



Oakwood (Knapp to 3 Mile)

Concept Design Meeting
Tuesday, August 5, 2025



Introductions

City Staff

- Community Engagement – Sarah Itani & Juan Torres
- Engineering – Dan Siminski
- Mobile GR/Traffic Safety – Kristin Bennett

Ground Rules

- Need to be respectful of time
- Presentation followed by discussion/questions
- Everyone is encouraged to participate
- Be respectful – no personal attacks, heckling, talking over others, raised voices, monopolizing conversation

Agenda

- Introductions
- Project Overview
- Guiding Documents and Principles
- Concept Design
- Discussion

STREETS ARE VITAL FOR



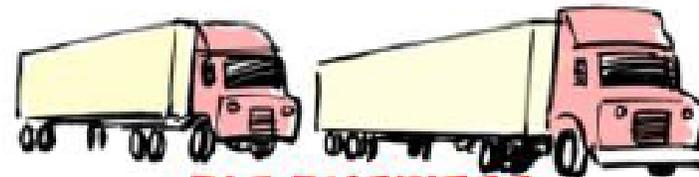
RESIDENTIAL

INCREASED PROPERTY VALUES AND
BETTER MOBILITY (CARS, BIKING, WALKING
AND BUSES)



SMALL BUSINESS

CUSTOMERS NEED TO SAFELY REACH
RETAILERS & RESTAURANTS IN THE AREA



BIG BUSINESS

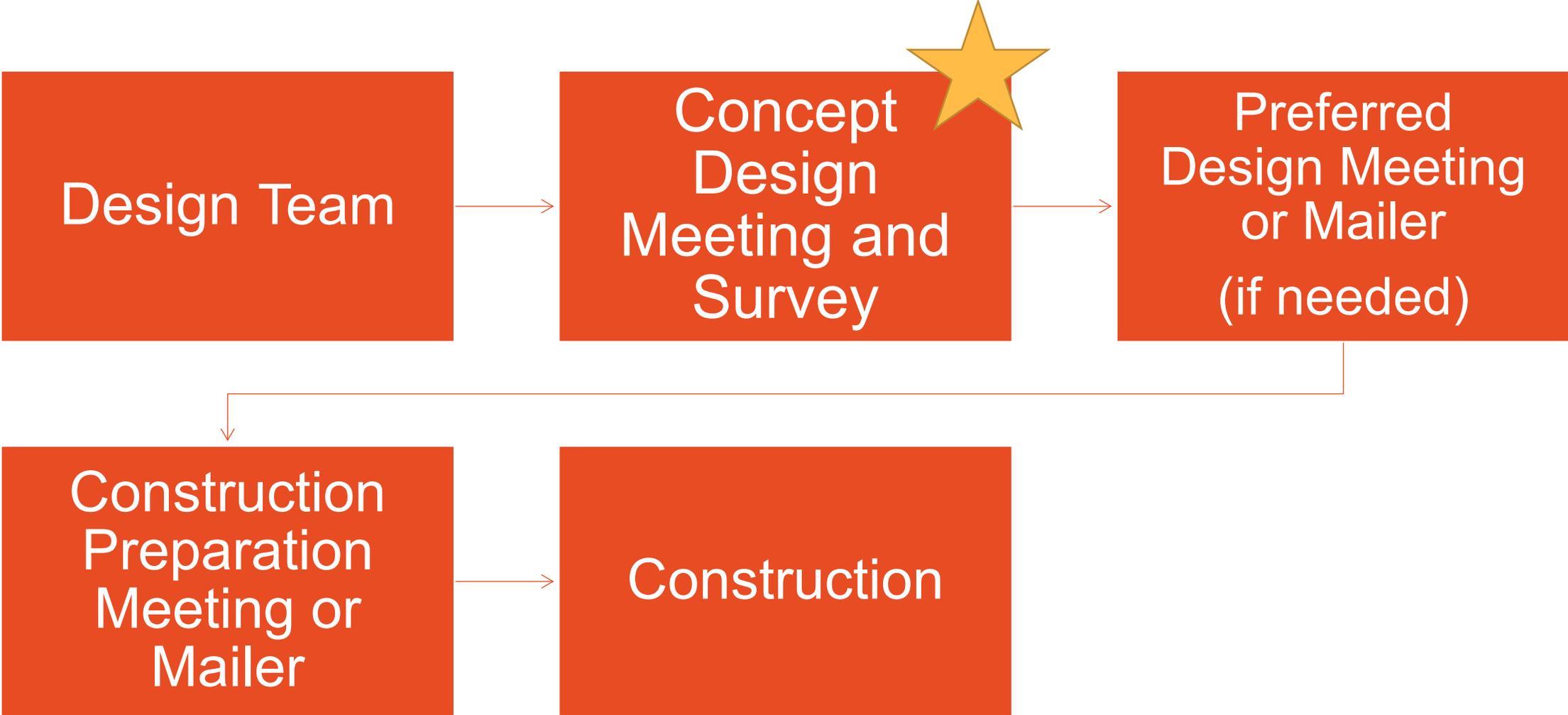
STREETS ARE VITAL FOR MOVING GOODS
& PRODUCTS TO CONSUMERS



Project Overview



Road Design and Construction Process



Existing Conditions

- Street pavement condition rating of 2-6
- 66-60-foot public right of way
- 30-foot road width
 - Two travel lanes, one in each direction
 - On-street parking on both sides of the street
 - 6-foot sidewalks on both sides

