36/1-05B 2801 Linden Lane LIGHTS r INTERPREPARE MP Site # 36/1 National Park Seminary

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 2801 Linden Lane, Silver Spring Meeting Date: 07/13/05

**Applicant:** Forest Glen Ventures, LLC **Report Date:** 06/30/05

(David G. Vos, Agent)

**Resource:** Master Plan Site #36/01 **Public Notice:** 06/29/05

Tax Credit: Partial

Review: HAWP

**National Park Seminary Historic District** 

Case Number: 36/01-05B Staff: Tania Tully

PROPOSAL: Landscape Plan including RECOMMENDATION:

lighting and signage. Conditional Approval

# STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending approval with the following conditions:

1. Approval is received from the Maryland Historical Trust prior to implementation.

2. The text and layout of the interpretive signage will be reviewed and approved by HPC staff.

3. Any minor changes to the plan will be approved at the staff level.

## PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Master Plan Historic District

STYLE: Eclectic

DATE: 1887-1942

The subject parcel 880 and part of 394 (just under an acre) encompasses approximately 33 acres and is roughly bounded by I-495 on the north, a private road that runs parallel to the CSX line on the east, and Linden Lane on the south and west. The neighborhood west of the district consists of single-family residences constructed from the 1920s through the 1980s. The area to the east contains Army warehouses, commercial properties and single-family residences. South of the district is a vacant lot that will be built-out with new construction as part of this project and the Walter Reed Army Medical Center is south and east of that.

# **HISTORY:**

The wooded architectural fantasyland known as National Park Seminary was a finishing school for young women established in 1894. The site began as a speculative real estate development intended to capitalize on proximity to the railroad. An ornate Stick Style hotel, the Forest Inn (1887), was the centerpiece of the resort, built with wraparound porches, towers, and applied stickwork detailing. When the hotel proved unsuccessful, John and Vesta Cassedy purchased the site, converting the inn into a boarding school. National Park Seminary became one of the most popular and exclusive finishing schools in the Washington area.

Young women from wealthy families were groomed to fulfill their roles as society matrons. A basic principle in the National Park Seminary program was the importance of understanding foreign and domestic culture. Underscoring this philosophy was the architecture and interior design on campus, inspired by the grand, international architecture of the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893. Between 1894 and 1907, the Cassedys constructed a score of fanciful buildings. Sorority meetings were held in the English Garden Castle, Swiss Chalet, American Bungalow, Colonial House, Spanish Mission, Dutch Windmill, and Japanese Pagoda. Students resided in the Italian Villa and the Shingle Style Senior House. They took physical education classes in the Classical Revival Gymnasium and studied in the Shingle Style Miller Library.

Beginning in 1916, NPS President Dr. James Ament instituted his own building campaign, expanding campus buildings, constructing an elaborate network of covered walkways and bridges, and installing classical garden sculptures. Ament designed the last building constructed on campus—the awe-inspiring Ballroom (1927), which, when constructed, was the tallest building in Montgomery County.

During World War II, the U.S. Army acquired the site for a convalescent center for soldiers who spent an average of 20 days in the bucolic setting. A Baltimore reporter described the transformation of the site: A "one-time finishing school for ritzy sweet young things becomes the healer of the sick and maimed, giving the boys in khaki a luxurious but none the less homelike atmosphere to smooth the comeback trail. There's no suggestion of the hospital about it—and for that the men are grateful."

After the Army, in the 1970s, relocated its medical facility to the main Walter Reed campus in Washington, D.C., the buildings that comprise this historic district were used for administration and then abandoned. Many have deteriorated and others have been lost to fire and vandalism. One of the best loved structures was the Odeon Theatre, destroyed by fire in 1993. Stabilizing efforts and compatible reuse options are a high priority for this outstanding and important resource.

# **PROJECT BACKGROUND:**

Autumn 2004: Property transferred from the Army to the development team, via Montgomery County and Preservation Easement placed on the Property by Maryland Historical Trust (MHT)

October 13, 2004: HAWP approved for stabilization

Winter 2005: Property Rezoned (Currently under appeal)

March 25, 2005: HAWP approved for rehabilitation of the Main Building and Demolition of the Army buildings April 7, 2005: Preliminary and Site Plans approved by the Planning Board

# **APPLICABLE GUIDELINES:**

Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A

- A HAWP permit should be issued if the Commission finds that:
- 1. The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of a historic site or historic resource within a historic district.
- 2. The proposal would enhance or aid in the protection, preservation and public or private utilization of the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district in a manner compatible with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural value of the historic site or historic district in which an historic resource is located; or

Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation:

- 1# A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, features, spaces, and spatial relationships.
- 2# The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.
- 5# Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.
- 6# Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture, and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence.

# **PROPOSAL:**

- 1. Site improvements including replacement of drive and walkway materials. Most of the existing locations will remain.
- 2. Site Lighting (Circle 6)
- 3. Landscaping (Details on Circles 20-25)
- 4. Interpretive signage (Circle 7)

# **STAFF DISCUSSION**

Landscape plan currently presented is substantially the same as the site plan the Commission saw and supported at the March 23, 2005 HPC meeting. This HAWP application is a refinement that includes detailed information about the proposed lighting fixtures, site furniture, and interpretive signage. The proposed new and altered parking, sidewalks, retaining walls, and unit planting have not changed and are now a requirement of the Site Plan as approved by the Planning Board.

Staff is comfortable with the landscape plan as proposed. Specifically, the lighting fixtures proposed are benign, meaning that they are not replicative of a particular time period, nor are they so modern as to draw attention away from the historic resources. Staff is recommending approval with a few minor conditions including the redundant requirement that approval is received from MHT. Staff also recommends that the text and layout of the interpretive signage be reviewed and approved at the staff level. This is already a condition of the proper HAWP. Additionally, staff requests the authority to approve minor changes in the landscaping at the staff level.

# STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the HAWP application as being consistent with Chapter 24A-8(b)(1) & (2);

and with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation;

and with the conditions stated on Circle 1;

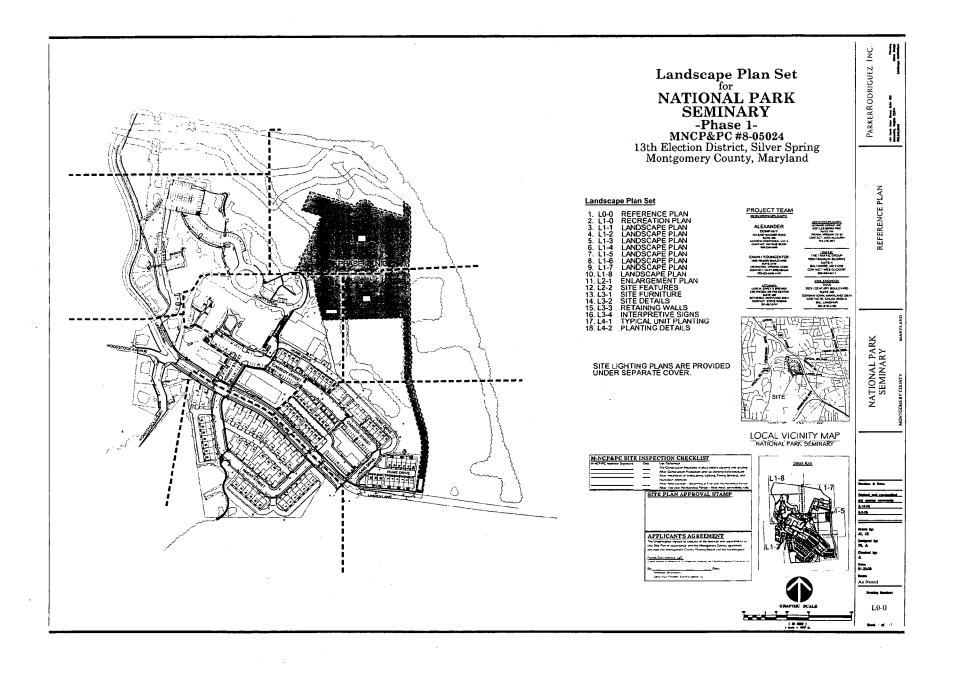
and with the general condition applicable to all Historic Area Work Permits that the applicant will present <u>3</u> permit sets of drawings to HPC staff for review and stamping prior to submission for permits (if applicable). After issuance of the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) permit, the applicant will arrange for a field inspection by calling the DPS Field Services Office at 240-777-6370 prior to commencement of work and not more than two weeks following completion of work.



