

URBAN DESIGN REVIEW PANEL

OTTAWA, ONTARIO 590 RIDEAU STREET JUNE 23, 2016





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This Design Brief has been prepared in support of a Site Plan Control application for the lands municipally known as 590 Rideau Street (the "Site").

SUBJECT PROPERTY

The subject property is located at the southeast corner of Rideau Street and Charlotte Street (Figure 1). The site is approximately 250 m west of the Rideau River and 875 m east of King Edward Avenue; an area that is characterized by an eclectic mix of buildings, uses, densities and architectural styles. The site has approximately 50.5 m along Rideau Street and 30.2 m along Charlotte Street for a total lot area of 1,525 m².

The site is currently occupied by a temporary park which, was established as part of an earlier Demolition Control application.



FIGURE 1 - Location Map

THE SURROUNDING AREA

The site is located in the City's downtown core within a mixed-use, mixed-density area, with a range of uses in proximity. The following is an inventory of the adjacent land uses and buildings:

NORTH

North of the site is the four (4) storey Wallis House. Further north are low-rise residential uses, in the form of low rise apartment buildings and single detached dwellings and the MacDonald Gardens Park. North east of the site is a fourteen (14) storey high-rise apartment building.

SOUTH

South of the site are a variety of low-rise residential buildings which make up Sandy Hill. The neighburhood is comprised of low-rise apartment buildings, single-, semi-detached and row houses.

EAST

East of the site is a single storey, L-shaped commercial plaza with a variety of retail, service retail and restaurant uses. Further east are a variety of low-rise single detached dwellings.

WEST

Immediately west of the site is a five (5)-storey medical building with a pharmacy located at grade. Further west is a large vacant lot, slated for redevelopment

AREA AMENITIES

The subject property is located in close proximity to a number of regular OC Transpo transit routes and is also located approximately 1.5 km from the Rideau LRT station, currently under construction. In addition to well located transit service and connectivity, the site is within walking distance of several community amenities, including:

- / Parks: Besserer Park, MacDonald Gardens Park, Jules Morin Park and Strathcona Park.
- / Schools: York Street Public School, Sainte-Anne Catholic Elementary School and École secondaire publique De La Salle.
- / The Lowertown Community Centre.
- / Byward Market (1km).

As demonstrated above, the subject property benefits from a walkable neighbourhood due to its close proximity to recreational facilities, parks, schools, retail and efficient transportation options.

SITE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD CONTEXT









CONTEXT MAP

SCALE - N.T.S.











AMENITIES MAP

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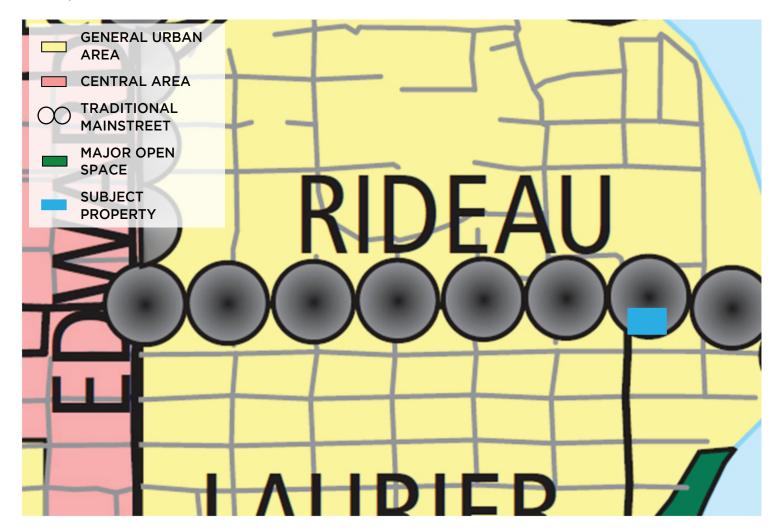






CITY OF OTTAWA OFFICIAL PLAN

The Subject Property is designated "Traditional Mainstreet" on Schedule B of the City of Ottawa Official Plan (Figure 2). The Traditional Mainstreet designation applies to various streets throughout the City, which are intended to develop over time as vibrant networks with active, mixed-use, pedestrian oriented development.



The proposed development meets the general intent and objectives of the Official Plan in the following manner:

- It conforms to the design objectives and principles set out in Section 2.5.1: Compatibility and Community Design;
- It conforms with the applicable policies set out in Section 3.6.3: Mainstreets;
- It responds to the compatibility criteria established in Section 4.11: Compatibility; and,
- It is located in a place where the proposed building height is appropriate given, the existing character of the area.

OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT 150 (OPA150)

The site continues to be designated "Traditional Mainstreet" in OPA150. The intent and direction of the Mainstreets designation have been generally maintained with more emphasis placed on development patterns that promote the use of transit and improved pedestrian environments.

The proposed development maintains the intent of the Traditional Mainstreet designation.

CURRENT UPTOWN RIDEAU COMMUNITY DESIGN PLAN

The Uptown Rideau Community Design Plan (URCDP) establishes several Design Planning Principles which establishes five (5) characteristics that offer design cues to be reflected or complement in any future development application including items related to architectural style, contextual colours and a diversity of lifestyles and cultures within the surrounding community.

The URCDP further establishes heights along Rideau Street at a scale appropriate to allowing pedestrians to feel comfortable walking on the sidewalk and not be overwhelmed by the size and impact of the surrounding buildings, reflects the street's ability to accommodate mid-rise buildings due to its relatively dense urban fabric and its close proximity to downtown, and complements the built heritage in the Uptown Rideau area.

The CDP encourages new development to "fill-in" vacant lots and large gaps between buildings while leaving some occasional gaps or lanes to add interest along Rideau Street.

The proposed development meets the general intent and principles of the URCDP through the following:

- / The proposed development incorporates community uses that will draw residents to the street and other permitted uses that serve a wider market area [4.1.1.e];
- The development is at a scale that will allow pedestrians to feel comfortable and not overwhelmed while walking on the street [4.2.2.a];
- The development will allow the uppermost floors to feel connected to the sidewalk and open spaces on the ground [4.2.2.b];
- The development is within the height restriction with a slight variance caused by the mechanical equipment required for the building, making the six (6) storey development seven (7) [4.2.3];
- The proposed retail uses along the ground floor will be more prominent through the use of architectural detailing and articulation [4.2.4];
- The materials and articulation proposed for the development reflect the surrounding buildings and community design plan by glazing the first-floor retail uses and balconies for residential units [4.2.7.a];
- The proposed development will fill a vacant void within the streetscape by replacing the temporary park with a pedestrian-scaled mixed-use development [4.2.8].

REVISED UPTOWN RIDEAU SECONDARY PLAN AND COMMUNITY DESIGN PLAN

The Subject Property is located with "Area A" character area of the Uptown Rideau Secondary Plan and Community Design Plan and is designated Traditional Mainstreet (Figure 3). The revised Plan was initiated as part of a general review of the existing plans, which date back to 2005 and to review the vision for Uptown Rideau Street as an area for intensification following various changes throughout the City including the coming Light Rail Transit system. The Traditional Mainstreet designation follows that of the Official Plan in permitting a wide range of uses from Residential, to retail, office and others.

POLICY AND DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS









FIGURE 3 - DRAFT UPTOWN RIDEAU SECONDARY PLAN LAND USE PLAN

The subject lands have a maximum height of 7 storeys and a maximum FSI of 3.0 in the revised Secondary Plan and Community Design Plan. The designation, density and height are in line with the existing zoning. The vision for the site is then to develop an appropriately scaled mid-rise building with active ground floor uses, high transparency and articulated frontages.

Both the Uptown Rideau Secondary Plan and the Community Design Plan are subject an Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) appeal by Action Sandy Hill (ASH) and is not in full force and effect. The Secondary Plan and Community Design Plan are not necessary to provide policy direction to the Site Plan Control application.

The proposed development with a mid-rise mixed-use development with retail uses at grade, is consistent with the policies and vision set out in the Uptown Rideau Secondary Plan and Community Design Plan.

URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPMENT ALONG TRADITIONAL MAINSTREETS

In May 2006, City Council approved design guidelines which address development along Traditional Mainstreets. The guidelines apply to all streets throughout the City that are designated "Traditional Mainstreet" on Schedule B of the Official Plan and provide guidance for the proper development of these important streets. The guidelines address seven elements of design including: streetscape, built form, pedestrians and cyclists, vehicles and parking, landscape and environment, signs, and servicing and utilities. The purpose of the guidelines are to:

- / To promote development that will enhance and reinforce the recognized or planned scale and character of the streets
- / To promote development that is compatible with, and complements its surroundings

- / To achieve high-quality built form and strengthen building continuity along Traditional Mainstreets
- To foster compact, pedestrian-oriented development linked to street level amenities
- To accommodate a broad range of uses including retail, services, commercial uses, offices, residential and institutional uses where one can live, shop and access amenities

The design guidelines are organized into categories, and following are the key design guidelines applicable to the proposal.

