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## 1. Introduction

**CIMA+**, in collaboration with Geosyntec Consultants International, Inc (Geosyntec), was retained by the *University of Ottawa* (uOttawa) to complete an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with Tree Conservation Report (TCR) report.

The purpose of the EIS was to support a Site Plan Application to the City of Ottawa for the proposed redevelopment of the property located at 200 Lees Avenue, Ottawa Ontario. The EIS report was completed on September 17, 2020 (**CIMA+**, 2020) in accordance with the Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines (City of Ottawa, 2015).

The scope of the EIS included:

- + Background documentation review including regulatory information requests to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Kemptville District, the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), the City of Ottawa, and the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA);
- + Desktop Species at Risk (SAR) screening;
- + Confirmatory investigations for vegetation & wildlife and SAR carried out on July 9, 2020; and
- + Assessment of project conceptual design, as available at the time of assessment, and the recommendation of avoidance and mitigation measures to address potential impacts to the natural environment.

The EIS also included a tree inventory which was completed on July 23, 2020.

The purpose of this technical memorandum is to provide specific responses to selected City of Ottawa Review comments on the EIS report provided to uOttawa on October 1, 2021.

## 2. Description of the Project

The property located at 200 Lees Avenue, Ottawa Ontario and is owned and operated by the uOttawa. The property currently facilitates both administrative and academic services and current occupants include the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS), library, Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Arts, and Sports Services. A portion of the property (approximate area of 22,000 m<sup>2</sup>), herein referred to as the “Site” is being proposed for redevelopment by uOttawa. The scope of the redevelopment is the construction of a new multi-storey “C” shaped building with no basement following the demolition of Buildings B, C, and D. This new building will be located within the approximate footprint of existing Buildings C and D. It is understood that the use of the Site is to remain unchanged and will continue to operate as a university pursuant to section 3 of the *Post-secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act, 2000*. A layout of the Site and nearby features is shown in **Figure 1** provided in **Appendix A** and includes the property from the top of slope along the Rideau River northwards.

### 3. Response to Comments

Selected City of Ottawa comments, as they relate to the EIS report, are provided below alongside specific responses.

*15. It is the staff's opinion that the EIS supports the proposal. Please revise the document to offer a clearer list of recommendations to ease implementation through the Site Plan Approval conditions.*

Response:

Given project construction timelines, rather than revising the EIS report, it is the intent of this technical memo to act as an addendum to the report providing responses to City comments.

*16. General comments on the EIS:*

*c. Wildlife exclusion fencing should be provided along the boundaries of the site, at least along the watercourse side of the site. The fencing is best paired with the construction access fencing /erosion control fencing. We appreciate the approach of fencing/covering any stockpiles, however the entire side is a hazard for wildlife, particularly turtles, and access should be controlled, and this can be completed along with other fencing.*

Response

Design and implementation of the proposed development were conceptual at the time of the completion of the EIS. Since the finalization of the report, further details have been confirmed. The Site is isolated by a 6' or 8' high fence around the perimeter of the construction site which is fitted with full height scaffold netting. Details are provided in the product information sheet in **Appendix B**. In addition to the perimeter fence the ESC plan (**Appendix C**) also entails a standalone silt fence, installed per OPSD 219.110 surrounding the site. The perimeter fence and silt fence together should be sufficient to prevent turtles and other wildlife from accessing the site.

*d. Please provide a reference for the Ottawa Species at Risk Handbook (OSC, 2014) in the reference section.*

Response:

The EIS references the Ottawa Species at Risk Handbook however a proper reference was omitted from the Reference section. Therefore, the EIS should be considered to include the following:

Ottawa Stewardship Council, 2014. The Species at Risk Handbook for Ottawa.

<http://www.ottawastewardship.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/The-SAR-Handbook-for-Ottawa-July-28-2014.pdf>

*e. As per the Bird-Safe Design Guidelines, the EIS needs to address bird-safe design. Please see the bird safe-safe design guidelines for more information*

[https://documents.ottawa.ca/sites/documents/files/birdsafedesign\\_guidelines\\_en.pdf](https://documents.ottawa.ca/sites/documents/files/birdsafedesign_guidelines_en.pdf)

**Response:**

As mentioned above, detailed design of structures and buildings was not available for review at the time of preparation of the EIS and have yet to be finalized. However, design specifications for construction do require windows and window treatments (glazing, etc.) be designed in accordance with the Bird-Safe Design Guidelines. The specification also calls for the installation of bird warning glass.