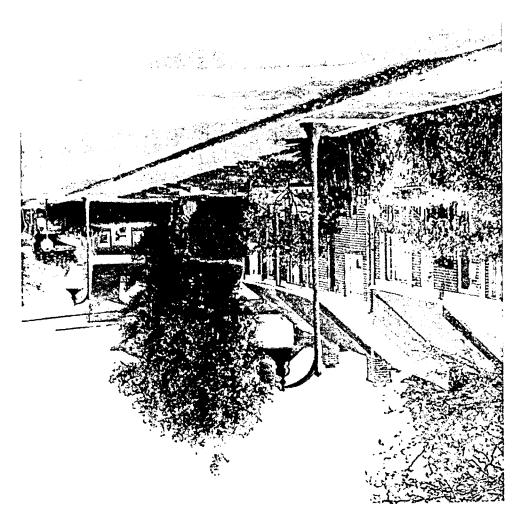
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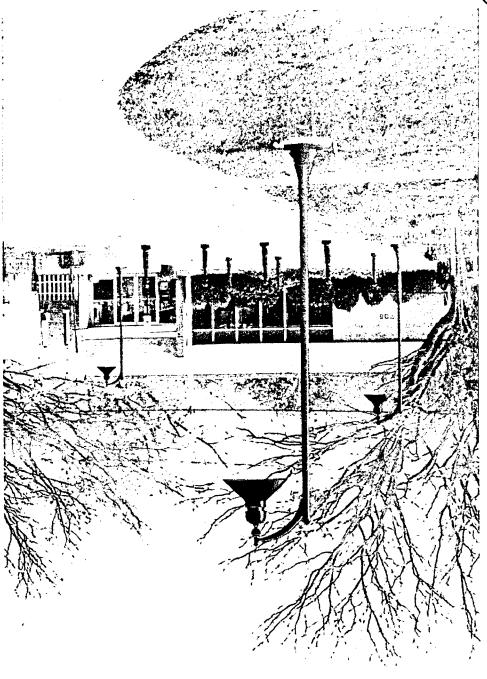
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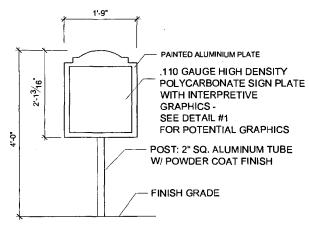
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	Daytime Phone No.: <u>608 - 258 - 5580</u>	
Tax Account No.: 20 -2680815		
Name of Property Owner: TOPEST GLEN VENTURE	LC Daytime Phone No.: 703.525.5565	
Address: 1000 KILSON BLVD, STE 272		The state of the s
Contractor: EXA CONSTRUCTION INC.		DEPT. OF PERMITTING S
Contractor Registration No.:		
Agent for Owner: DAVID YOS	Daytime Phone No.: 608.258.5580	<u> </u>
LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE		
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Townstity: SIWER SPRING Nearest Cross	Street MITH DRIVE	
Lot: 1-53 Block: A Subdivision:		
tiber: 28584 Folio: HB Parcel:		
PART ONE; TYPE OF PERMIT ACTION AND USE		
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☑ Construct ☐ Extend ☐ Alter/Renovate ☐	AC Stab Room Addition Perch Deck She	•
☐ Move ☐ Install ☐ Wreck/Raze ☐	Solar 🗆 Fireplace 🗋 Woodburning Stove 😿 Single Family	(towishomes)
☐ Revision ☐ Repair ☐ Revocable ☐	Fence/Well (complete Section 4) Bother Presch Complete	AGE
1B. Construction cost estimate: \$ 20,000,000		
1C. If this is a revision of a previously approved active permit, see Permit #_		<del></del>
PART TWO: COMPLETE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND EXTEND/	ADDITIONS	
2A. Type of sewage disposel: 01 🗗 WSSC 02 🗆 Sep		
28. Type of water supply: 01 DV WSSC 02 D Wet		<del></del>
PART THREE: COMPLETE ONLY FOR FENCE/RETAINING WALL		
3A. Heightfeetinches		
3B. Indicate whether the fence or retaining wall is to be constructed on one		
On party line/property line Entirely on land of owner	On public right of way/easement	
I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the loregoing application, to approved by all agencies listed and I hereby acknowledge and accept this to	hat the application is correct, and that the construction will comply with plan o be a condition for the issuance of this permit.	15
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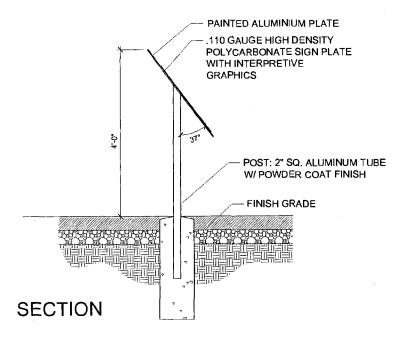


