South Campus Greenway

DRAFT Design Principles

Background: In response to concern from the UBC community that the greenway improvements adjacent to the UBC farm would undermine the ecological value of the existing landscape, an environmental report was commissioned. The report was shared with participants in a workshop to develop design principles for a greenway design. The following considerations where introduced to help guide the workshop:

- 1. Policy context, User groups and Adjacencies
- 2. Transportation and Connectivity
- 3. Place Making and Amenities
- 4. Safety, Accessibility and Wellness
- 5. Ecology and Environmental Sustainability
- 6. Construction and Maintenance

C+CP Staff summarized the thoughts and ideas which, along with input from the Pacific Spirit Park Society and the UBC Farm Land Use Committee, informed the following Design Principles:

1. Canopy cover and understory generally be maintained in a natural state, or rehabilitated with appropriate native planting. No invasive species should be included.

The proposed greenway treatment allows for the retention of the native canopy and understory plantings in a natural state and proposes new plantings of native canopy and understory vegetation to reinstate a naturalized greenway corridor. Trees that are removed that are hazards or due to trail alignment will be replaced. The plans identify a zone adjacent to the trail where the existing and new plantings will be maintained to allow for pedestrian and cyclist visibility. Existing non native species will be removed. Refer to plans;

Plans L1.0 – 1.2 for trail alignment Plans L2.0 – 2.2 for tree removals

Plans L4.0 – 4.3 for schematic planting design

Arborist report

2. Any pathways should be oriented to the east side of the corridor to maximize preservation of natural greenspace adjacent to the farm edge

The pathway has been located to seek the least disruptive routing through the existing treed and understory areas and where appropriate has been shifted towards the east. The previous trail alignment is indicated on the plan where the trail routing has been changed. Refer to;

Plans L1.0 – 1.2 for trail alignment

3. Pathways should be universally accessible and provide for the community to appreciate the value to the natural space. However, they do not need to support high speed travel such as cycling or running. A greenway not a transportation corridor

The pathway design will include for a universally accessible surfacing treatment and graded to maintain slopes of less than 5%. To optimize tree retention, the pathway meanders through the forest and the width of the finished trail will vary to some degree depending on the site constraints. Refer to;

Plans L5.0 - 6.2 for proposed trail details and sections.

4. Safety and accessibility must be maintained for adjacent residential units (townhouses). Lighting should be limited to achieve safety and visibility while not disturbing the ecological value of the greenway.

The proposed trail has been aligned to optimize connectivity between the adjacent residential units. As these residential units are placed along the east edge of the Greenway corridor, the trail alignment is shifted to the east optimizing the amount of area left undisturbed between the trail and the west boundary of the Greenway. The proximity of the trail to overlook from the adjacent residential units also provides an 'eyes on the street' approach to the design to enhance the sense of security.

The trail is proposed to be illuminated with a post top luminaire. Additional ambient line for the trail will be from the residential unit entries that connect to the trail. Refer to;

L1.0 – L1.2 Layout plans

L50.0 – L6.0 Proposed trail/lighting details and sections.

5. Surface treatments should minimize impact on the root systems

The proposed trail will be designed in collaboration with the Project arborist. Refer to;

L5.0 – 5.1 for trail details

Arborist report

6. Educational opportunities should be incorporated.

A signage system is proposed to provide for both directional and educational opportunities. Refer to:

L5.0 for proposed signage elements

7. The greenway should be considered as a portion of system of natural areas which act as a wildlife corridor connecting to Pacific Spirit Park.

The greenway corridor is an existing natural corridor of native canopy trees and understory that extends from 16th Avenue south along the south edge of Nobel park, across Wesbrook extending to Pacific Spirit Park. Enhancement to the proposed greenway will include rehabilitation of the existing canopy and understory, removal of invasive species and retention of existing wildlife trees. Refer to;

L0.1 for larger context of the proposed trail in the Wesbrook neighbourhood.

8. Any pathways should be routed to avoid existing valuable native vegetation, and utilize disturbed areas such as former access roads.