STREETSCAPE

- Guideline 1: The Rideau Street arterial mainstreet does not have an existing street edge, the proposed development will re-establish the street edge, a defining feature of a mainstreet.
- / Guideline 2: Trees and plantings will be located along the street edges.
- / Guideline 3: The proposed development creates a visually continuous streetscape while ensuring ample pedestrian space.
- Guideline 4: Periodic breaks are incorporated into the proposed development to add interest to the streetscape.

BUILT FORM

- Guideline 8: The building has a high degree of architectural detailing and articulation.
- / Guideline 9: The proposed development transitions into the neighbouring residential and commercial uses adjacent to the site through a 7.5 metre setback and an additional 3.0 metres above the sixth floor.
- / Guideline 11: The commercial uses along the ground floor of the proposed development will utilize clear windows to aid in making an active pedestrian environment.
- Guideline 12: The building employs a variety of materials to break up the height of the building and achieve a human scale.
- / Guideline 13: Residential units are located above the retail uses on the first floor, access to residential units is separate from retail uses.
- / Guideline 14: Proposed development is located at the corner of Rideau and Charlotte Street.
- / Guideline 16: The development maintains the same level or architectural detailing around both sides of the building.

PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS

/ Guideline 19: Front doors are located at the front of the building on Rideau Street and are accessible from the public sidewalk.

LANDSCAPE AND ENVIRONMENT

/ Guideline 28: Select trees, shrubs and other vegetation considering their tolerance to urban conditions such as road salt or heat. Give preference to native species of the region that are of equal suitability.

SERVICING AND UTILITIES

/ Guidelines 37 & 38: Service and utility areas are shared between the proposed buildings and enclosed wherever possible.











GENERAL COMMENTS

- / The Panel is supportive of the general direction of the proposal. The size of the building and typology will help bring a level of urbanity to Rideau Street and help complete the streetwall.
- / In the next steps of the project, the proponent will need to look more closely at the public realm and streetscaping treatment.

A Landscape Plan has been prepared and included in the application submission which details the public realm treatment. Due to infrastructure issues, the amount of public trees that can be accommodated is limited.

BUILDING DESIGN

- / The Panel supports the proposal picking up on historic clues of the Wallace House, however recommends either strengthening or weakening this connection in the front façade. The 3:3 proportion of the art deco base and the modern top should modified so that one of the two vocabularies is dominant.
- / The glass corners of the building along Rideau Street weaken the base and make the white art deco articulation feel like an appliqué. The Panel recommends wrapping the base around the corners of the building, especially at the Charlotte Street corner.
- / The combinations of the whiteness of the Wallace House and of the base of the proposal may change the look and feel of Rideau Street in this area. This may not necessarily be an issue, but it worth studying.
- / The Panel recommends redesigning the mechanical penthouse so that it is simpler and ties into the rest of the building better.

The building design has been revised with a more modern approach with lighter materiality in order to further promote the importance of the Wallace House and to reduce the of the building itself. By contrast, the direction to reduce the weight of the materiality has also provided more prominence to the corner feature. The materiality and rhythm of the main structure has been carried through to the mechanical penthouse to simplify the design and have it better tie into the building.

BALCONIES

- / The Panel recommends framing or insetting the floating balconies on the front façade, as they currently contrast greatly with the other balconies.
- / Consider removing the balconies faces east, as they may pose issues with future redevelopment on the adjacent site.

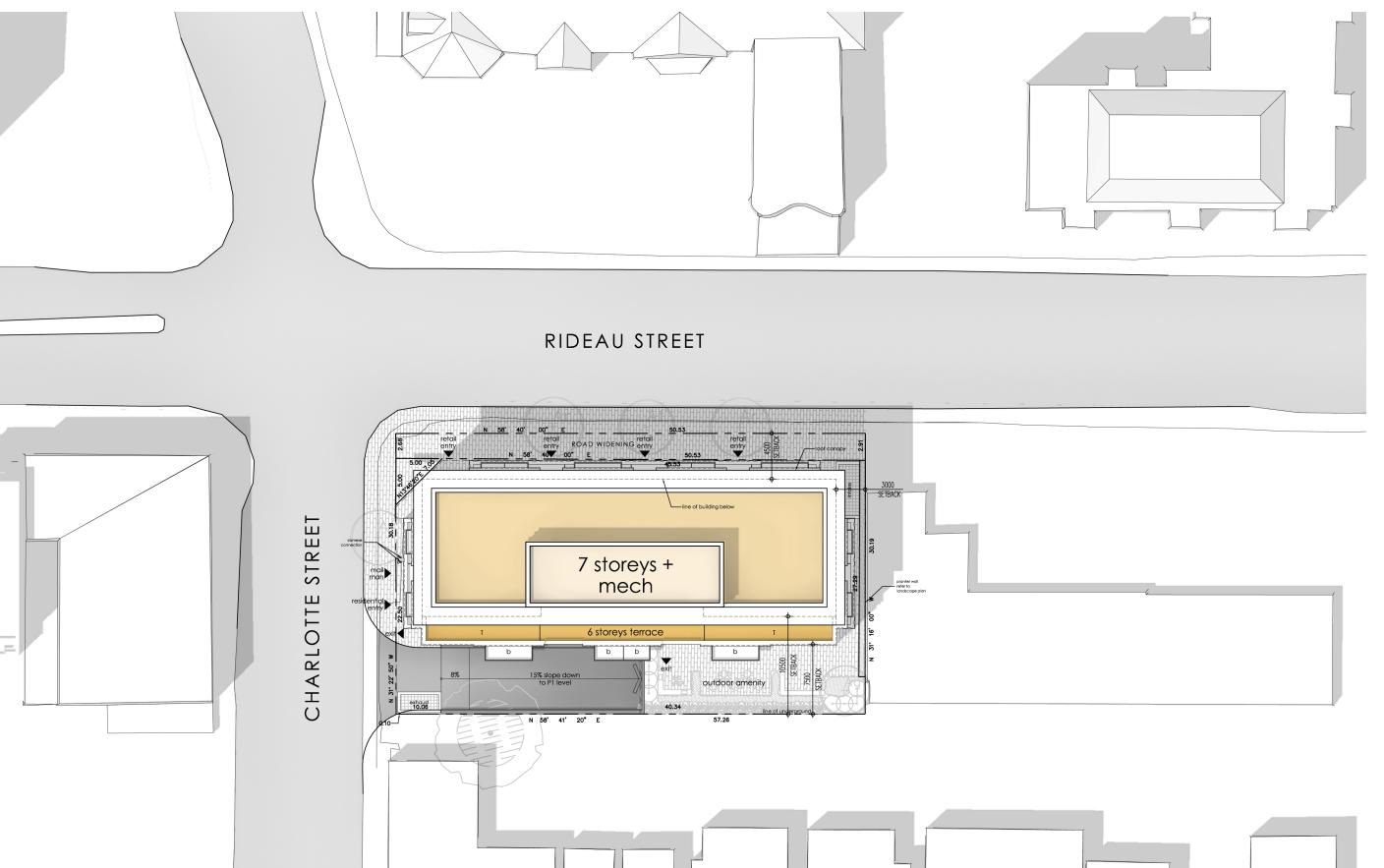
More predominant framing was included around the proposed balconies to better integrate them within the building, while also strengthening the vertical rhythm of the building. The balconies to the east were maintained as it was determined that they provided more value for residents and were required in order to better meet the amenity space requirements of the development.