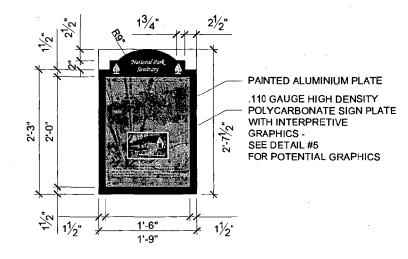


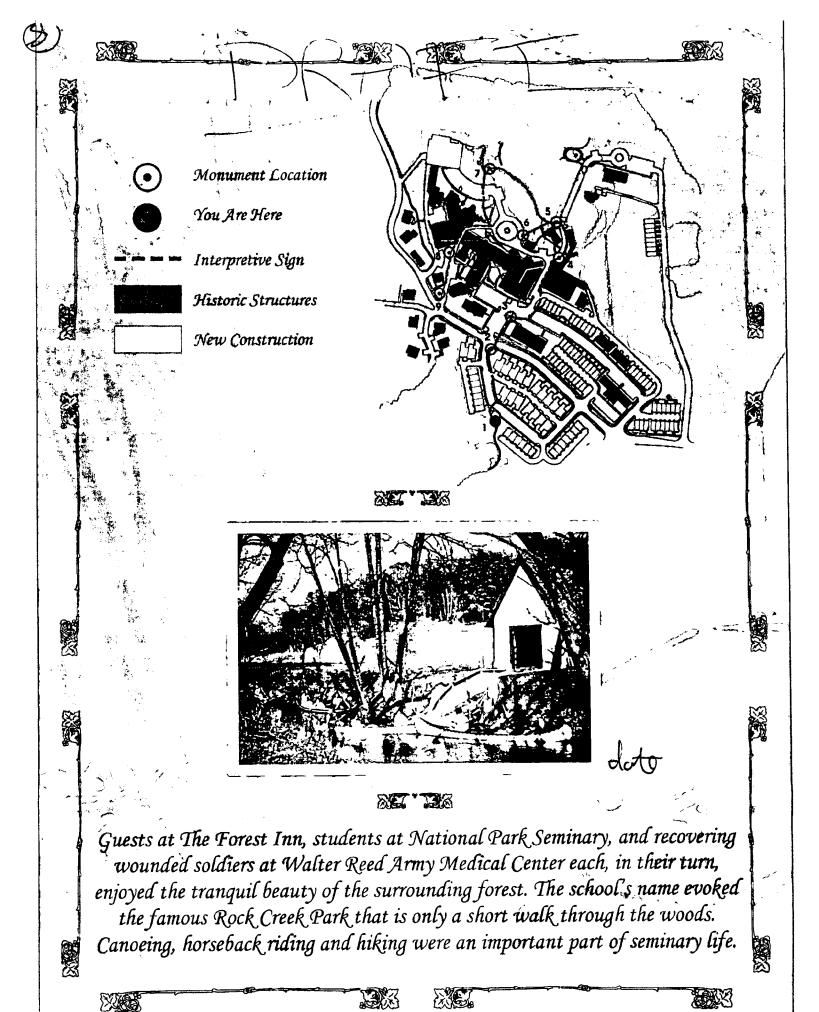


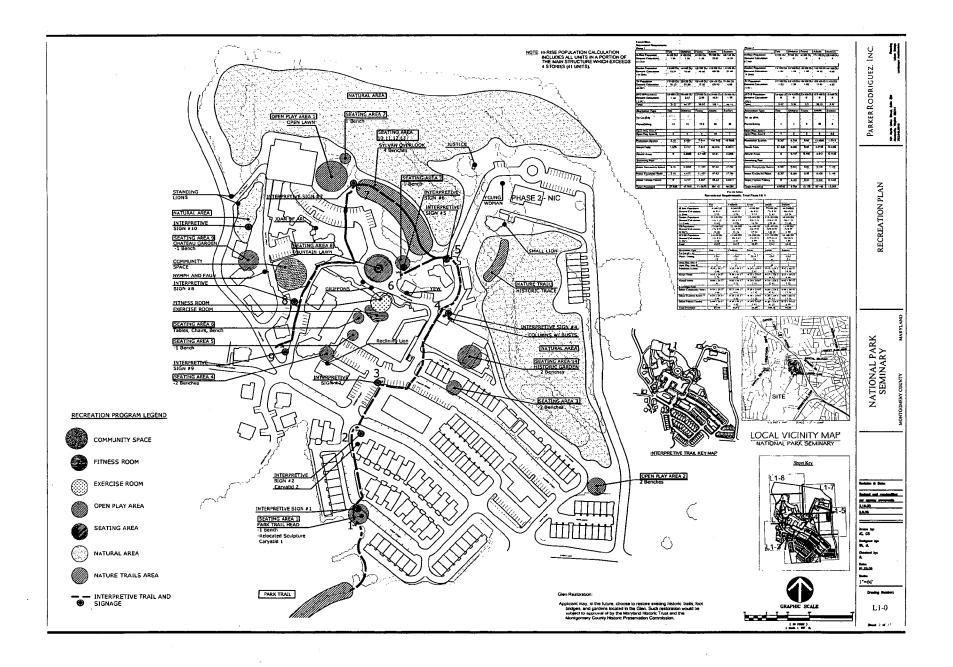


# **ELEVATION**

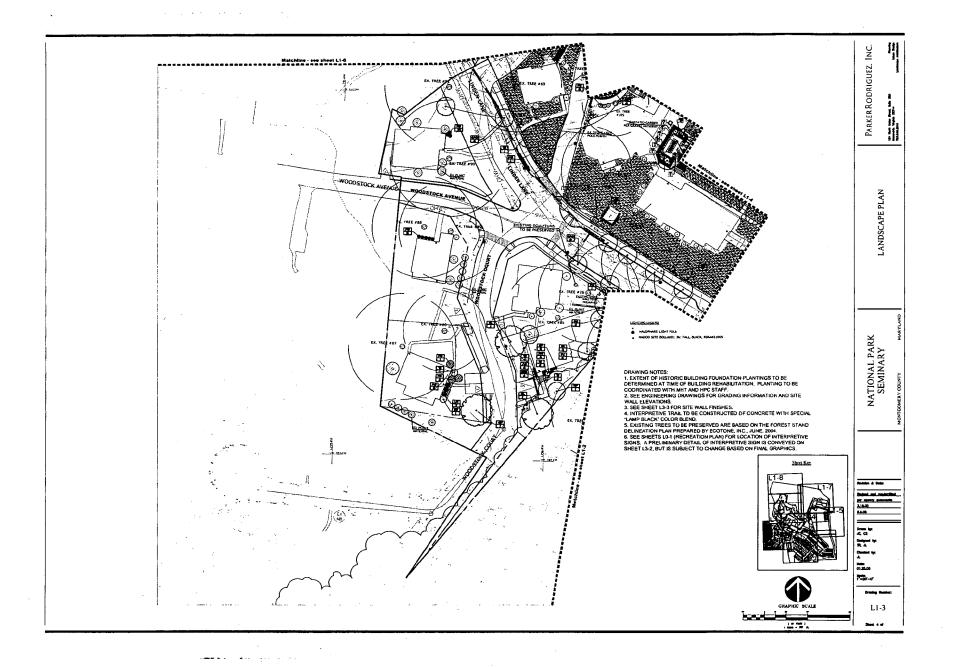


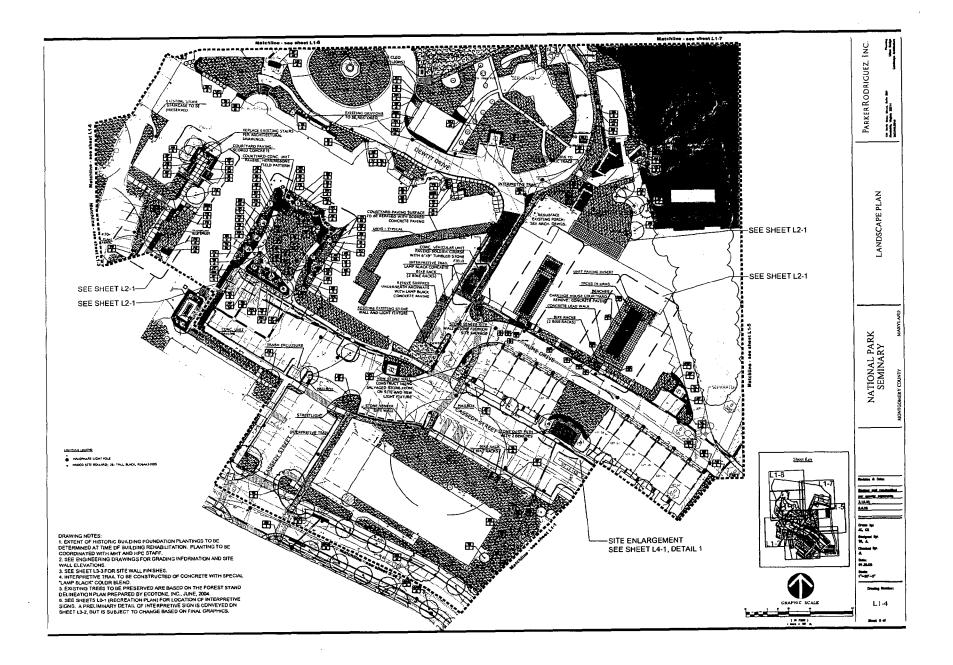




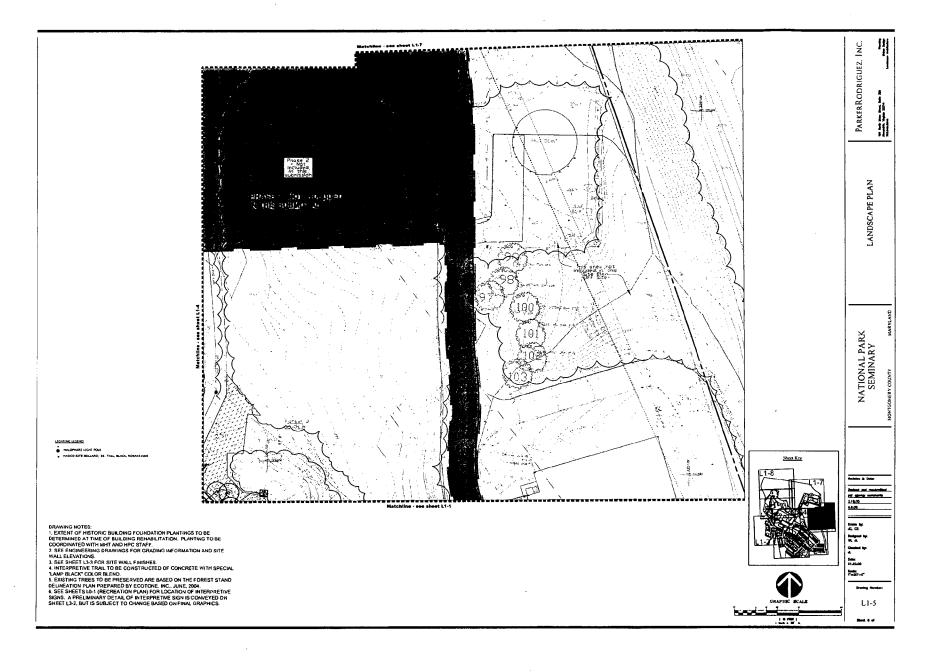


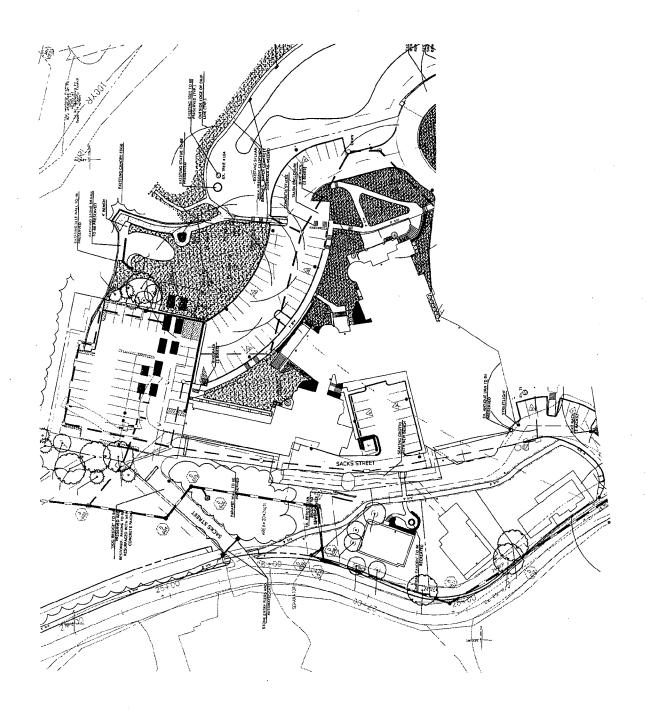


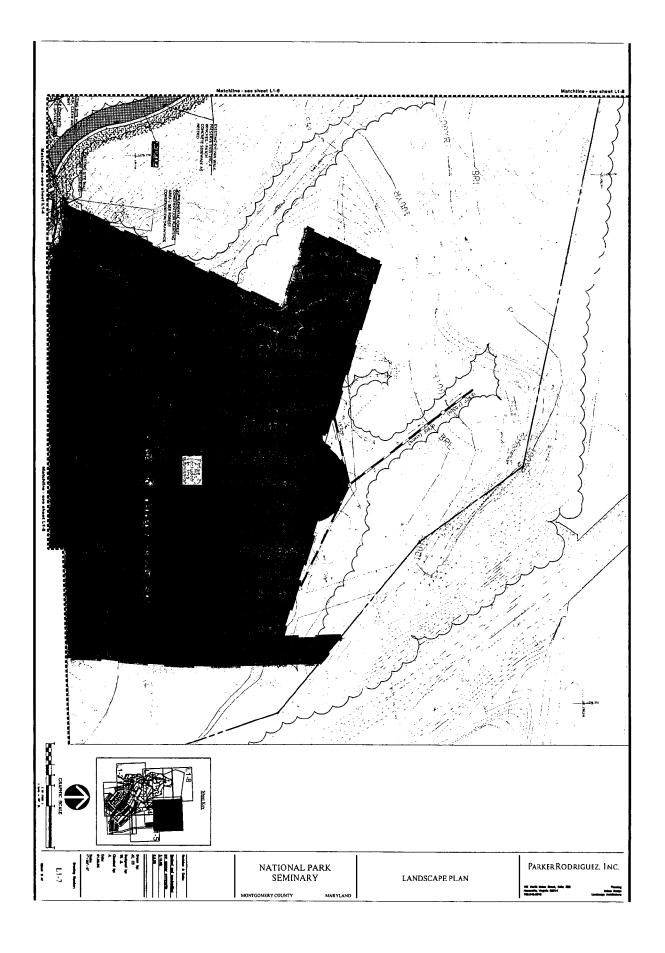




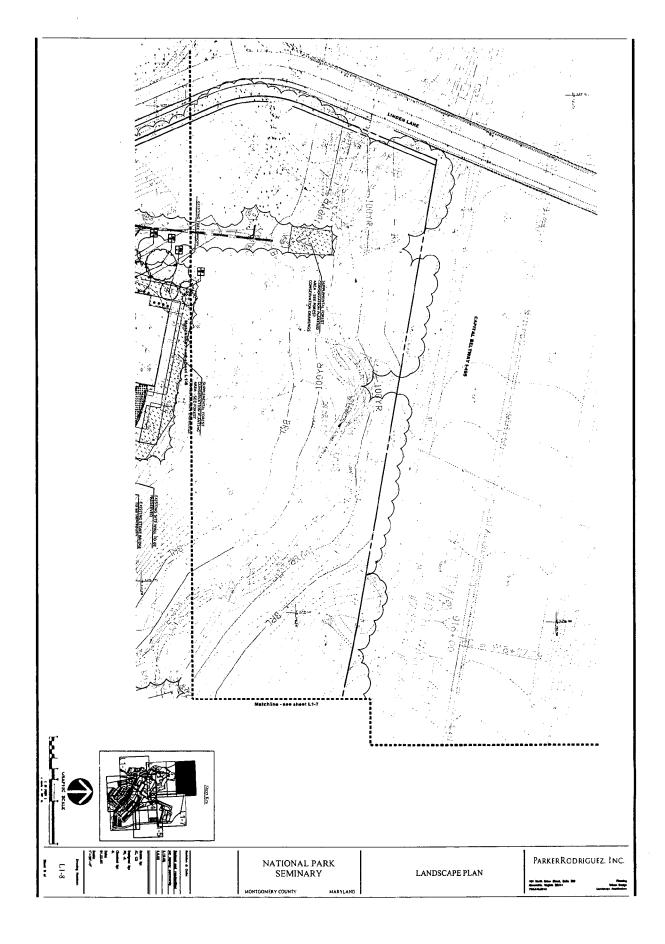


