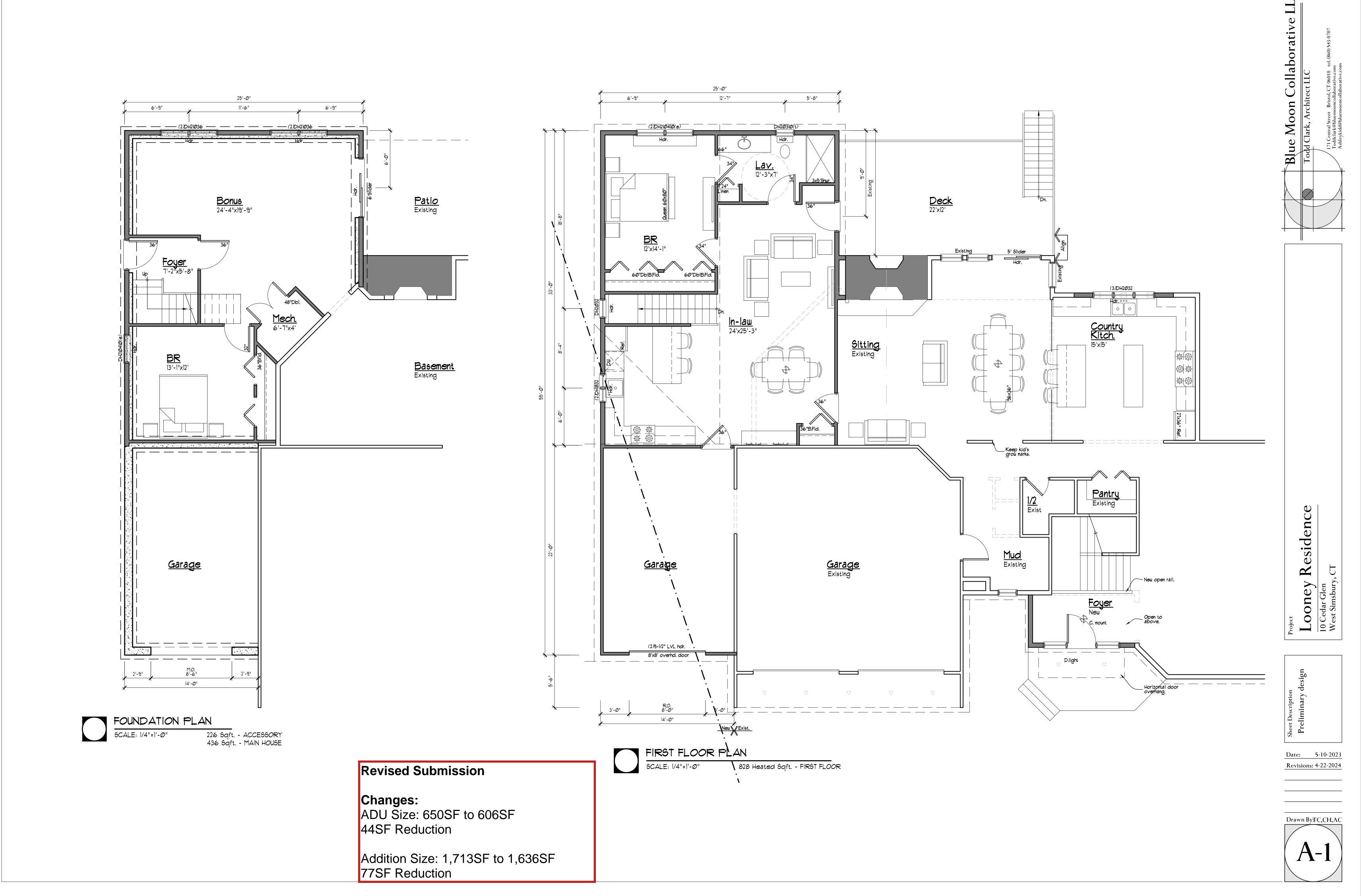






**Original Submission** 

Drawn By:TC,CH,AC



## Letter from Architect

4/17/2024:

RE: 10 Cedar Glen | Accessory Dwelling Unit

To Whom it may concern,

This letter is in response to comments provided regarding the ZBA application for an attached accessory dwelling unit located 10 Cedar Glen, W. Simsbury, CT. Enclosed description of the design intent and challenges given location, size and topography.