Similarly landscaping and lighting design and overall site design take into consideration potential impacts to wildlife, birds and turtles.

*f. The EIS section 6 (Summary and Recommendations/Conclusions) needs to be revised to provide a clearer summary of recommendations and not a list of recommendations as it currently does (for example the impact of migratory bird's nests – please note, the harming of migratory bird nests is prohibited under Federal statute). Further the EIS summary should note the "ecological value" is in the fact that the Rideau River and its associated riparian lands that this EIS development protects and enhances.*

**Response:**

To provide increase clarity for the reader the conclusion section should be revised as follows:

This EIS with TCR provides an analysis of the potential impacts to the valued ecosystem components that may result from the proposed development of the Site located within 200 Lees Ave. The majority of the Site consists of previously developed and landscaped lands with limited ecological value. However, the Rideau River is located immediately adjacent to the site to the south. The re-development of the site has been planned to avoid impacts to the Rideau River or associated riparian lands.

The assessment of ecological features and functions identified within and adjacent to the Site and an evaluation of the conceptual design for the Site resulted in the identification of potential impacts and associated mitigation measures as documented in Section 5.0. A summary of potential impacts and associated mitigative strategies is provided below:

- + Temporary construction activities have an increased potential sediment and erosion into the Rideau River because of construction activities. These potential impacts can be mitigated through the preparation and implementation of a comprehensive erosion and sediment control plan.
- + Construction activities will result in damage or loss of trees on the Site. Direct impacts to vegetation not intended for clearing can be mitigated through the implementation of standard best management practices and long-term impacts can be compensated for through appropriate landscaping and re-planting. Invasive plant species were noted adjacent to the site along the Rideau River. At this time, all work is planned to avoid these areas and the existing vegetated bank will not be disturbed so it is anticipated that the potential for construction activities to spread invasive species is negligible.
- + Impacts to migratory bird nest, eggs and nestling due to tree cutting, vegetation clearing or building demolition activities. Impacts to migratory birds and bird nesting activities can be avoided through the application of appropriate clearing timing windows and best practices for vegetation clearing and building demolition.

- + While no SAR were confirmed as occurring on-Site, SAR do have the potential to utilize adjacent lands and in particular the Rideau River. Additionally, construction activities may result in temporary disruption to wildlife within and adjacent to Site. Potential impacts to SAR and wildlife can be avoided through the implementation of appropriate Site exclusion, worker education, and standard construction best management practices.
- + Changes in air quality may result from construction activities including of noise, fugitive dust or vehicle/equipment exhaust can be mitigated through the application of standard construction best management practices and phasing.

## 4. Limitations and Constraints

**CIMA+** completed diligent and reasonable research in the conduct of this evaluation, with respect to the recognized laws and standards of practice.

The facts presented in this report are strictly limited to the period of investigation. The conclusions presented in this report are based on the available information and documents, the observations made during the Site visit and the information obtained from communications with various contacts. The interpretation presented in this report is limited to this data.

**CIMA+** is not responsible for erroneous conclusions due to voluntary abstention or the non-availability of pertinent information. Any opinion expressed in relation to legal or regulatory conformity is technical and should not be, in any case, considered as legal advice.

## 5. References

CIMA Canada Inc., 2020. University of Ottawa Environmental Impact Statement with Tree Conservation Report - Proposed Site Redevelopment – 200 Lees Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario

PCL Constructors Canada Inc. 2021. Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan For University of Ottawa Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) Project #100265

Ottawa Stewardship Council, 2014. The Species at Risk Handbook for Ottawa.