RESPONSE TO UDRP COMMENTS









590 RIDEAU STREET

1. Site Area

 \pm 1,525 m2 \pm 16,413 ft2 \pm 0.38 ac \pm 0.15 ha

2. G.F.A.

± 4,306 m2 ± 46,344 ft2 (FSI = 2.82x) 347 m2 of which is retail

3. Building Height

7 storeys

4. Unit Count

ground 0
2nd - 3rd
(12 units x 2 fl.) 24
4th - 6th
(12 units x 3 fl.) 36
7th 8
total 68 units

6. Parking

Required resident

(0.5 sp/unit x 68 units)
visitor
(0.2 sp/unit x 56 units)

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retail
(2.5 sp/100 m2 x 347 m2)

total 54 spaces
Provided

 P2
 30

 P1
 25

 total
 55 spaces

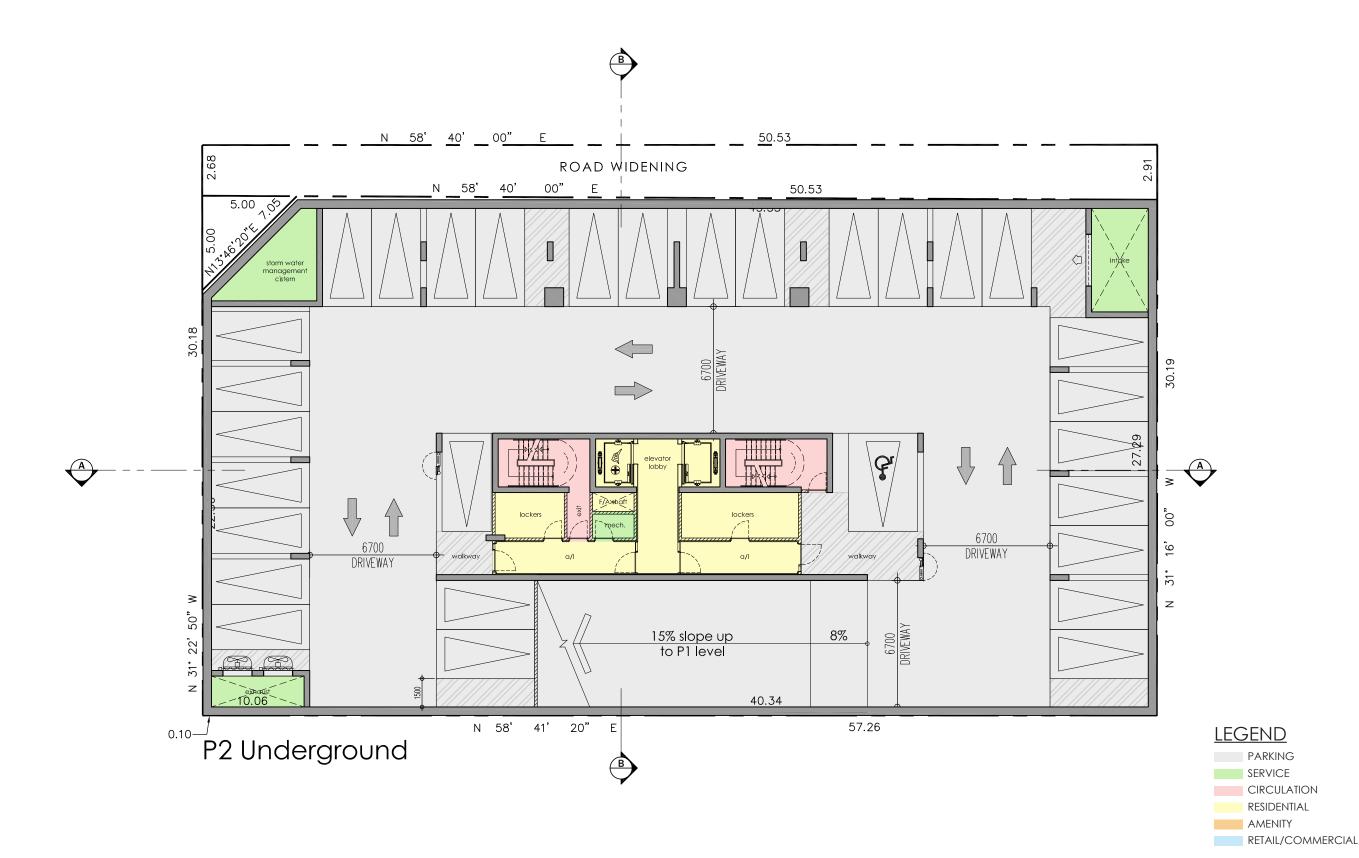


CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN









P2 UNDERGROUND PLAN







RIDEAU STREET



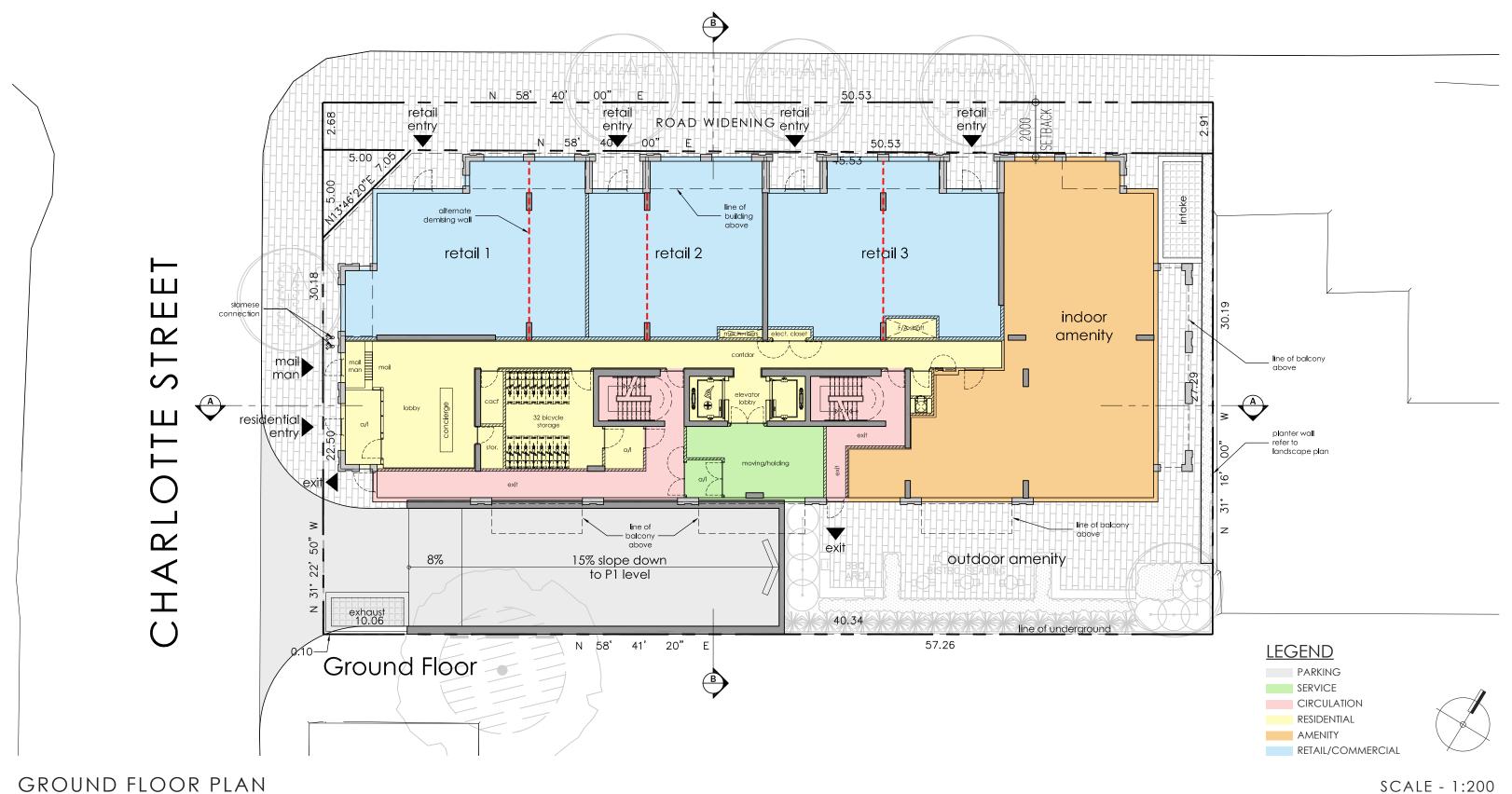
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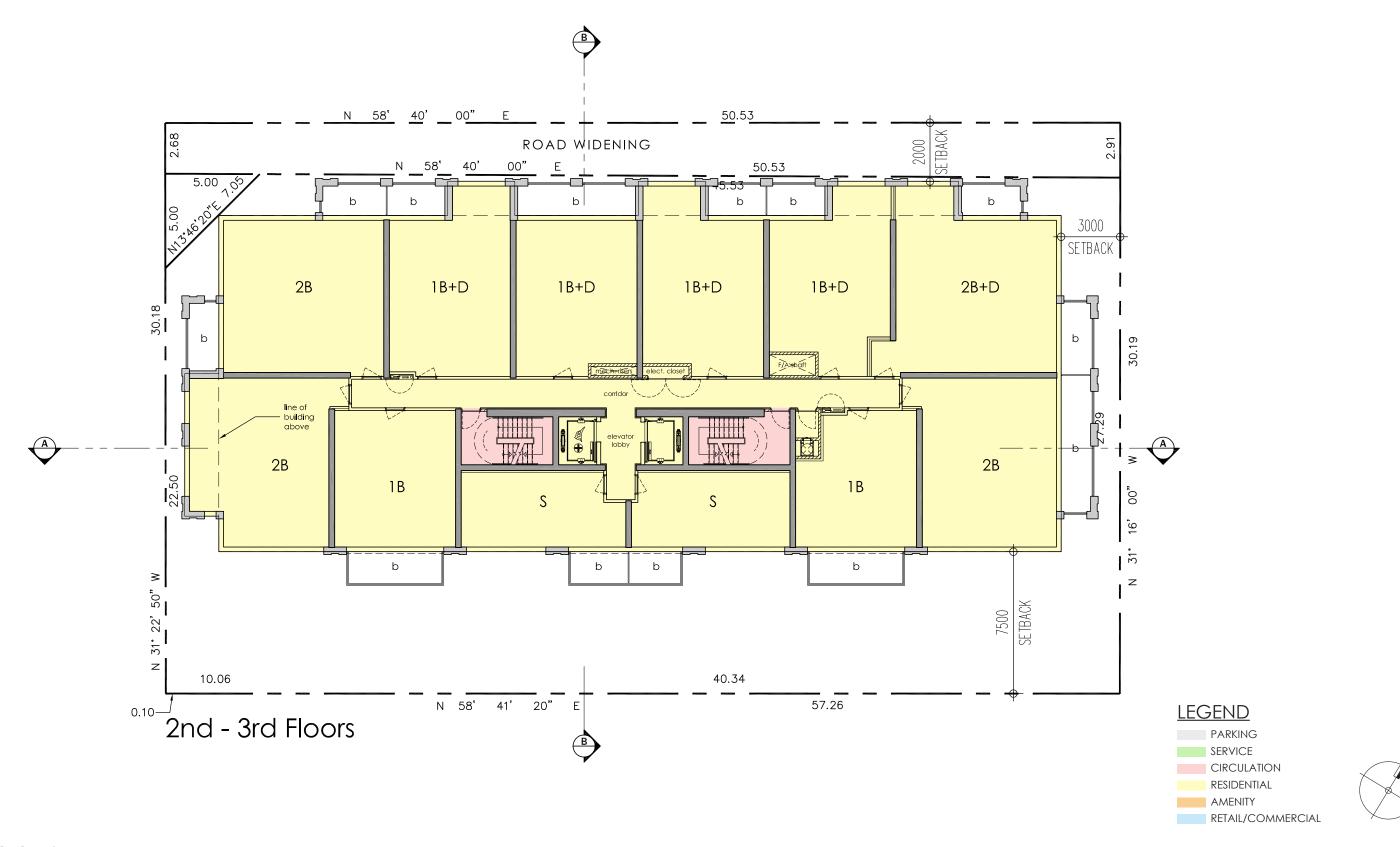
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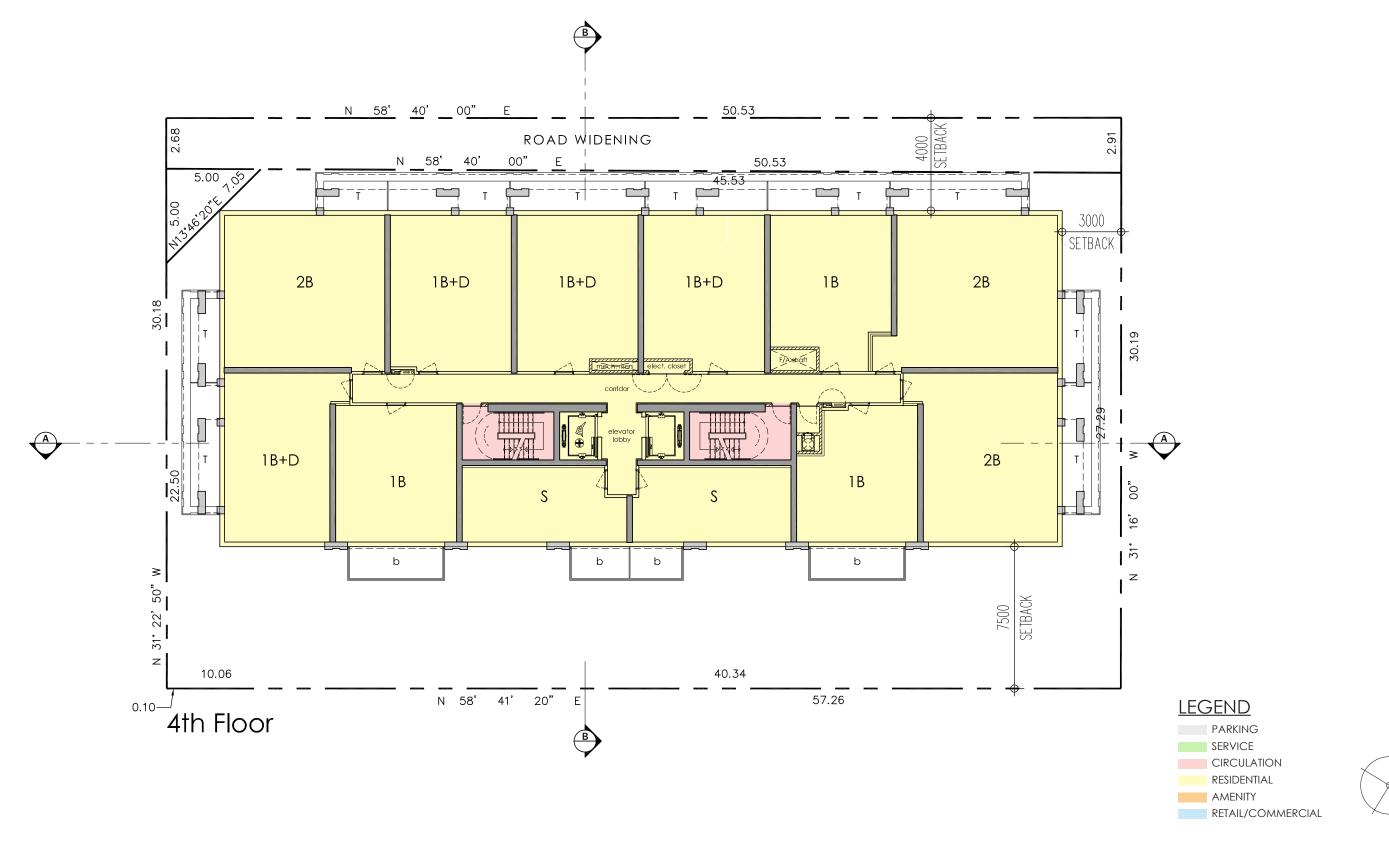