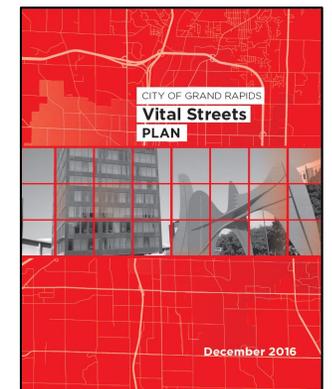
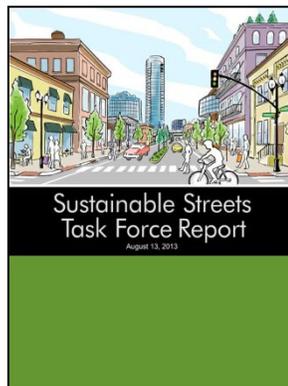
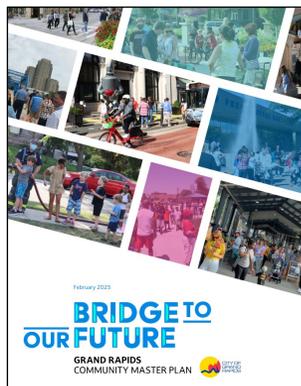


Guiding Documents and Principles



Guiding Documents

- 2007-2010 Green Grand Rapids
- 2012-2013 Sustainable Streets Task Force Report
- 2015 Urban Tree Canopy Assessment
- 2016 Vital Streets Plan
- 2019 Bicycle Action Plan
- 2022-2024 City Master Plan



Complete Streets

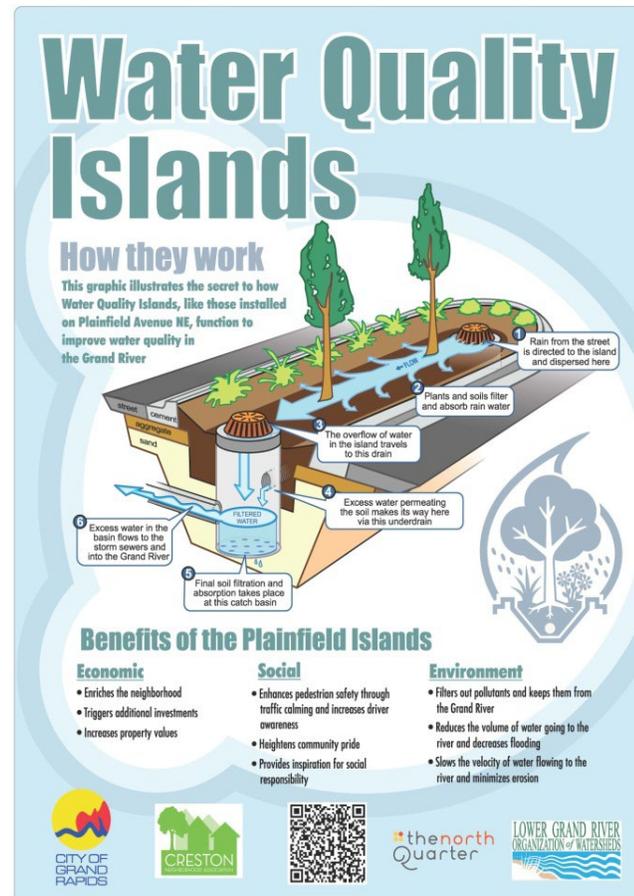
A system of streets...planned, designed, operated and maintained so all legal users may safely, comfortably and conveniently move along and across streets