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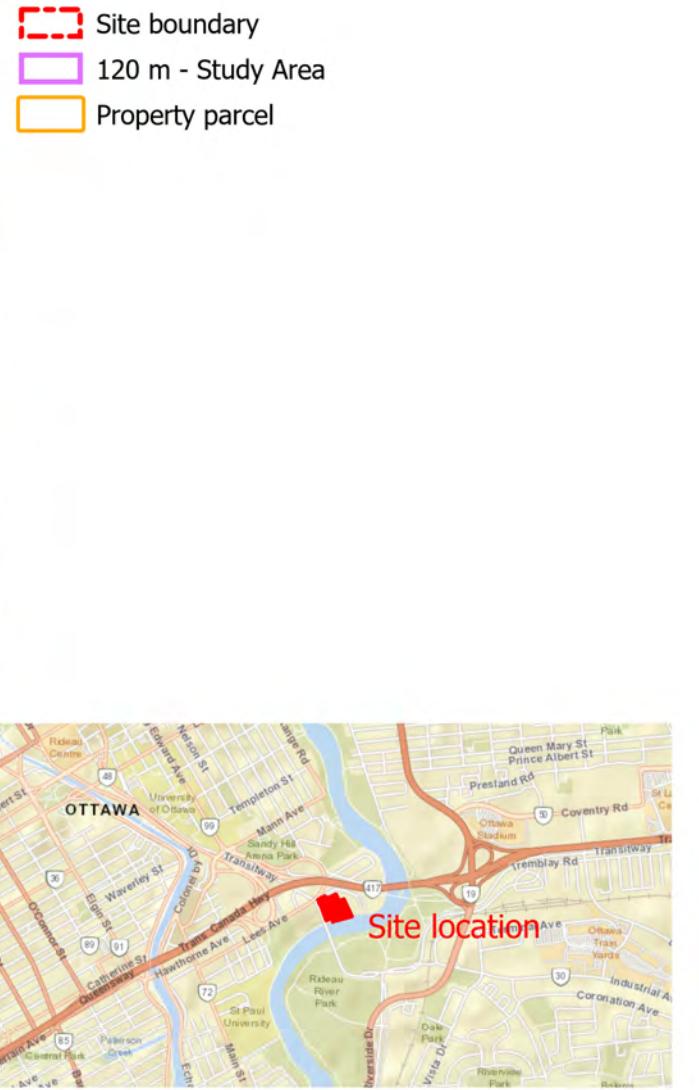
City of Ottawa, 2020. Bird-Safe Design Guidelines.

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# A

## Appendix A Figure





**Spatial Reference**  
**Name:** WGS 1984 UTM Zone 18N  
**PCS:** WGS 1984 UTM Zone 18N  
**GCS:** GCS WGS 1984  
**Datum:** WGS 1984

**Sources:**  
- Topo. Plan, Annis, O'Sullivan, Vollebekk Ltd., 2020  
- Basemap : Esri, HERE, Garmin, NGA, USGS, NPS, NRCan, GeoEye, Maxar

**General Notes:**  
Dimensions on the plan should be read and not measured.  
Any errors or omissions should be reported to CIMA+. The boundaries, areas and title deeds must be verified by a surveyor.

Figure 1 - Site Location Map

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200 Lees Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario  
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# B

## Appendix B Eagle Enclosures Product Sheet Debris Netting and Scaffold Netting



# Debris Netting

- Paint Overspray
- Fence Lines
- Temporary Walls
- Wind Protection
- Privacy Screen
- Construction Debris



# Scaffold Netting

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- Worker Safety
- Debris Protection
- Demolition Control
- Falling Debris
- Scaffold Enclosures

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- Protects public safety
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- Limits unauthorized access
- Can be hung vertically or horizontally
- Open weave allows for good air movement
- Reinforced edges with buttonholes for easy attachment
- Attaches using tie wraps

Roll Sizes
4' 0" x 150'
5' 6" x 150'
8' 0" x 150'
8' 6" x 150'
10' 0" x 150'
12' 0" x 150'

Colors
Black, White, Yellow, Blue & Green

- Lightweight P.E. Netting •
- Hole openings approx. 1/4" x 3/8" •
- Larger holes allows for Maximum air movement •
- Reinforced Borders •
- Flame and Non-Flame Retardant •
- Protects public safety •
- Meets OSHA specifications •

Roll Sizes
4' 0" x 150'
5' 6" x 150'
8' 6" x 150'
10' 0" x 150'

Colors
Black, Orange, Blue, Silver & Yellow

## TOTAL SITE PROTECTION

50% 70%  
AVAILABLE

# Debris Netting

# Scaffold Netting

# Privacy Fence Netting

- Provides jobsite protection
- Protects public Safety
- Gives 90% Privacy Blockage but still allows for good air passage and ventilation
- Roll goods or custom fabrication available
- Ideal for any construction site, commercial property, special event or even a private residence.