The design submitted for your review asks for approximately 200 sqft. of variance. 150 sqft. on the front corner, and 50 sqft. off the rear yard. Since the last meeting, the design has decreased in size approximately 80 sqft. in footprint.

The design and character of this addition is contemporary in nature to suit the existing home and neighborhood. The intent was to be the least impactful towards the side yard setback and neighbors located at 8 Cedar Glen, and the recreational easement behind the property.

Our design of the garage is as narrow as possible into the side yard setback, while maintaining accessibility around a parked vehicle. The garage location could not be pushed any further towards the rear because of the very steep topography. Considering the strength and constructability of the new garage it is preferred to be able to tie in alongside the existing garage slab. The proposed garage is set back several feet from the front of the existing garage, to lessen the impact of the variance, and keep architectural consistency by breaking up the front facade.

There is a need to add an additional garage bay for safe entry to the home during inclement weather for the elderly tenant. The existing homes' garage slab is not accessible to the main level (lower) and currently does not accommodate someone with a walker or wheelchair. An interior ramp from the existing garage would be infeasible. For these reasons we find a garage size of 14'x22' appropriate. The garage acts as the dedicated parking space for the unit (3.5.2.A.1.g).

In determining the location of the addition many factors were considered: the difficult site topography (constructability), existing well location and existing driveway. The location also has no impact to the existing curb cut (3.5.2.A.1.f) and approach from the street. The unit is behind the current front wall of the house as required in the Zoning Regulations (3.5.1.a).

In response to the size of the addition, the main residence is 3,582 sqft. currently, with a net addition of 318 sqft. allowing an accessory dwelling unit size of 1,170 sqft. (30%). The unit space is 1,054 sqft.

Features of the design include accessibility around each fixture or piece of furniture which limits the ability to shrink the unit in size. As previously mentioned, the width of the addition was of utmost concern, which created a need to extend towards the rear yard (requiring a second variance). The design is considerate in ways to not include frivolous waste of space such as a walk-

in closet or expansive kitchen, while achieving a comfortable livable size. The kitchen accommodates full-size appliances, as the tenant enjoys cooking and looks forward to maintaining her independence in this regard. The rooms in the unit are not oversized and are in-line with standard accessible room sizes. The lavatory is handicap accessible with quick access from both the living space and bedroom. The layout allows for independent living while also thinking about the future; if a caretaker were needed (bedroom on the lower level).

The main goal was for the unit to have flush access to the main house, and flush entry from the driveway/garage. The construction required for the steep topography results in needing a full foundation wall. We utilized the walk-out condition for a second entry point.

All in all, the size of the variance has been taken seriously by our clients. As a part of this submission, we identified 1ft in depth and 1ft in width that we were able to remove. Our amended depth now impacts less of the rear yard variance (25 sqft. less than previous). Our amended width now impacts less of the side yard (55 sqft. less than previous). While the clients do not wish to impede on setback lines any more than necessary, the location of this addition and size are the minimum that would comfortably suit their familial tenant.

The need for this variance is to maintain independent living and provide aging in place, with family close by. There is a lack of comparable, affordable, and single-story housing in Simsbury. Two-bedroom units at the Pointe at Dorset Crossing range from 1,159sqft. to 1,403 sqft (\$2,770-\$3,044/mo.) The Ridge at Talcott Mountain between 1,152 & 1,360sqft. (\$2,170-\$2,655/mo.) The two-bedroom at Highcroft is 1,415 sqft. (\$3,575-\$8,135/mo.)

Thank you for the consideration,

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