~ PA 134 of 2010



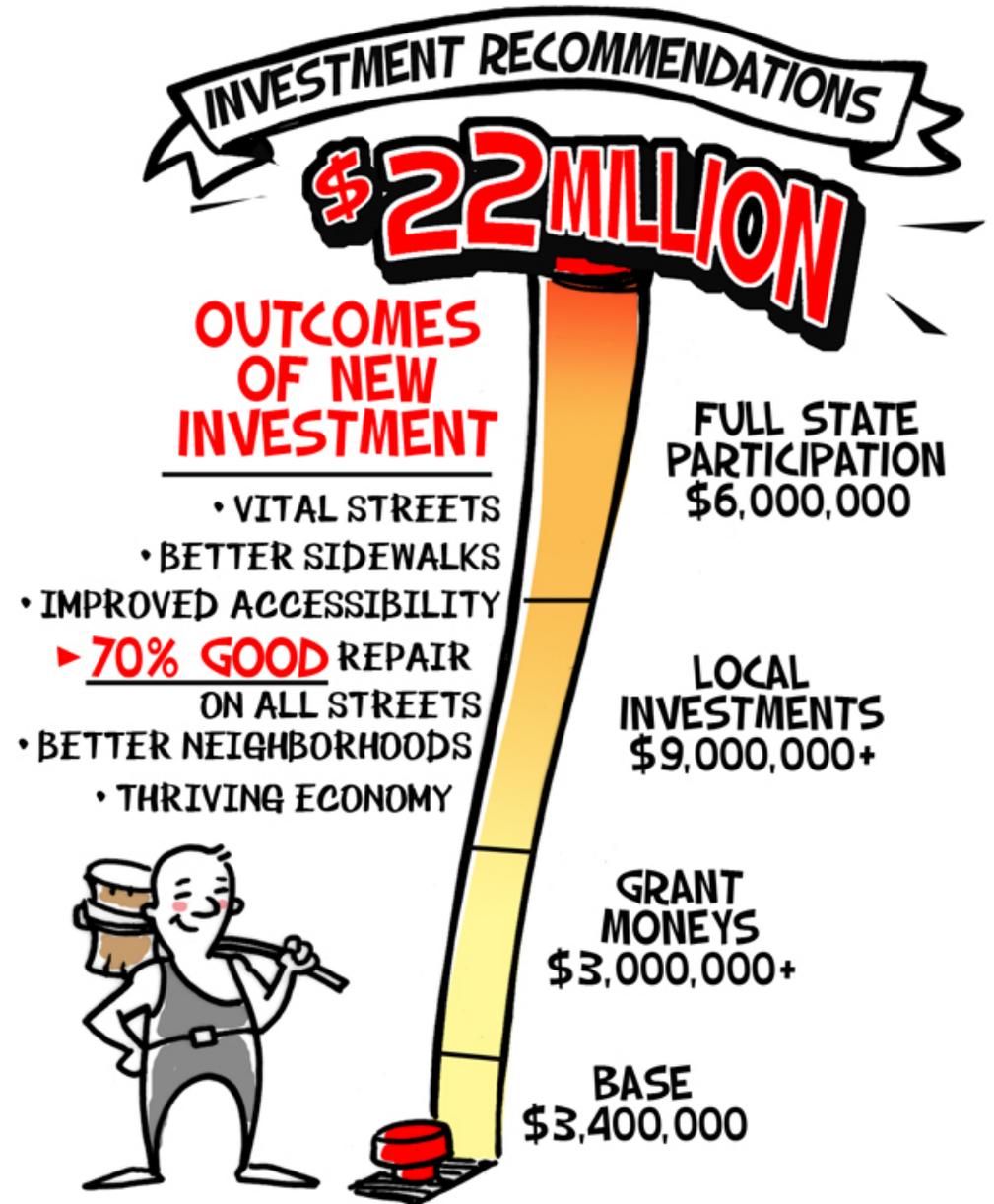
Vital Streets

Complete streets + green infrastructure



Vital Streets Income Tax

- 70% good and fair goal
- Passed in 2014



Urban Tree Canopy

- 40% urban tree canopy goal
- This area has between >40% canopy

Value

- Environmental quality
- Public health
- Water quality
- Property value
- Aesthetics