## Roll Sizes

5' 8" x 150'

7' 8" x 150'

10' x 150'

## Colors

Black, Green,  
Desert Tan & Blue



# From Resin to Rolls



## Eagle Netting

can be used for  
Various Applications

**Paintball Arenas**

**Shade Covers**

**Lawn & Garden**

**Crowd Control**

**Agricultural Nets**

**Hail Protection**

**Sport & Recreation**

**Hazardous Waste  
Areas**

**Patio Tops**

**Warehouse Netting**

**Temporary Fencing**

**and much more...**

# C

## Appendix C PCL - Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan for University of Ottawa Faculty of Health Sciences

**Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan**  
**For**  
**University of Ottawa**  
**Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS)**  
**PROJECT # 1000265**



Version	Date	Description	By
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## 1. Introduction

The University of Ottawa – Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) involves the integration of five Health departments into a new facility of approximately 230,000 sf including teaching rooms, wet labs, offices, workspaces, and testing laboratories at the new River campus at 200 Lees Avenue. The Faculty of Health Sciences will be a LEED Platinum project.

## 2. Erosion and Sedimentation Control Measures

Erosion and sedimentation control measures for this project have been considered and designed to meet or exceed the requirements of the 2017 U.S. EPA Construction General Permit. The measures will:

- Prevent soil loss during construction by storm water runoff and/or wind erosion
- Prevent sedimentation of storm sewer or receiving streams
- Prevent polluting the air with dust and particulate matter
- Minimize the amount of disturbed soil
- Dewatering the excavation as required

The following measures will be implemented prior to commencement of construction and maintained in good order until vegetation has been established.

### 2.1 Clearing Limits

**Purpose:** The purpose of setting clearing limits is to delineate the areas that are not to be disturbed during construction, reducing the potential for erosion. It will also serve to limit construction traffic to designated construction entrances.

**Method:** Clearing Limits will be delineated by a silt fencing barrier in accordance with OPSD 219.110, installed prior to exaction activity on site. The extent of clearing is shown on the drawing C003 (Appendix B).

### 2.2 Catch Basin and Inlet Protections

**Purpose:** The purpose of catch basin and inlet protection is to prevent coarse sediment from entering the storm drainage system. Each Catch basin and inlet will be covered with filter fabric and inspected on a regular basis.

**Method:** Geotextile cloth will be installed between all catch basin covers and frames, in order to catch sediments prior to entering the City's infrastructure. The filter fabric will be stretched tight across the underside of the catch basin cover and secured at the sides to obtain this protection. Upon inspection, if any sediment buildup, filter cloth to be removed and disposed of accordingly and replaced immediately with new geotextile fabric.

### 3. Inspection and Maintenance Program

The goal of the inspection and maintenance program is to ensure that all erosion and sediment measures are functioning. PCL's field staff will be responsible for ensuring the above erosion and sedimentation control measures are maintained and that all repairs and documentation required are completed in accordance with the inspection checklists.

The erosion and sedimentation control plan consists of a visual inspection daily, reports performed monthly and after heavy rainstorms or snow melts. Written logs of all inspection and maintenance activities will be maintained throughout the duration of the project and logged on the PM4 documentation website. All of these documents will be distributed to the LEED® consultant, PCL's Site Superintendents and PCL's Project Managers.

***Table 1: Inspection Requirements***

<b>Control Measure</b>	<b>Maintenance Required</b>
Site Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visual inspection of perimeter silt fencing</li><li>• Take photos as required</li></ul>
Catch Basin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visual inspection of straw bales around catch basin</li><li>• If needed determine maintenance, repair or replacement requirements</li><li>• Check for sediment build up</li><li>• Take photos as required</li></ul>

Upon inspection of any of the above listed control measures, if any deficiencies are noted, the Field Coordinator and/or LEED Coordinator will take steps to have them corrected. This will include, taking before and after photographs of the deficient area and recording the work in the maintenance log.