Where opportunities allow the trail has been routed to utilize previously disturbed areas for trail alignment. Refer to;

L3.1 Demolition plan for location of trail on existing road base

9. Mature tree root systems, forest soils, understory and mid-canopy vegetation should be retained whenever possible.

Disturbance to the existing naturalized area of the Greenway corridor will be limited to the trail corridor. Existing root systems, soils and vegetation will be retained and augmented with new native plantings. Refer to;

Arborist report

LL5.0 – 5.1 for proposed trail details

10. The greenway should seek to provide a visual and acoustic screen between the residential properties and the farm.

The greenway corridor has been aligned to optimize tree removals and where possible has been aligned along the east edge of the corridor to optimize the visual and acoustical separation from the UBC farm.

L1.0 – 1.2 Layout of trail

11. Trail meanders should be placed in well-draining areas to avoid the need for unnecessary ditching and resulting root damage.

Drainage has been considered in the design of the greenway trail to allow surface water to drain under the trail at low points along the trail. Refer to

L1.0 – 1.2 Layout of trail and location of drain pipes

12. Large specimen native trees and understory should be planted to replace any mature trees removed during construction.

Replacement species plantings are proposed along the Greenway trail to augment the existing native vegetation. Replacement plantings will occur throughout the greenway to

replace trees and understory lost as a result of the trail alignment and removal of hazard trees and in areas that have been previously disrupted. Refer to;

L1.0 – 1.2 trail layout

L4.0 – 4.3 Schematic planting and rehabilitation plan.