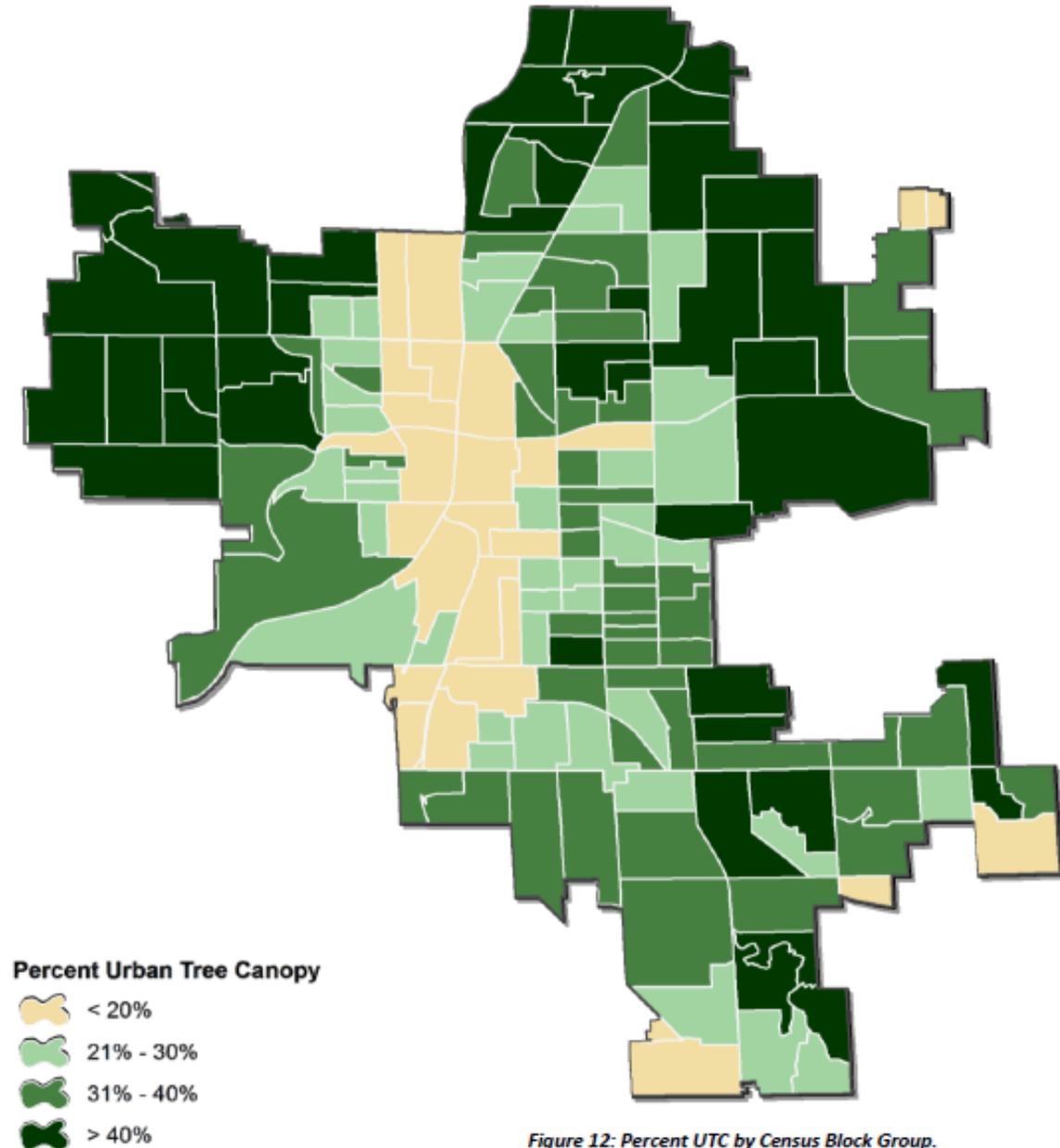
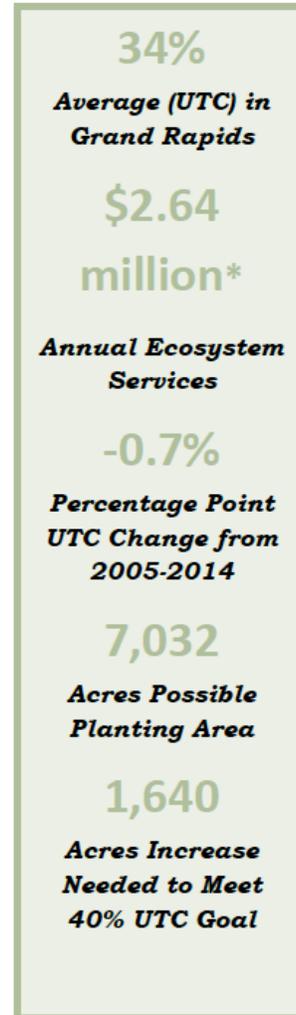


Figure 12: Percent UTC by Census Block Group.