## 4. Erosion and Sedimentation Control Personnel

PCL's LEED Coordinator is the contact person between the trades, PCL staff, consultants and the LEED® professional for the project.

The LEED coordinator is responsible for:

- Ensuring all measures outlined above are part of the construction program.
- Supervising on-site Erosion and Sedimentation Control (ESC) activities on a daily basis
- Conducting ESC inspections monthly, correcting deficiencies and taking photographs before and after
- Coordinating ESC tasks with subcontractors to ensure timely and orderly progress of the work
- Directing the maintenance, modifications and removal of all erosion and sedimentation control measures
- Preparing ESC documentation and submittals for circulation to consultants

The PCL Field Coordination are responsible for:

- Ensuring all measures outlined above are part of the construction program.
- Supervising on-site Erosion and Sedimentation Control (ESC) activities on a daily basis in each of the project specified areas
- Conducting visual inspections on a daily basis in each of their specified areas
- Coordinating ESC tasks with subcontractors to ensure timely and orderly progress of the work
- Directing the maintenance, modifications and removal of all erosion and sedimentation control measures in each of their project specific areas
- Assisting with ESC documentation and submittals per their project specific areas
- Photographs to be taken weekly uploaded to PDC for distributed to the LEED Consultant

In addition to the Field Coordinator, PCL's Site Superintendents and the sub trades will be responsible for monitoring the control measures as implemented on site. If a deficiency or potential problem is observed, the area Field Coordinator will be advised and take the appropriate steps to rectify the situation with the sub trades.

All subcontractors working on site will be informed of the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan and be expected to comply with the measures that apply to their work.



## **Appendix A**

### **Erosion and Sedimentation Control Inspection Checklist**

		<u>PROJECT NAME:</u>	University of Ottawa	<u>COMPANY:</u>	PCL Constructors	<u>DATE:</u>	
		<u>PROJECT LOCATION:</u>	200 Lees Ave., Ottawa ON	<u>COMPLETED BY:</u>			
Observed and Noted	Picture taken	<b>ESC Management Item</b>				<b>DEFICIENCIES/CORECTIVE ACTION</b>	INITIAL
<b>Clearing Limits</b>							
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Silt fence installed around the perimeter of the work zone prevent erosion					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monitor washout					
<b>Traffic Area Stabilization</b>							
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mud mat in place					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public roadways clear of dirt and debris					
<b>Catch Basin and Inlet Protections</b>							
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Filter fabric in place and not damaged					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Catch basin area is free from coarse sediment					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Straw bales installed around catchbasin					
<b>Stockpile Covers</b>							
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check for tears and lifting					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adequate weight to hold down tarpaulin					

\*I hereby certify that the information provided is complete, correct and complies with the requirements of EPA Best Management Practices.

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
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## **Appendix B**

### **Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan – C003**





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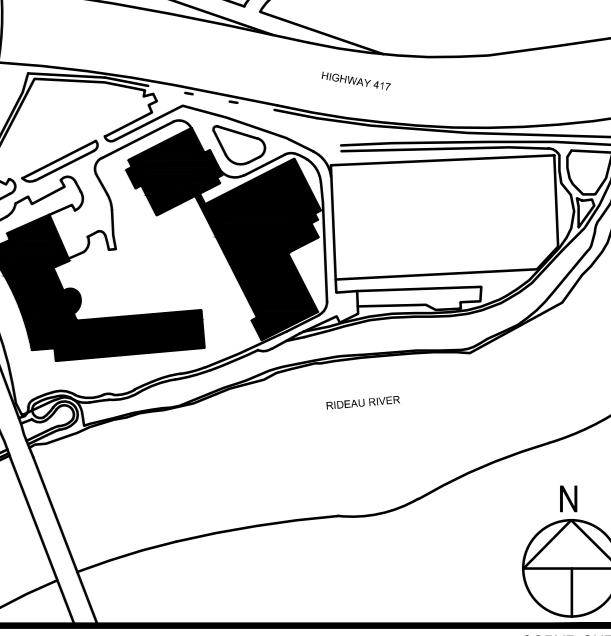