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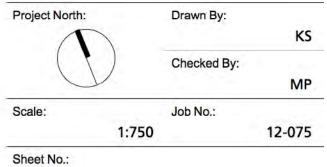
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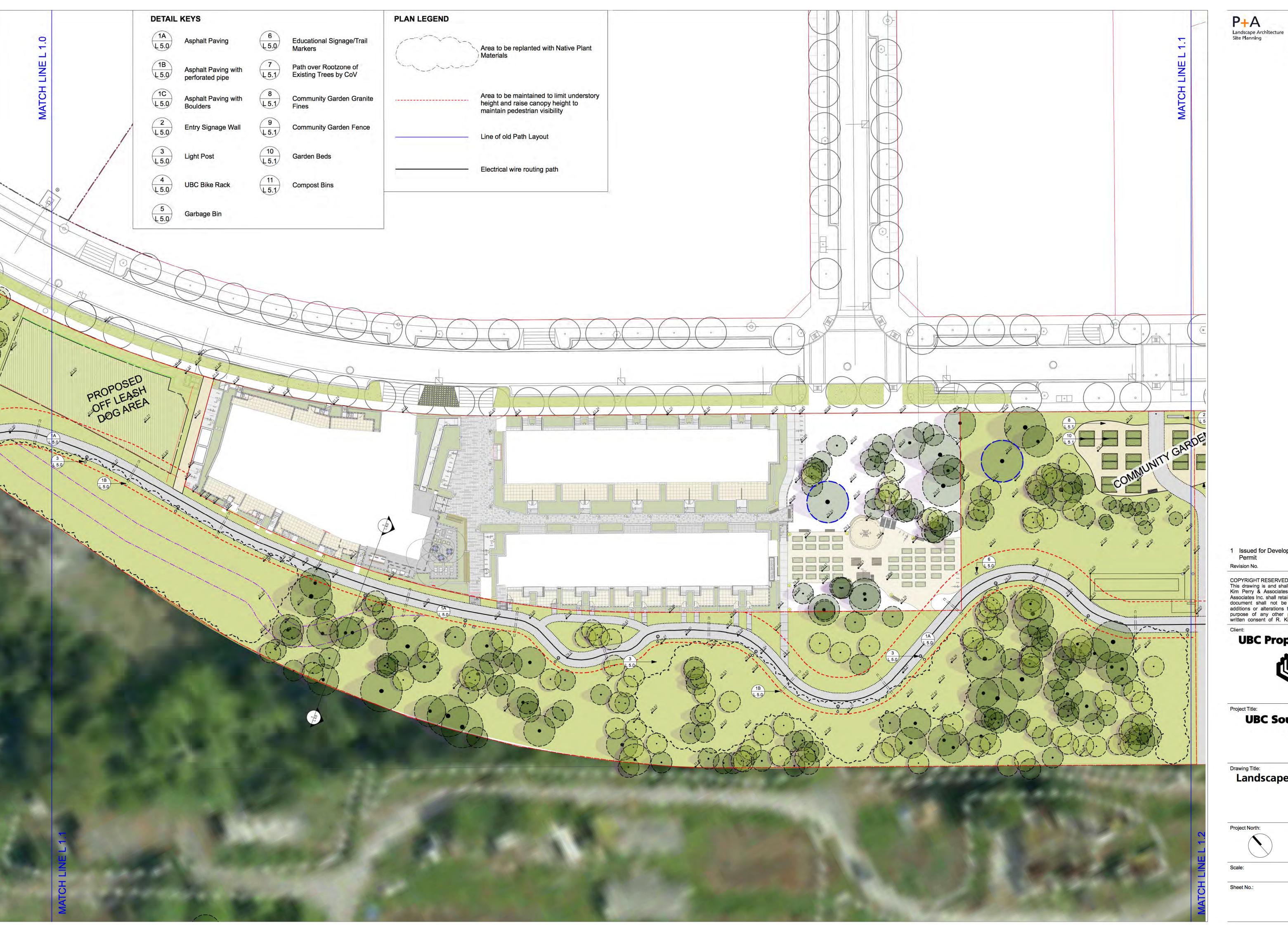
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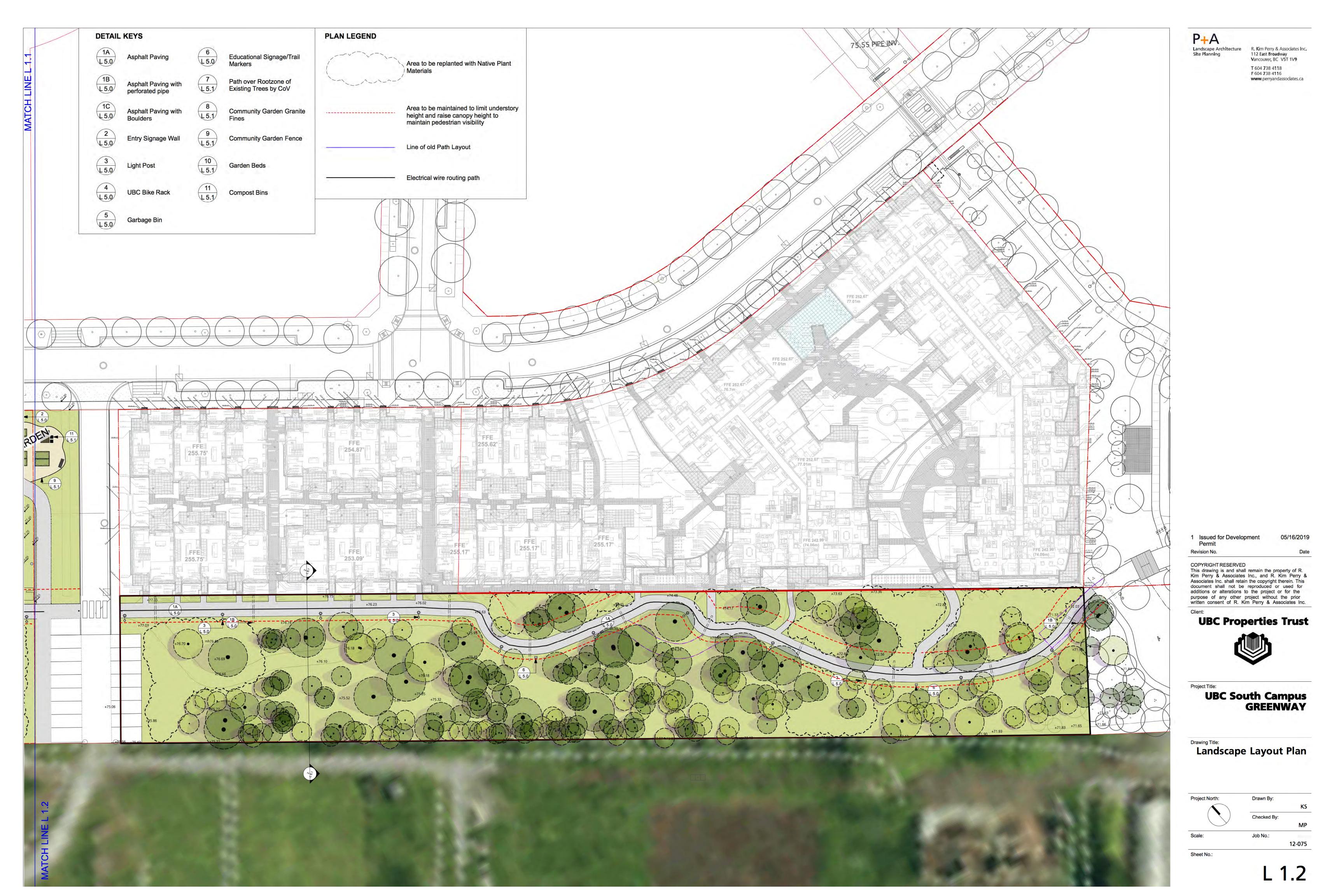