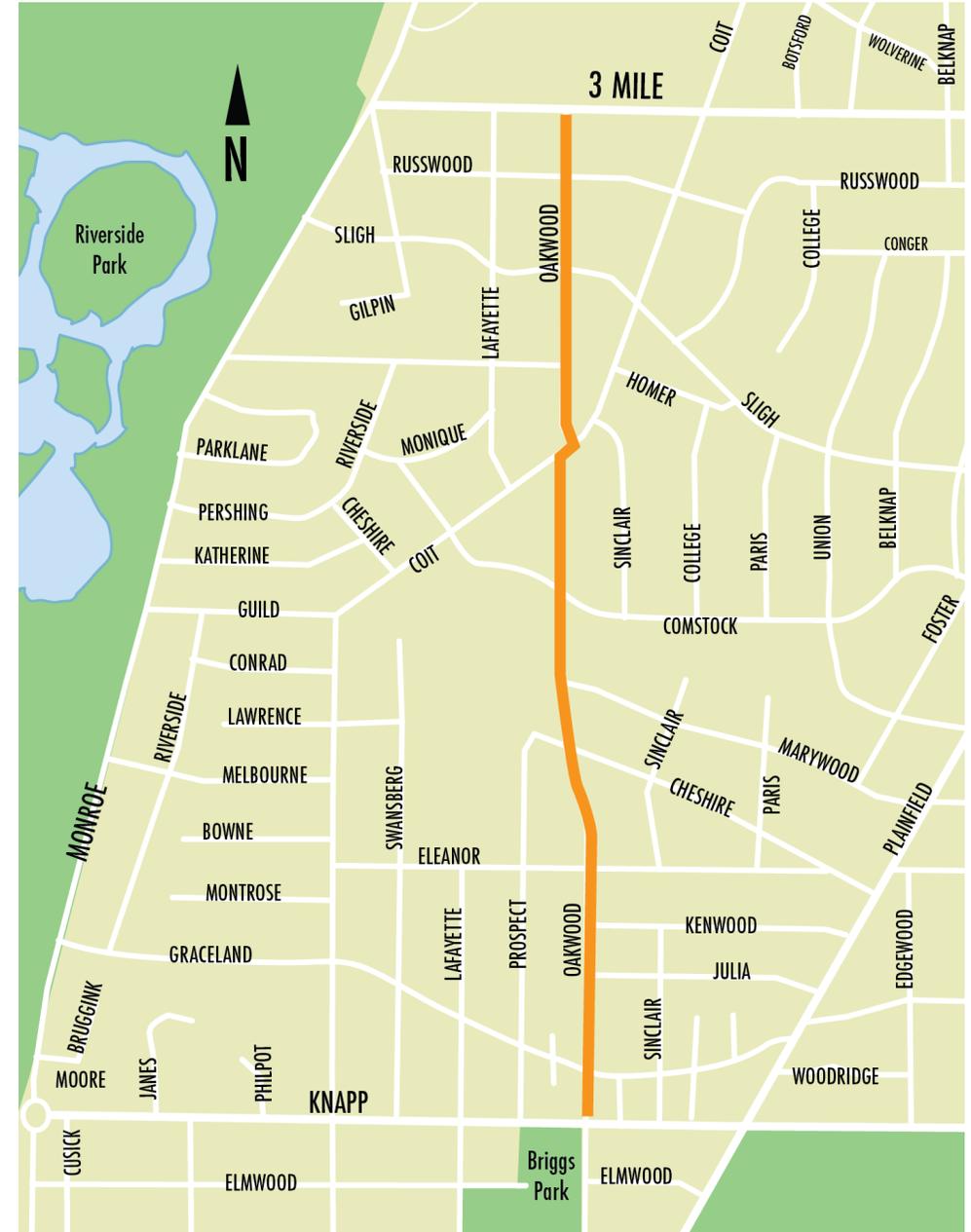


Concept Design



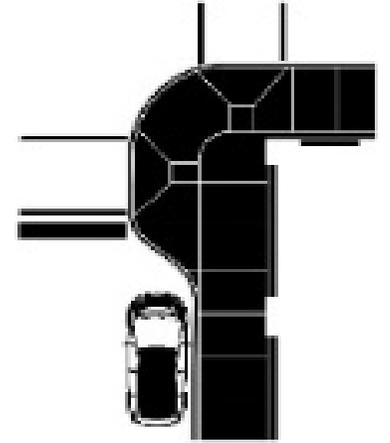
Concept Design - Oakwood (Knapp to Cheshire)

- Remove and replace the existing road surface in Oakwood from Knapp to south of Cheshire.
- Install curb extension at Knapp Street to shorten pedestrian crossings and better define the parking lanes
- Upgrade sidewalks and ramps to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act standards.
- Remove the neighborhood traffic circle on Oakwood at Cheshire and realign the intersection.