2ND - 3RD FLOORS PLAN



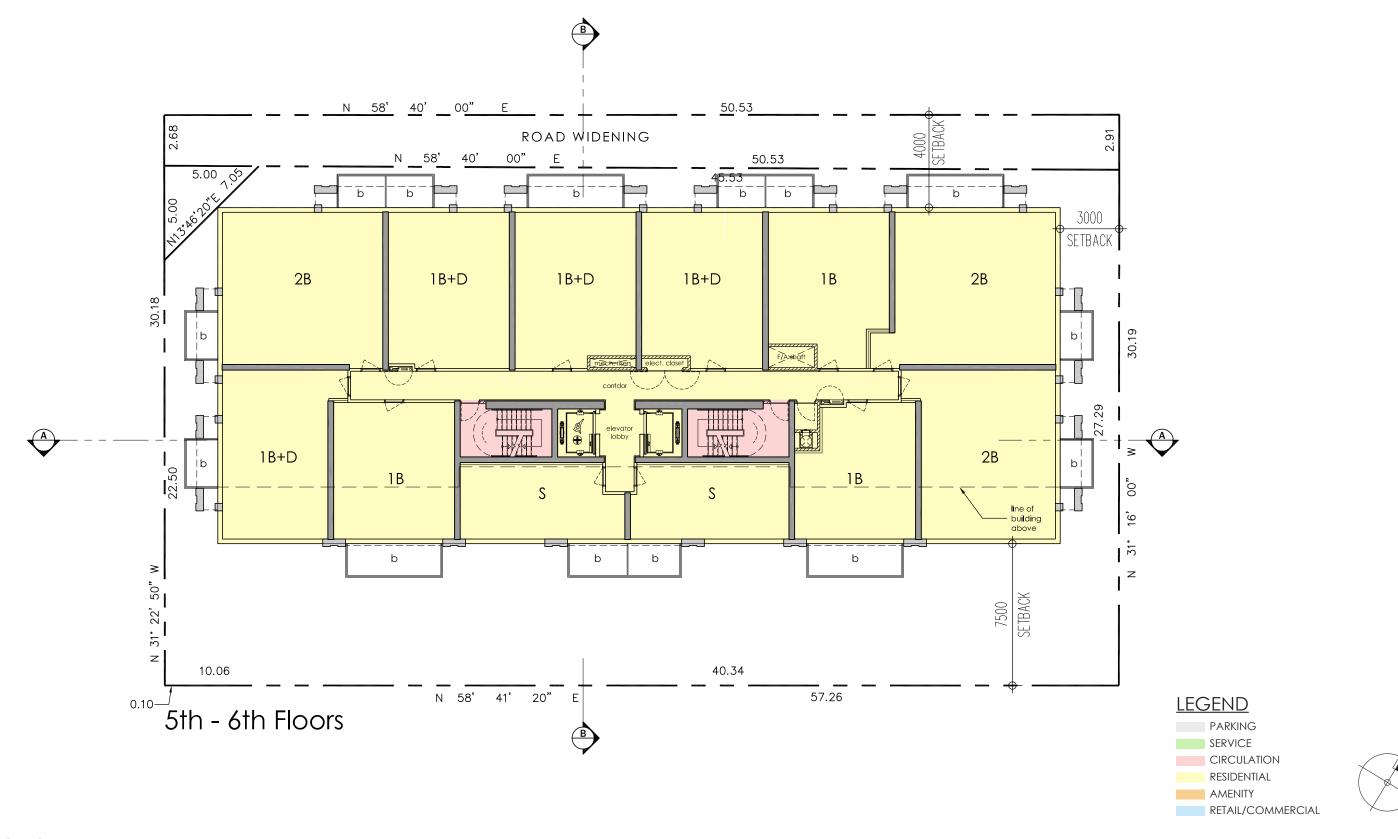




4TH FLOOR PLAN



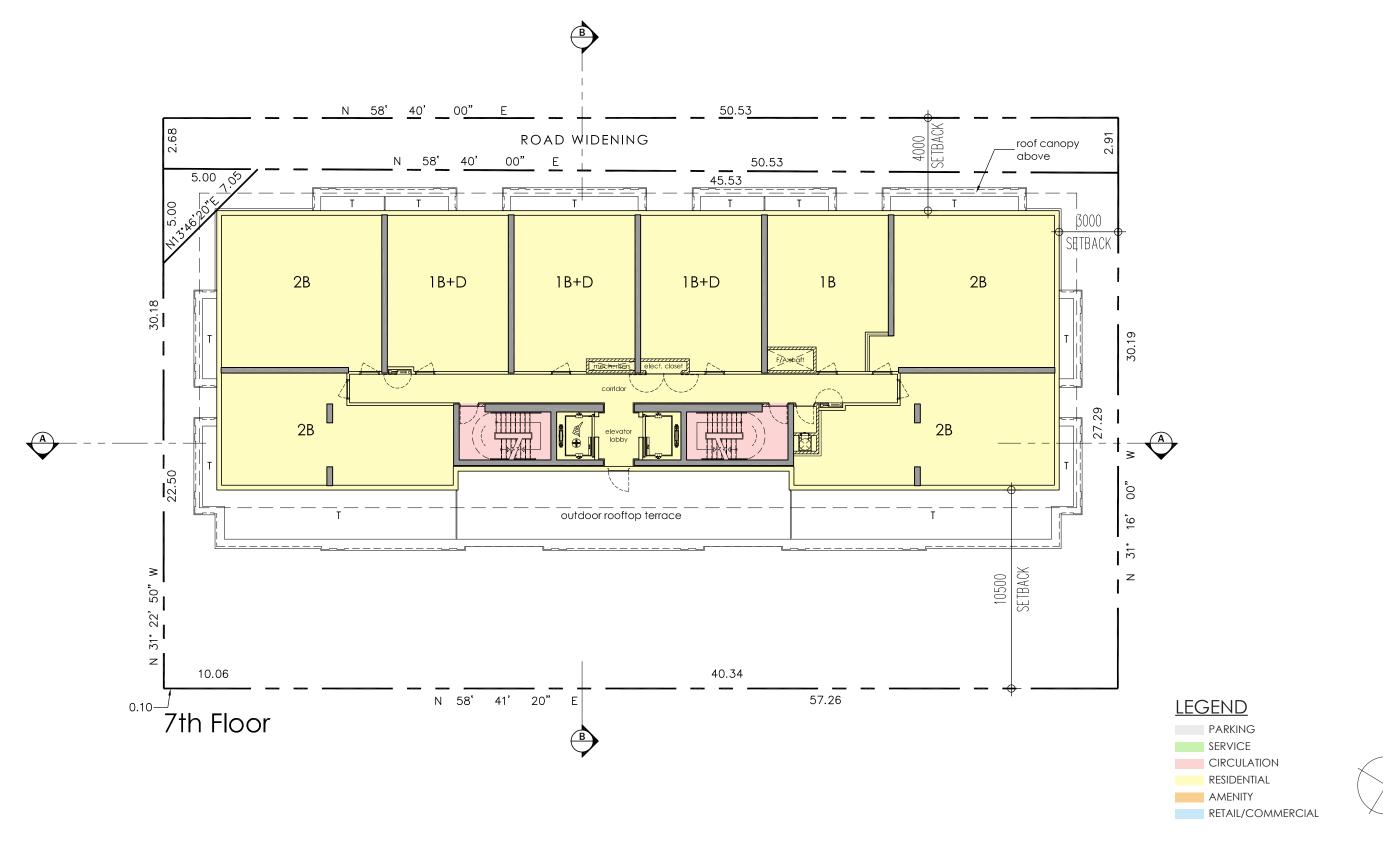




5TH - 6TH FLOORS PLAN







7TH FLOOR PLAN









SECTION A SCALE - 1:250









SECTION B

SCALE - 1:250









NORTH ELEVATION

SCALE - 1:250









WEST ELEVATION









SOUTH ELEVATION







EAST ELEVATION











NORTH ELEVATION - RIDEAU STREET









WEST ELEVATION - CHARLOTTE STREET









VIEW LOOKING EAST











VIEW LOOKING SOUTHEAST









VIEW LOOKING SOUTH











VIEW LOOKING SOUTHWEST

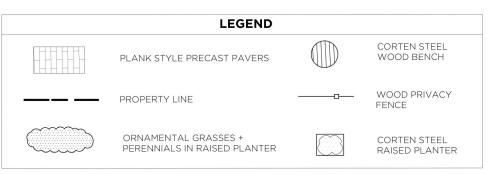












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Af	2	Acer x freemanii 'Armstrong'	'Armstrong' Freemanii Maple	50 mm	W.B.
Ag	1	Amelanchier x grandiflora 'Autumn Brilliance'	'Autumn Brilliance' Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry	50 mm	W.B.
Ar	2	Acer rubrum 'Burgandy Belle'	Burgandy Belle' Red Maple	50 mm	W.B.
lw	3	llex verticicallata 'Winter Red'	'Winter Red' Winterberry	60 cm, 3 Gal.	potted
Is	1	llex verticicallata 'Southern Gentleman'	'Southern Gentleman' Winterberry	60 cm, 3 Gal.	potted
Ra	4	Rhus aromatica 'Gro-Low'	'Gro-Low' Fragrant Sumac	50 cm, 3 Gal.	potted