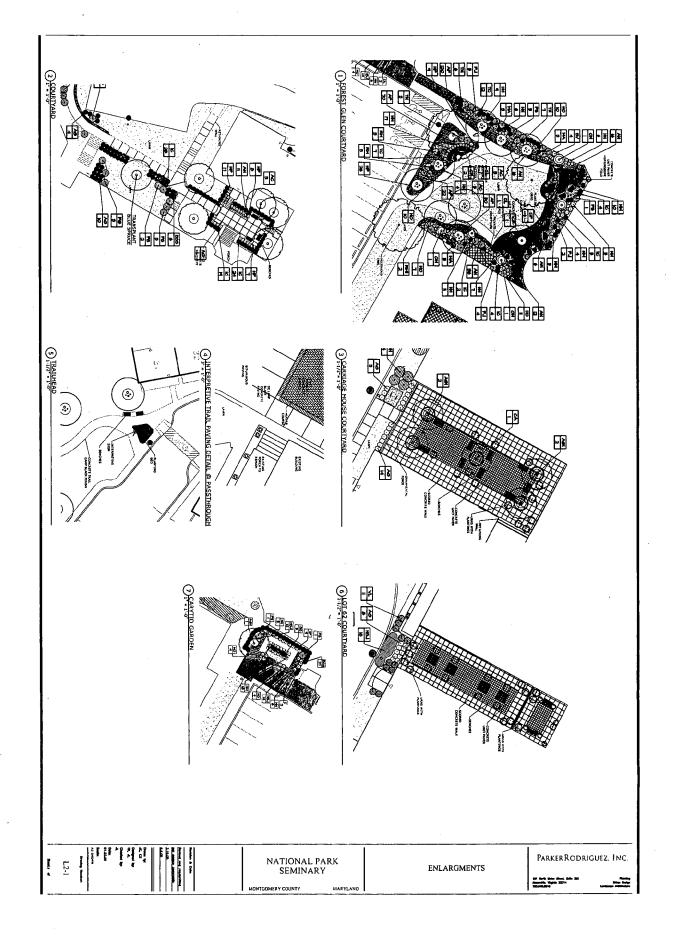


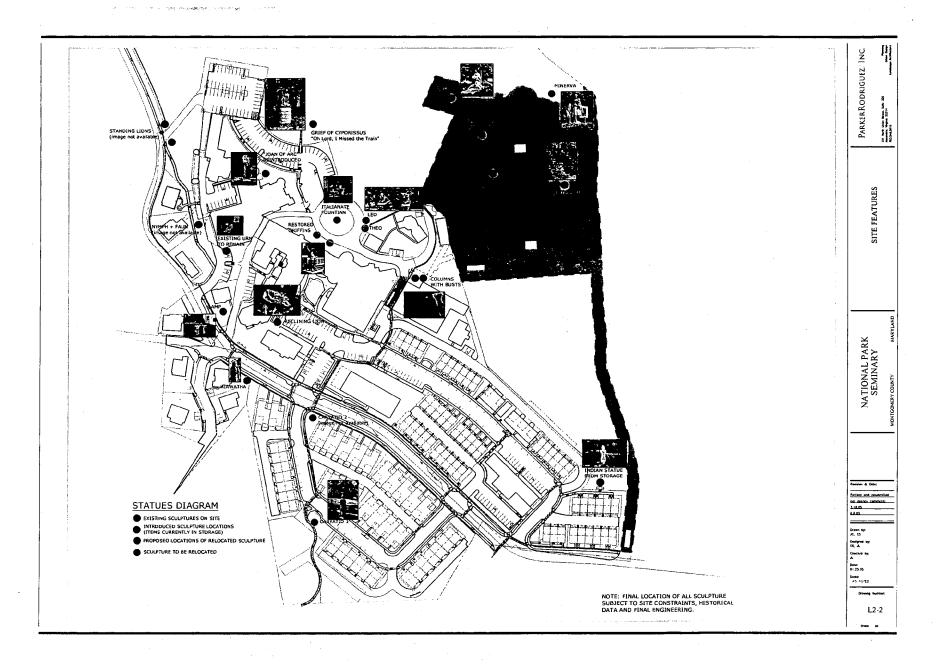


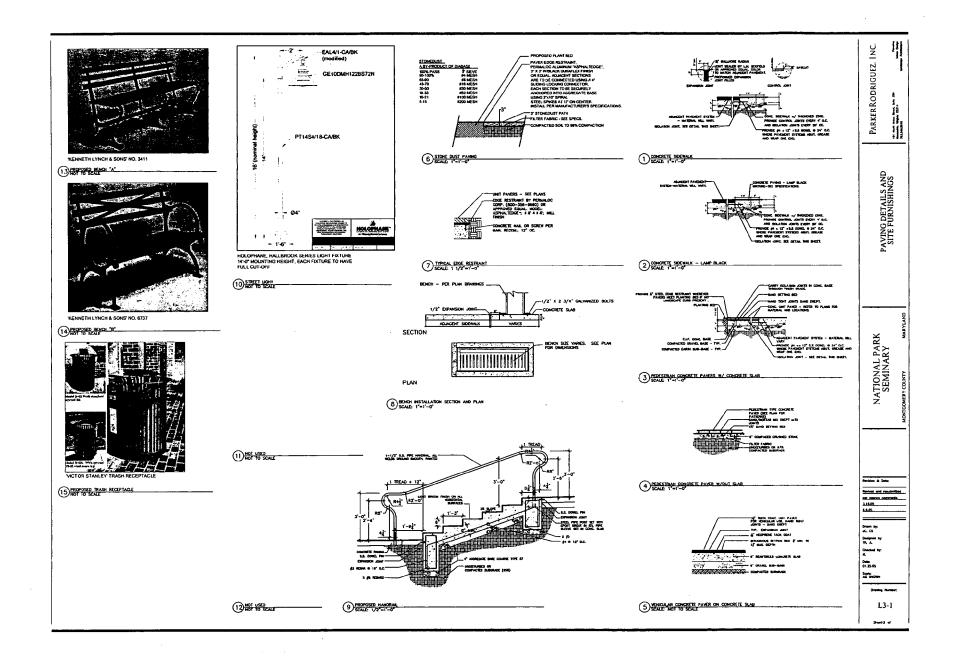


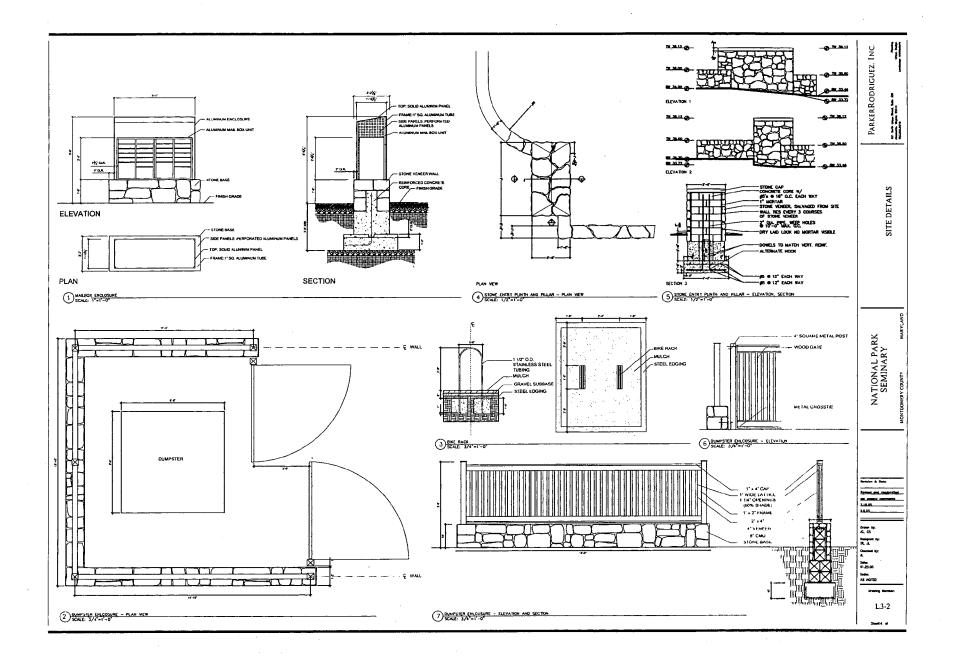




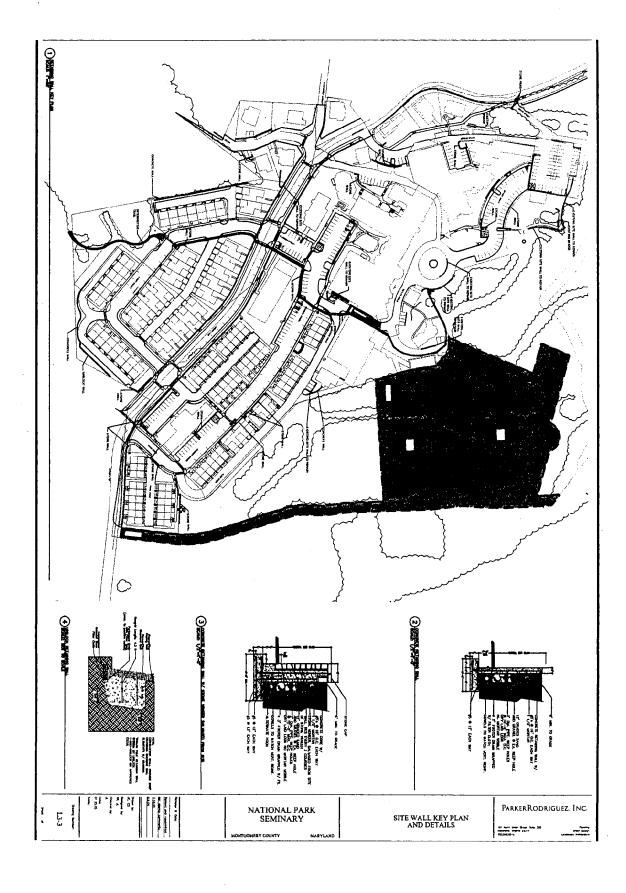


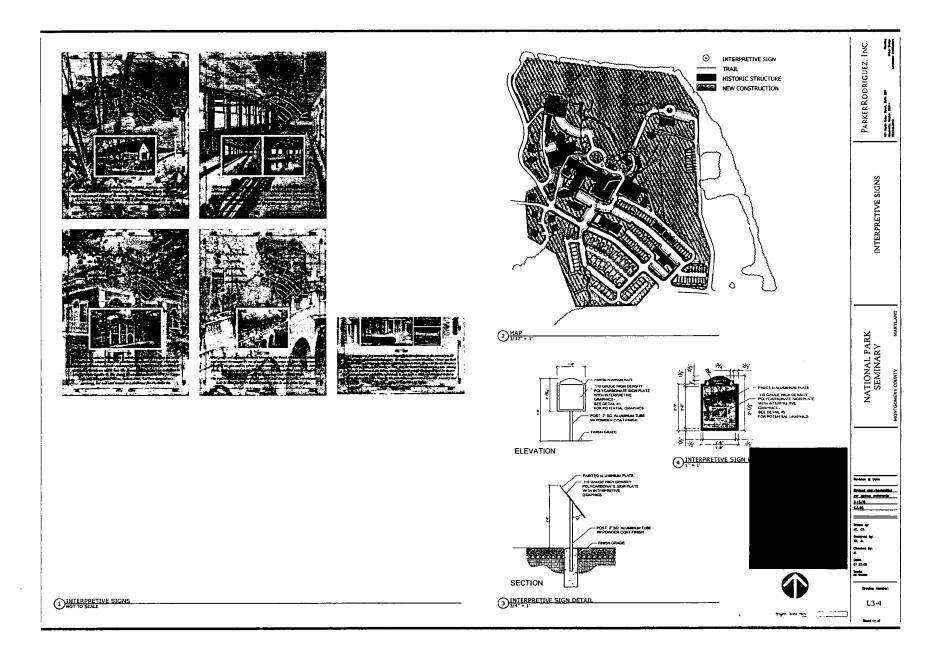




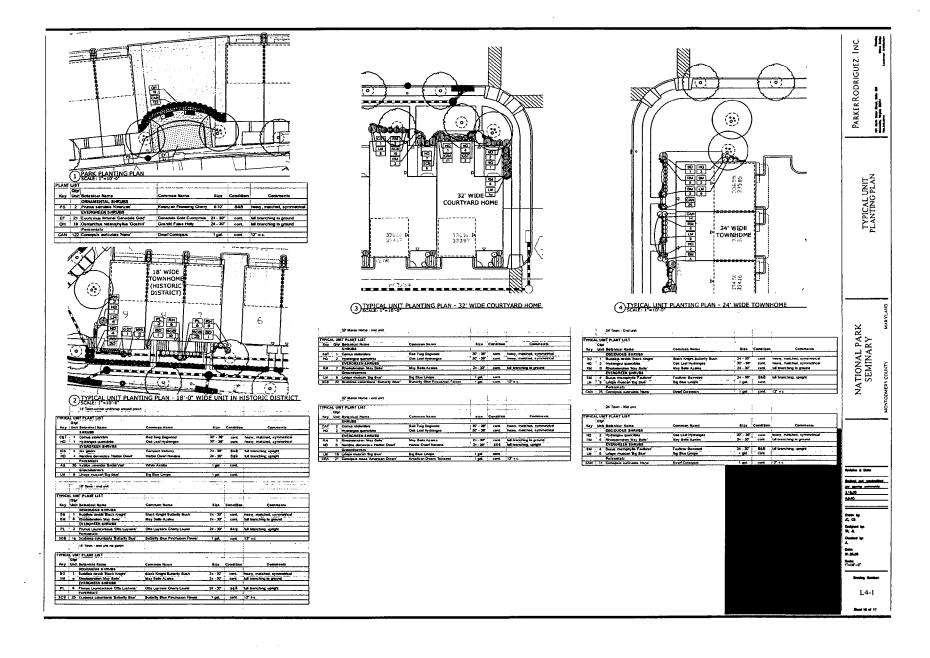






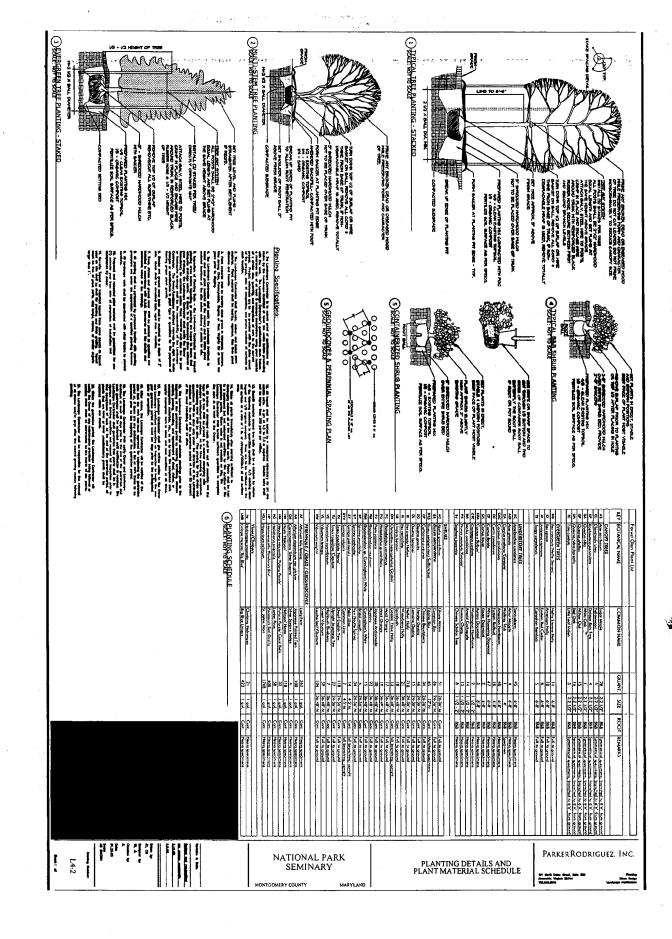


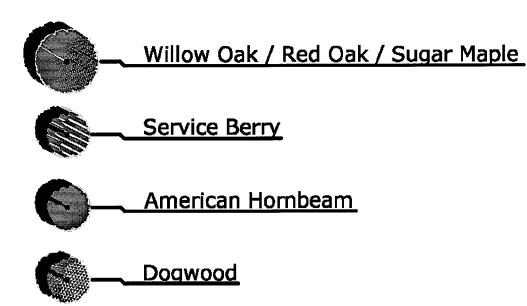