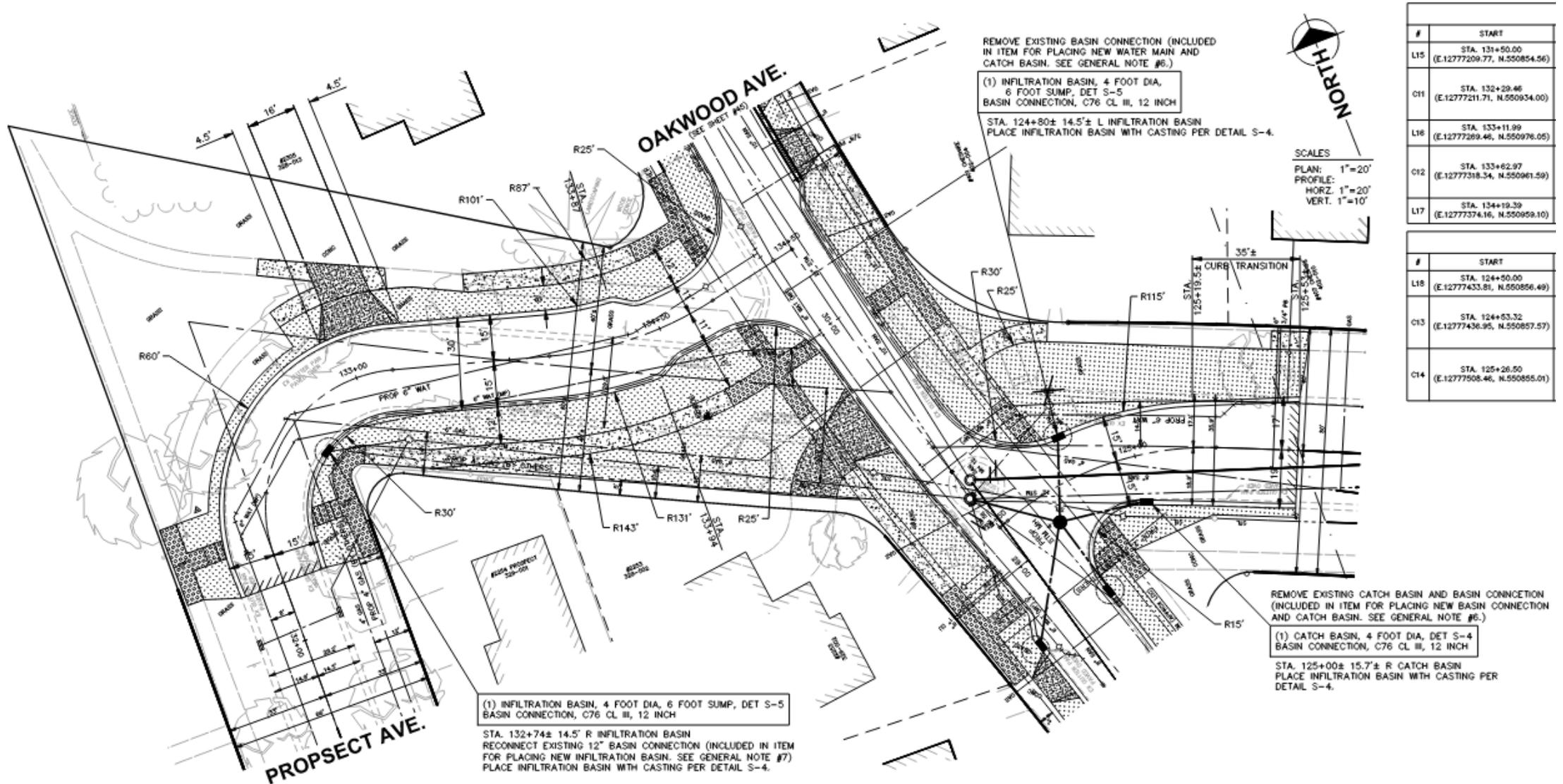
Concept Design - Oakwood (Cheshire to 3 Mile)

- Place new water main from Cheshire to 3 Mile.
- Reconstruct the street, curb, and gutter in from south of Cheshire to 3 Mile.
- Install curb extensions at some intersections to shorten pedestrian crossings, better define the parking lanes, and help slow traffic speeds.