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LANDSCAPE PLAN

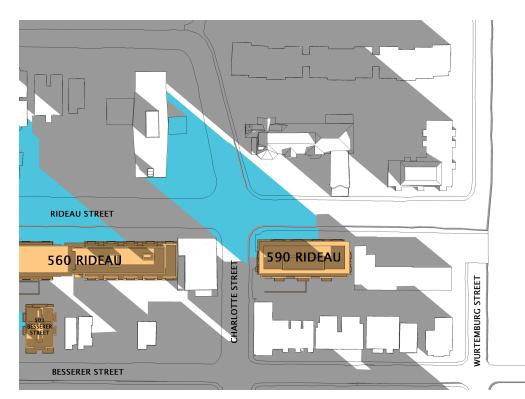
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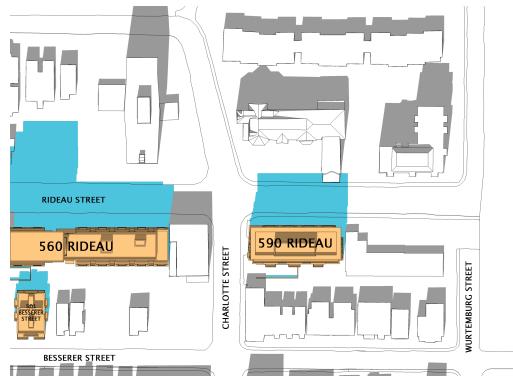




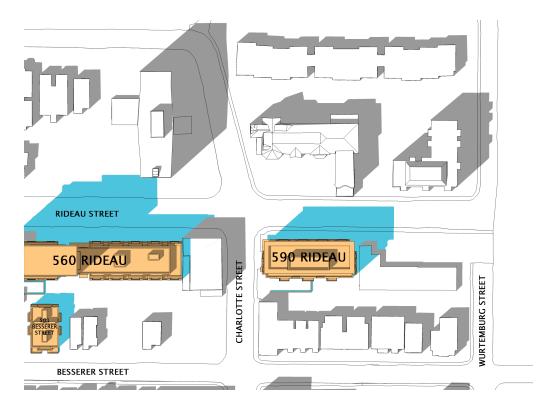
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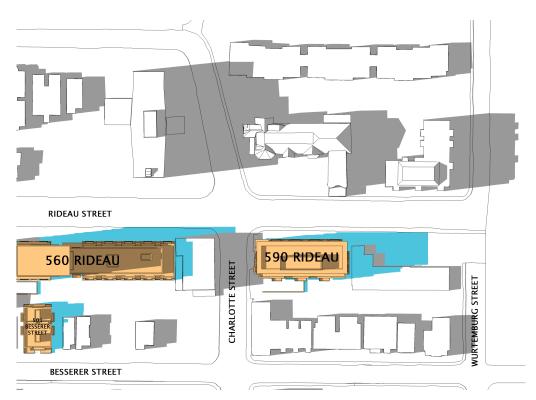


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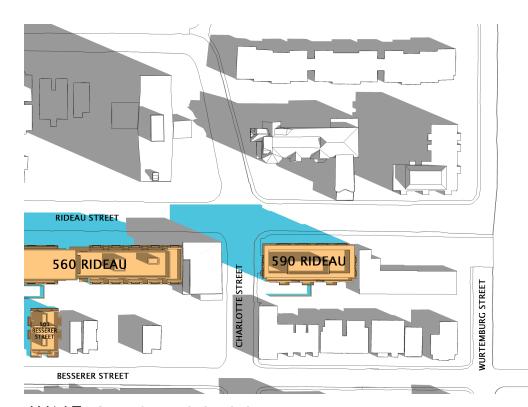


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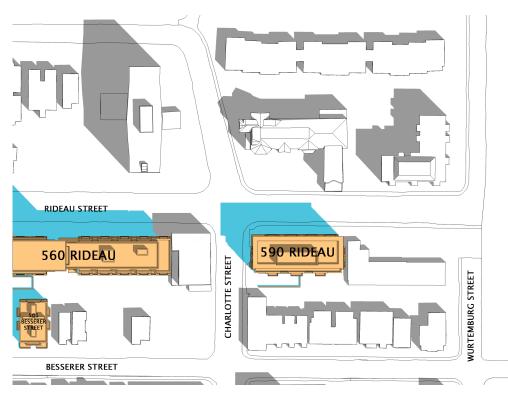




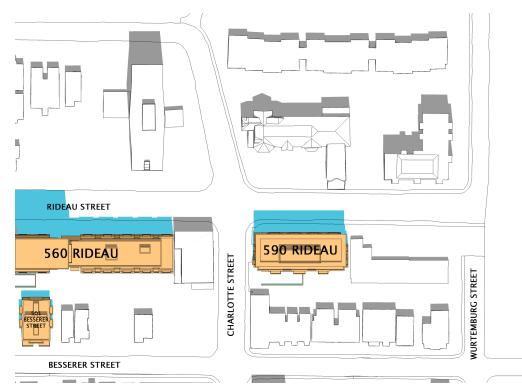




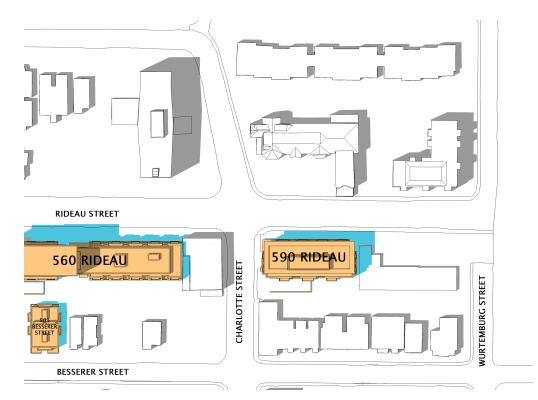
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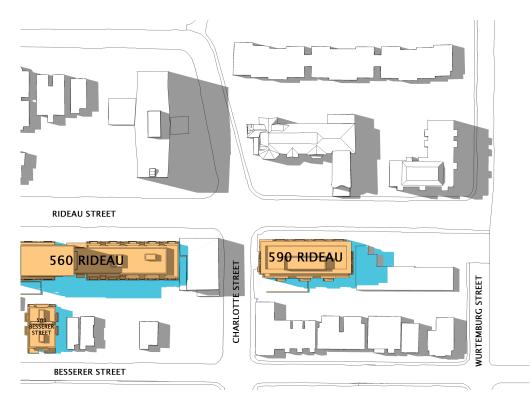


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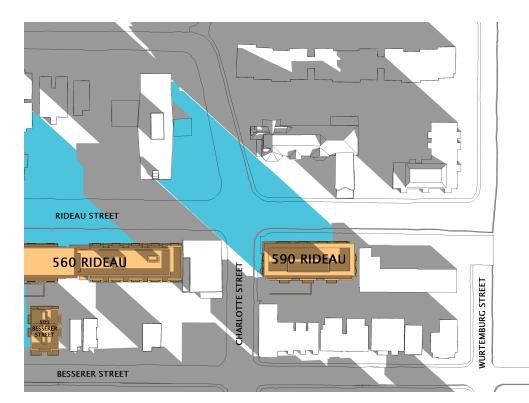


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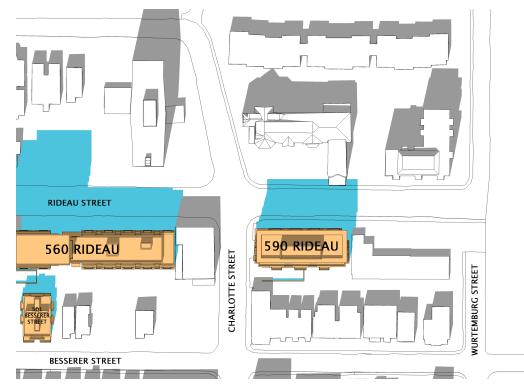




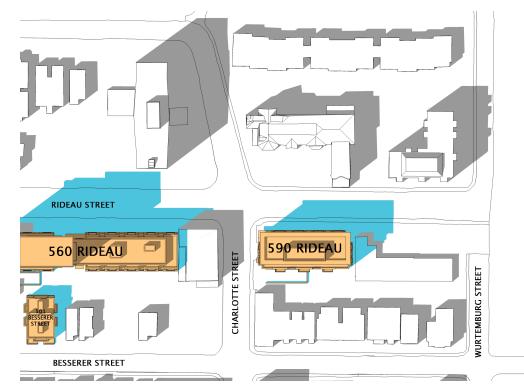
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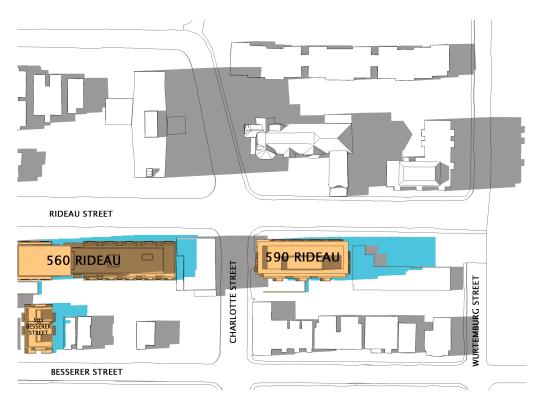