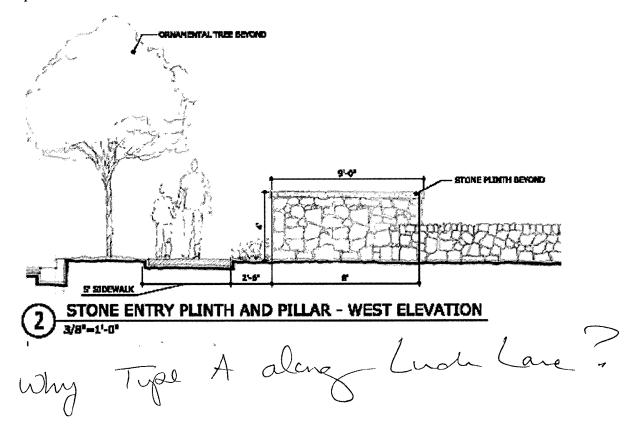


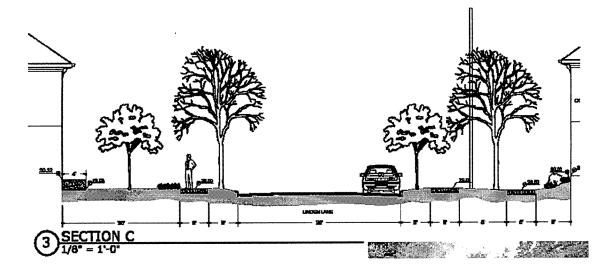




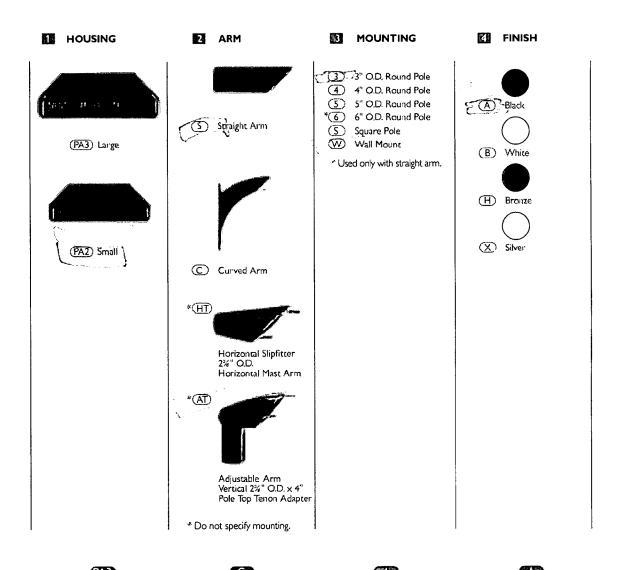
Why do the street trees have to be set at such regular intervals? Especially on the historic side?

Explain the tree selections to me.





# Ordering Guide Large and Small Arealyte Ordering Guide



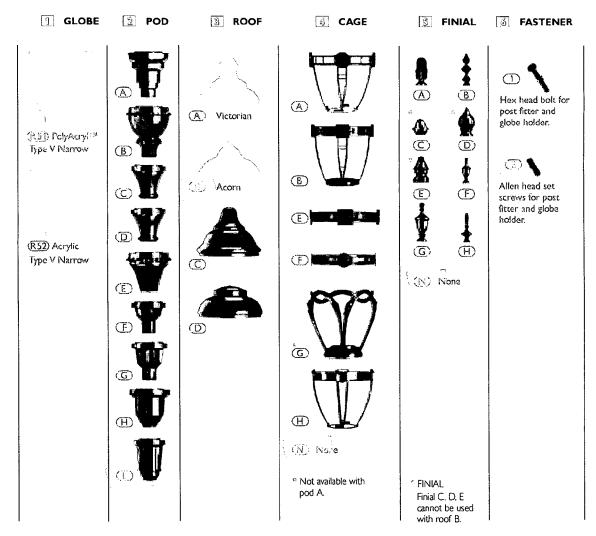
Ordering Example: PA3C4A3400HGV

D OPTICS	WATTAGE/LAMP	VOLTAGE	OPTIONS
* 1 Type II 2 Type III 4 Type IV 5 Type V F Forward Throw * Not available for PA2 fixture.	Mogul Base PA3  (1505) 150 W HPS E23.5 (2506) 250 W HPS E18 (4005) 400 W HPS E18 (175H) 175 W MH E28 (250H) 250 W MH E28 (400H) 400 W MH E28  Medium Base PA2  (705) 70 W HPS E17 (1005) 150 W HPS E17 (1505) 150 W HPS E17 (150H) 50 W MH E17 (150H) 100 W MH E17 (150H) 100 W MH E17 (150H) 150 W MH E17 (175H) 175 W MH E17 (175H) 175 W MH E17	© 120V © 240V ⊕ 277V ⓒ 347V ⊕ 480V	None A Air Filter B Button Eye Photo Control F Fusing G Polycarbonate Shield House-Side Shield Q Quartz Restrike R PE Receptacle T Terminal Block T Tamper-Resistant Latch  Hot available in 480V Anot available with Type V or Forward Throw optics PA3 fixture only Polycarbonate shield available up to 250W max.