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200 LEES AVENUE OTTAWA, ON

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
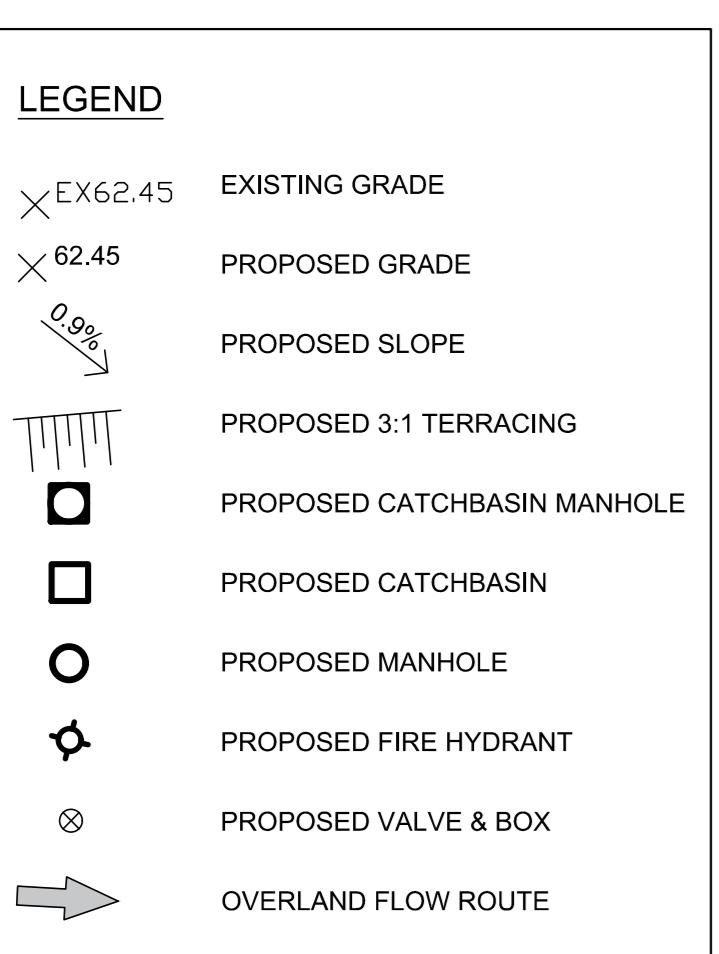
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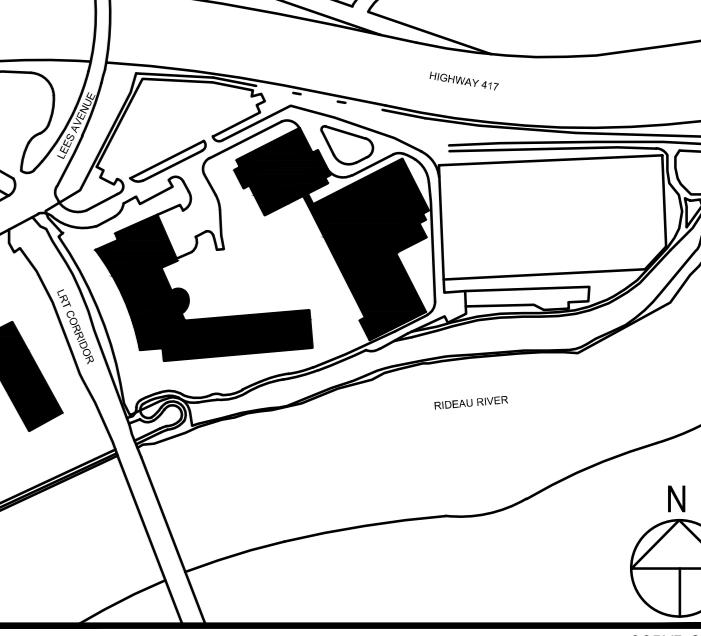

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