- Upgrade sidewalks and ramps to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act standards.
- Remove the neighborhood traffic circle on Oakwood at Comstock and realign the intersection.
- Install a new neighborhood traffic circle at the Oakwood and Sligh intersection.
- Replace some driveway approaches.



**Curb
Extension
Example**

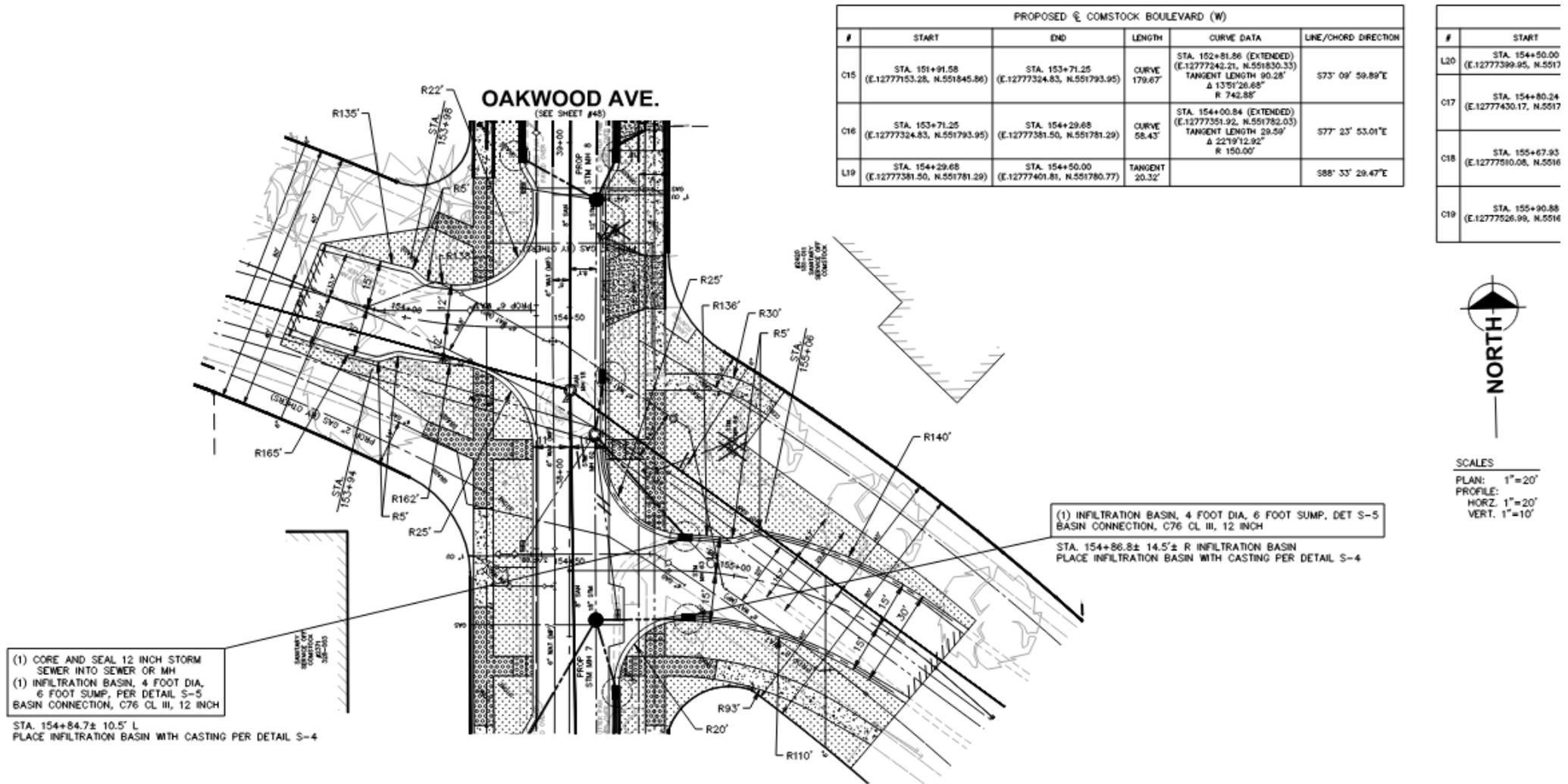
Concept Design – Oakwood and Cheshire Intersection