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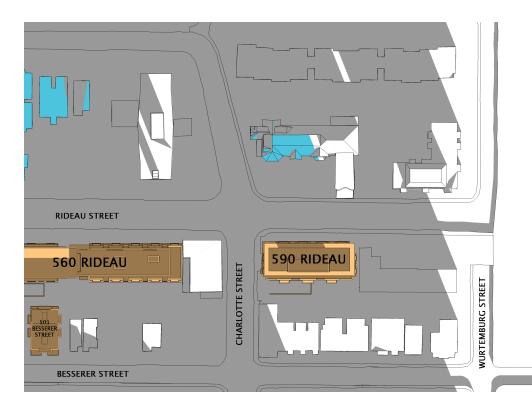


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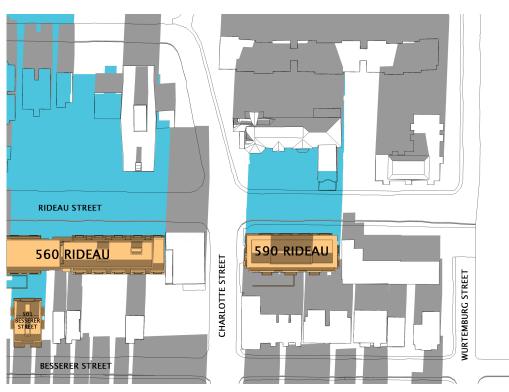








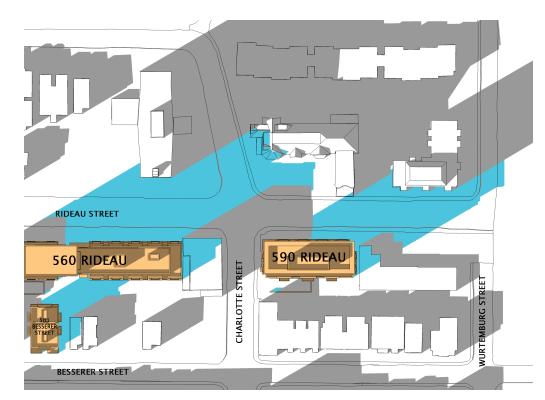
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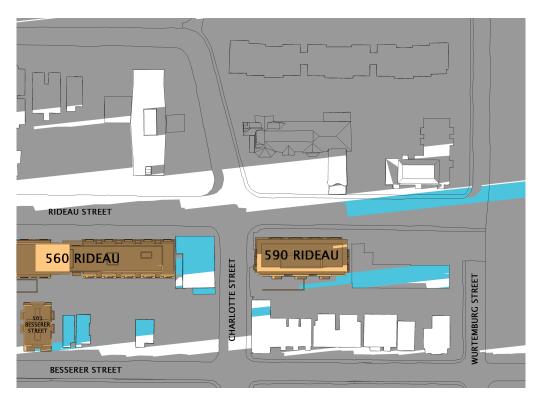
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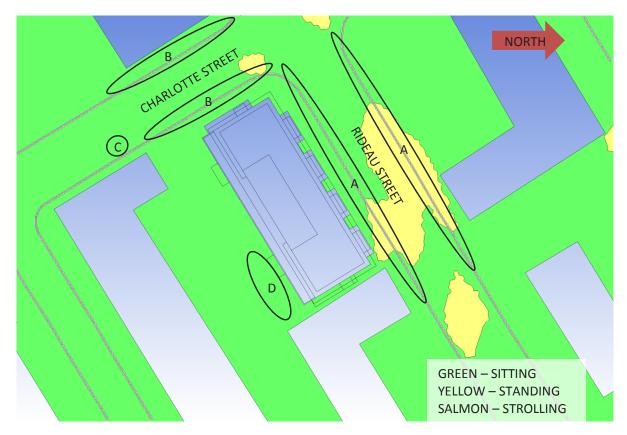


FIGURE 3A: SPRING – GRADE-LEVEL PEDESTRIAN WIND CONDITIONS



FIGURE 3B: SPRING – LEVEL SEVEN AMENITY TERRACE PEDESTRIAN WIND CONDITIONS

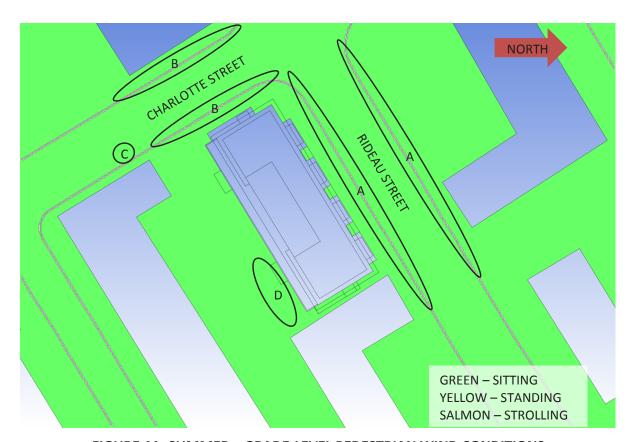


FIGURE 4A: SUMMER – GRADE-LEVEL PEDESTRIAN WIND CONDITIONS

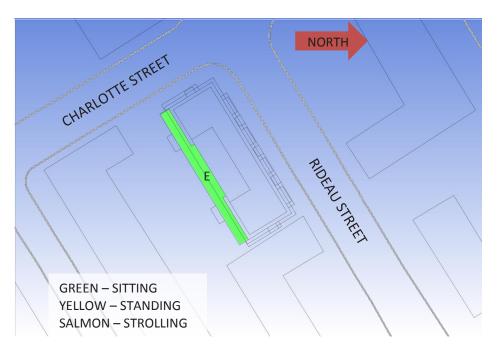


FIGURE 4B: SUMMER – LEVEL SEVEN AMENITY TERRACE PEDESTRIAN WIND CONDITIONS

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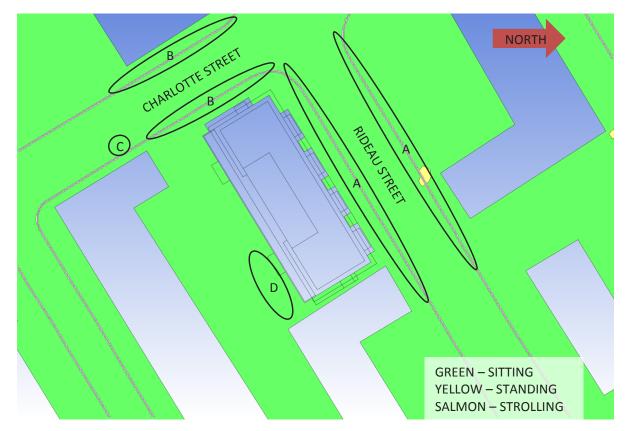


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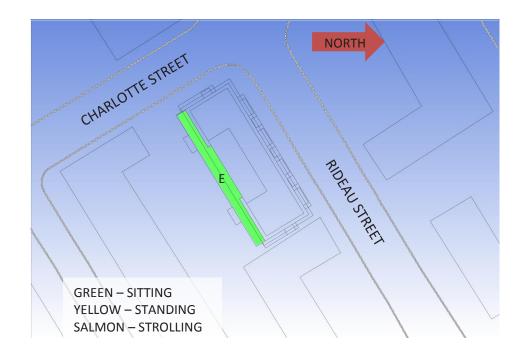