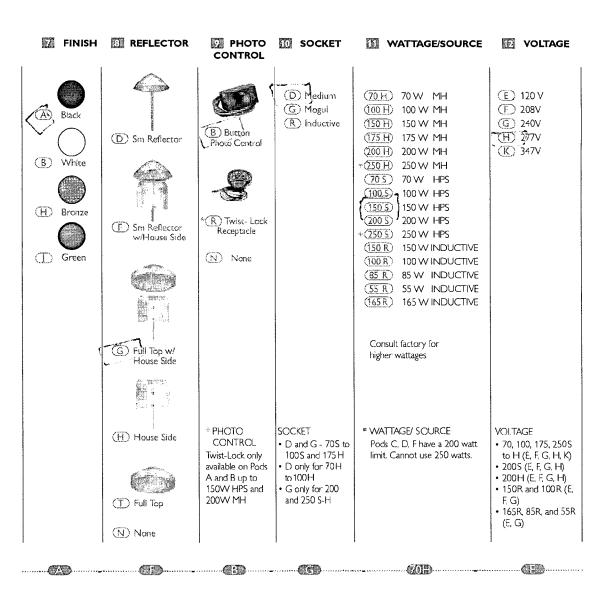
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# TYPE V NARROW GLOBES

NARROW GLOBES ORDERING GUIDE







Fixtures shall be UL, cUL Listed.

Ordering Example: R51BABATAFBG70HE



(A) Finial

(A) Roof

(R 51) Globe

(B) Cage

(70H) Ballast

B Pod

M

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# TYPE V NARROW BODY SPECIFICATIONS

# **M** GLOBE



Type V Narrow globe shall be constructed of clear injection-molded acrylic (R52) or \*polyacryl" (R51), utilizing a slip-fit ½" overlap, two-piece design utilizing nutserts in the top globe section and stainless steel fasteners in the bottom globe which eliminates a "butt-glue" seam appearance. The bottom optical section of the globe shall have a neck opening of 7½" at the smallest diameter and an outside dimension of 8" at the bottom, be a minimum of 15½" in height and 14½% in width at the top with 117 horizontal prisms and 360 vertical prisms which shall be highly polished.

# **11** ROOF



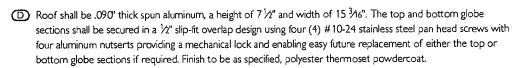
(A) Victorian style roof shall be clear molded "polyacryl", a minimum of 10 ½" in height with 79 horizontal prisms allowing the top to softly glow evenly. Width shall be 14 15/16" to allow the top and bottom globe sections to be secured in a ½" slip-fit overlap design using four (4) #10-24 stainless steel pan head screws with four aluminum nutserts providing a mechanical lock and enabling easy future replacement of either the top or bottom globe sections if required.

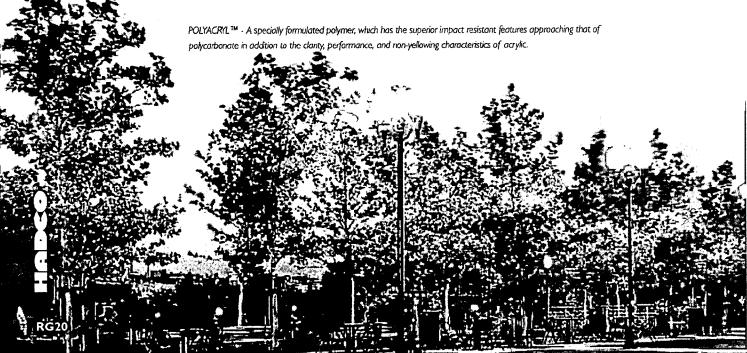


Acorn style roof shall be clear molded "polyacryl", a minimum of 7 3/4" in height with 62 horizontal prisms allowing the top to softly glow evenly. Width shall be 14 15/16" to allow the top and bottom globe sections to be secured in a 1/2" slip-fit overlap design using four (4) #10-24 stainless steel pan head screws with four aluminum nutserts providing a mechanical lock and enabling easy future replacement of either the top or bottom globe sections if required.



Roof shall be .090" thick spun aluminum, a height of 10" and width of  $15\frac{3}{16}$ ". The top and bottom globe sections shall be secured in a  $\frac{1}{10}$ " slip-fit overlap design using four (4) #10-24 stainless steel pan head screws with four aluminum nutserts providing a mechanical lock and enabling easy future replacement of either the top or bottom globe sections if required. Finish to be as specified, polyester thermoset powdercoat.

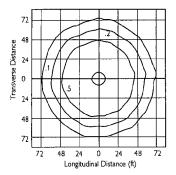




# TYPE V NARROW GLOBES

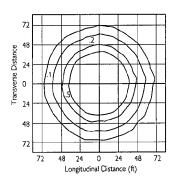
# HORIZONTAL FOOTCANDLES

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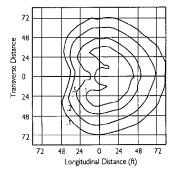


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Mounting Height = 12 ft.



Non Cut-Off Test # TR98127
Sm Reflector w/House side shield 150W HPS
Total Lumens = 16,000
Mounting Height = 12 ft.

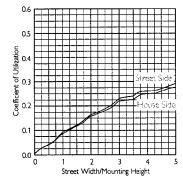


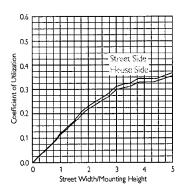
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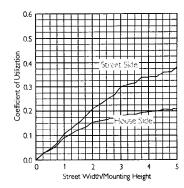
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Mtg. Height	10'	11'	12'	13'	14'	15'	16'
Multiplier	1.44	1.19	1.0	.86	.73	.64	.56

LAMP & WATTAGE				
Lamp	175W	250W	150W	250W
	MH	MH	HPS	HPS
Mult.	.87	1.28	1.0	1.7

# COEFFICIENTS OF UTILIZATION







### LUMENS OUTPUT & EFFICIENCY

	LUMENS	PERCENT OF LAMP
Downward Street Side	5381	33.6
Downward House Side	5651	35.3
Downward Total	11032	68.9
Upward Street Side	2414	15.1
Upward House Side	2408	15.1
Upward Total	4822	30.1
Total Flux	1585 <del>4</del>	99.1

	LLIMENS	PERCENT OF LAMP
3942		
Downward Street Side	6499	40.6
Downward House Side	6757	42.2
Downward Total	13256	82.8
Upward Street Side	737	4.6
Upward House Side	760	4.8
Upward Total	1497	9.4
Total Flux	14753	92.2

	UMENS:	PERCENT OF LAMP
Downward Street Side	7789	48.7
Downward House Side	3689	23.1
Downward Total	11478	71.7
Upward Street Side	1691	10.6
Upward House Side	987	6.2
Upward Total	2678	16.7
Total Flux	14156	88.5