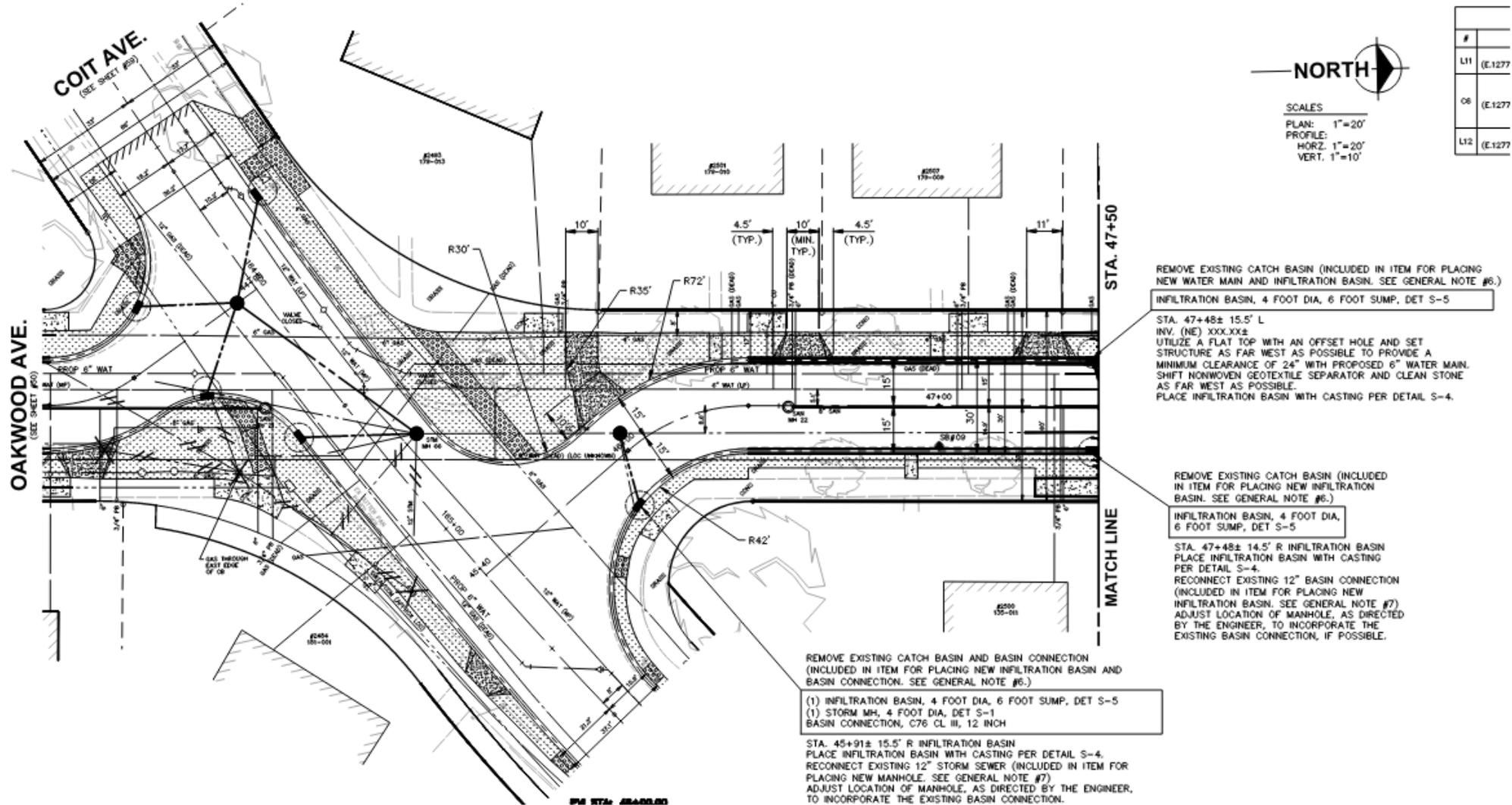
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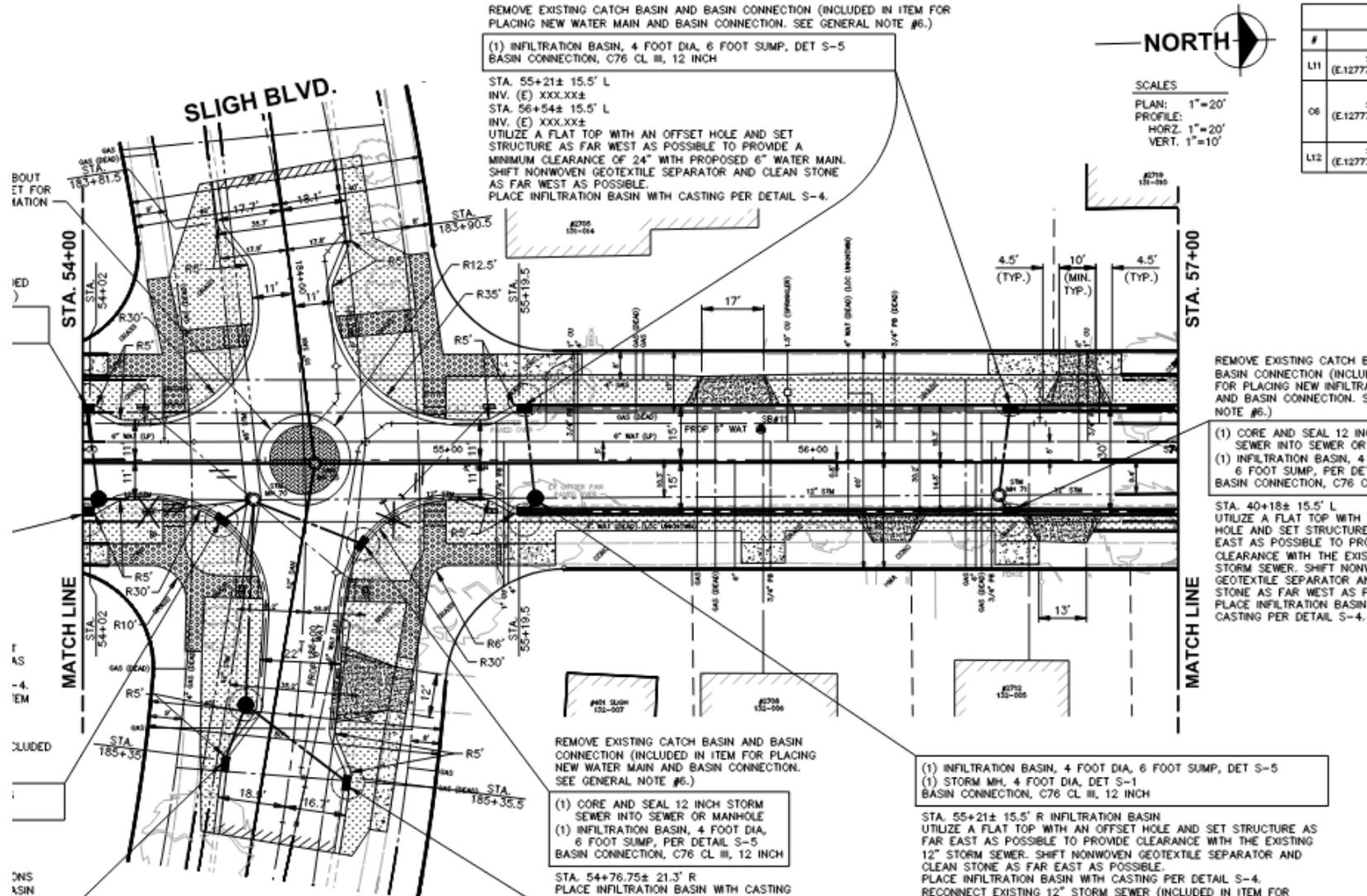
Concept Design – Oakwood and Comstock Intersection



Concept Design – Oakwood and Coit Intersection



Concept Design – Oakwood and Sligh Intersection





Discussion



Contact Information

- Road construction website:
grandrapidsmi.gov/roadconstruction
- City phone number: 311 or 456-3000
- Email: communityengagement@grcity.us
- Survey: gr.publicinput.com and search for *Oakwood*