FIGURE 5B: AUTUMN – LEVEL SEVEN AMENITY TERRACE PEDESTRIAN WIND CONDITIONS

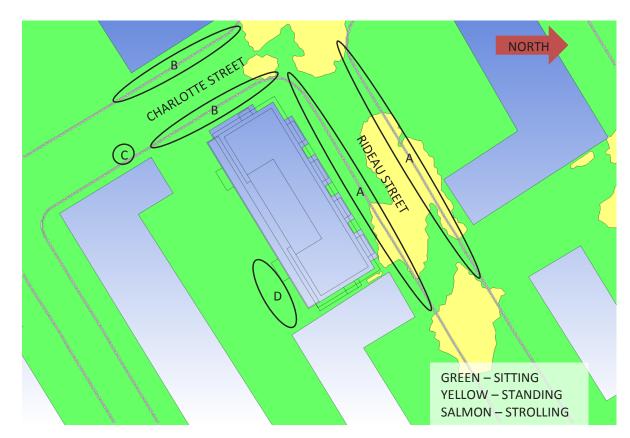


FIGURE 6A: WINTER – GRADE-LEVEL PEDESTRIAN WIND CONDITIONS

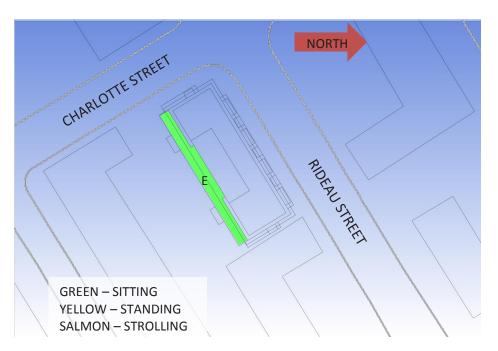


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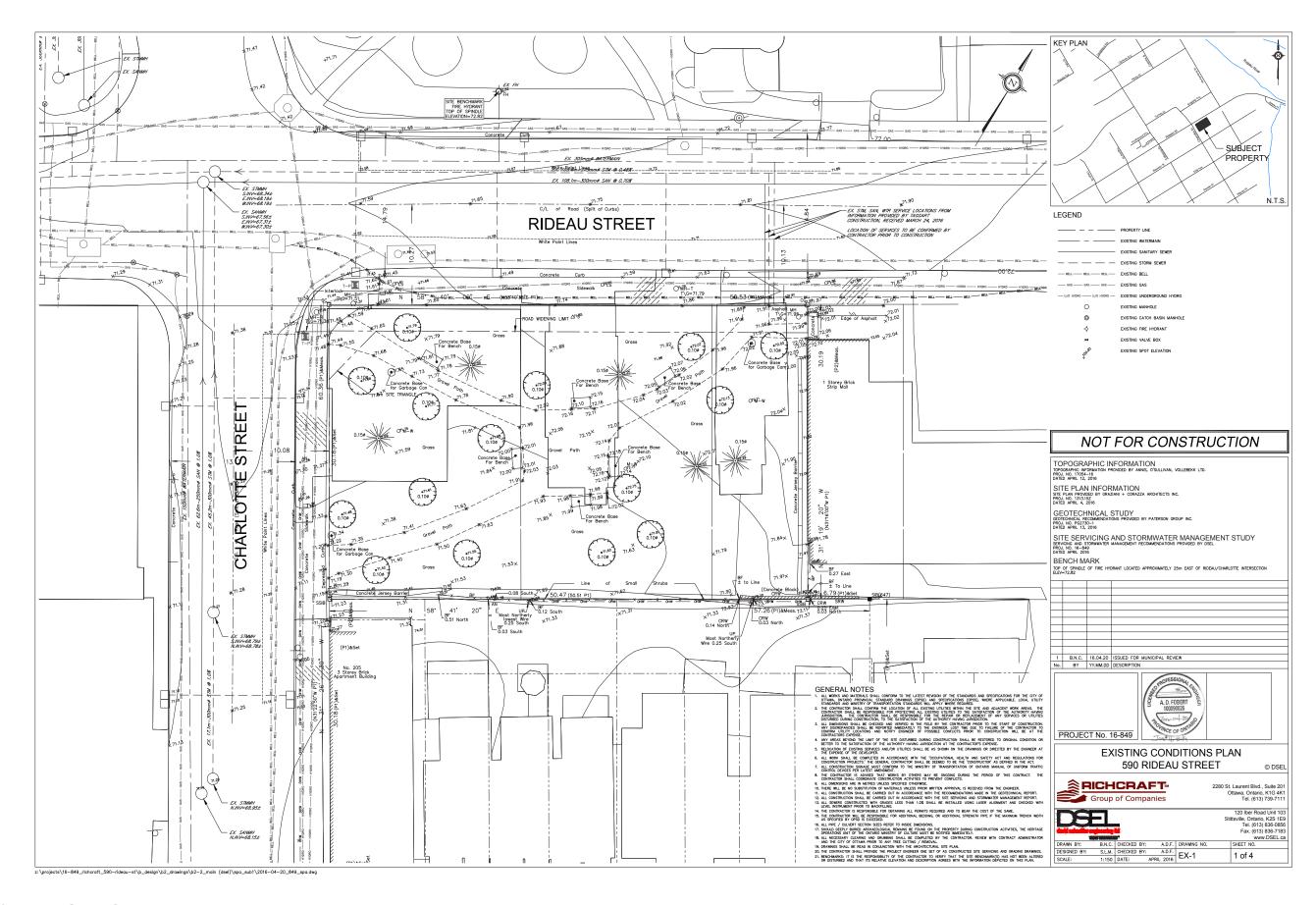
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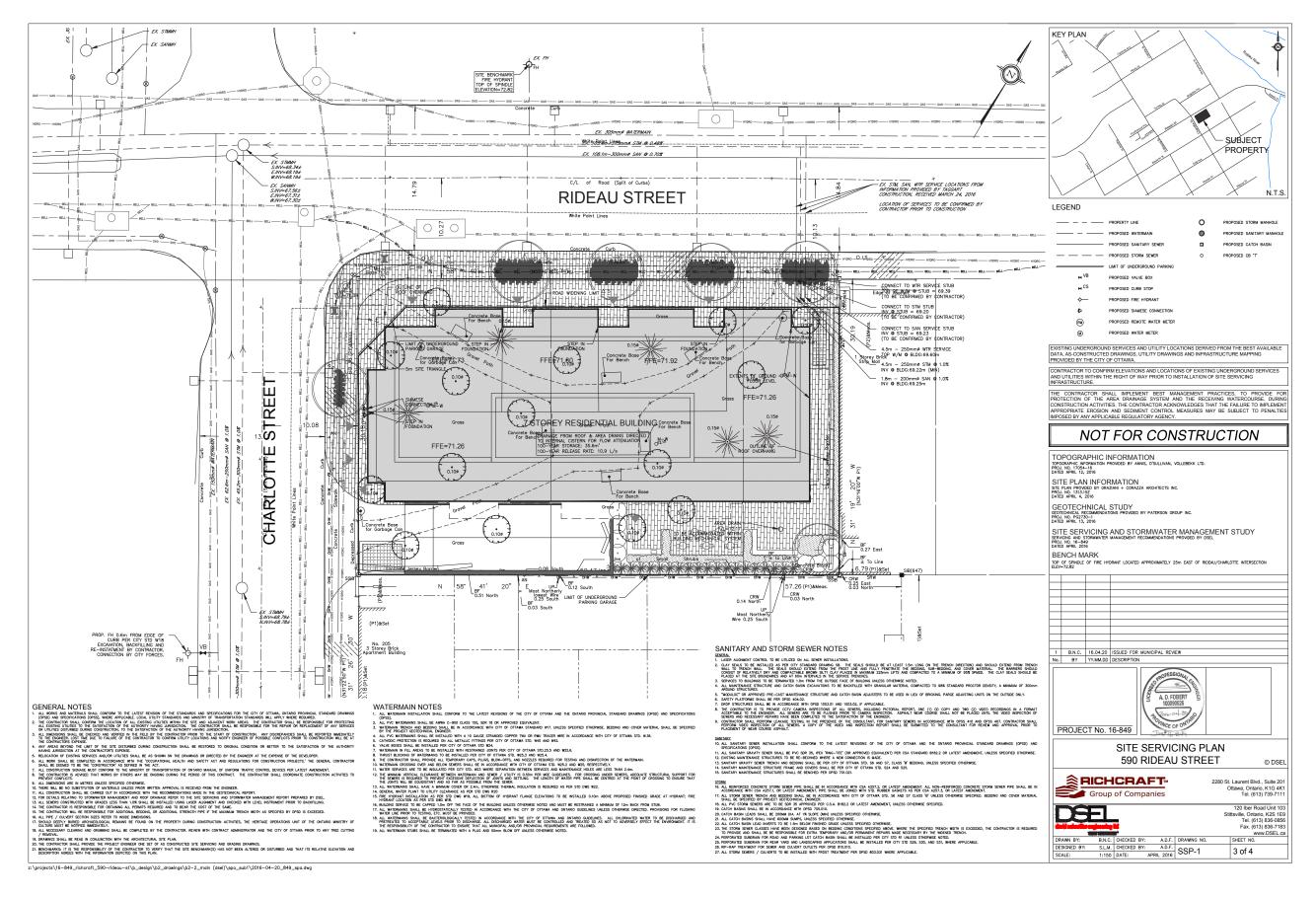




EXISTING SERVICING







PROPOSED SERVICING