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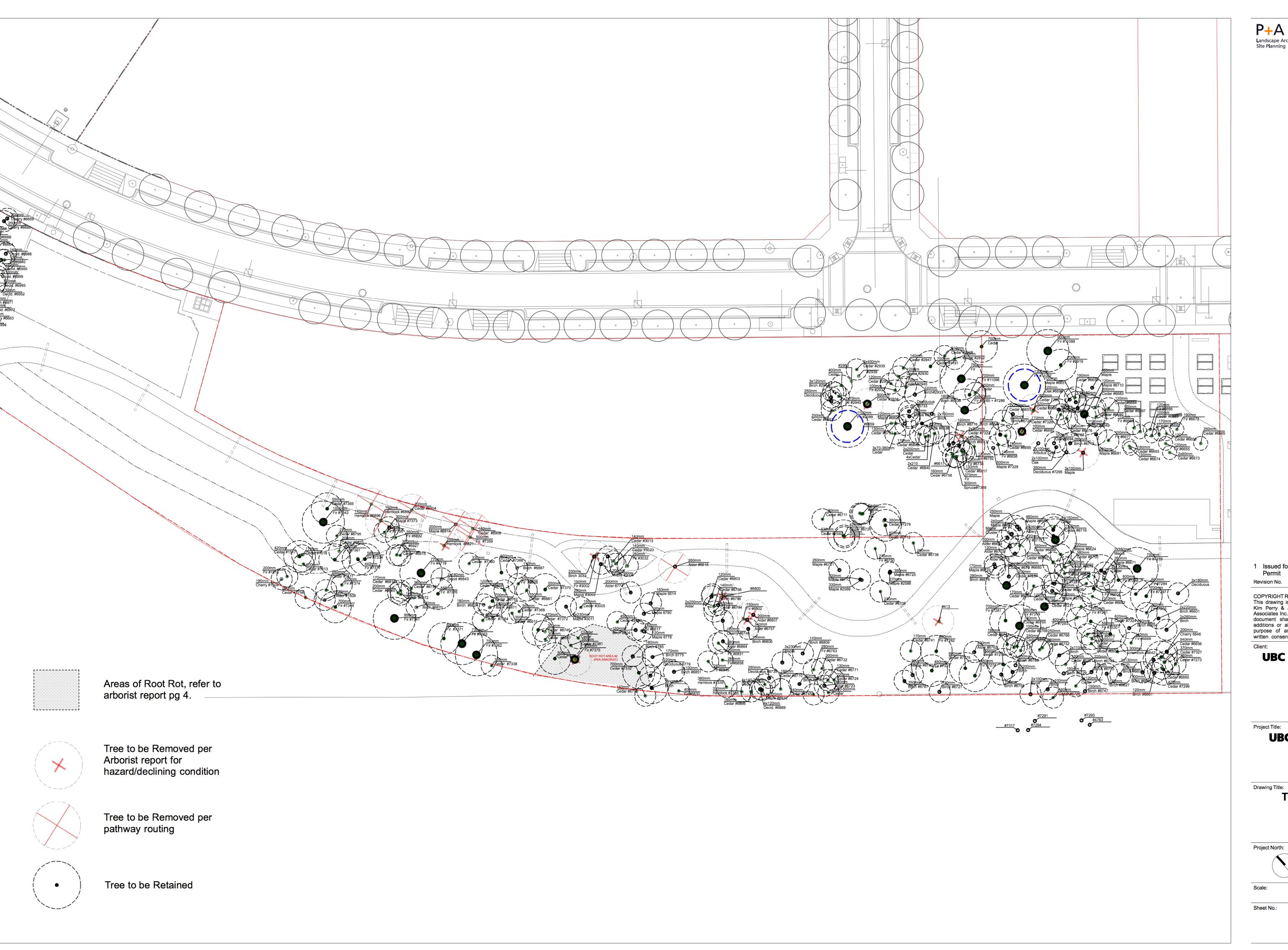
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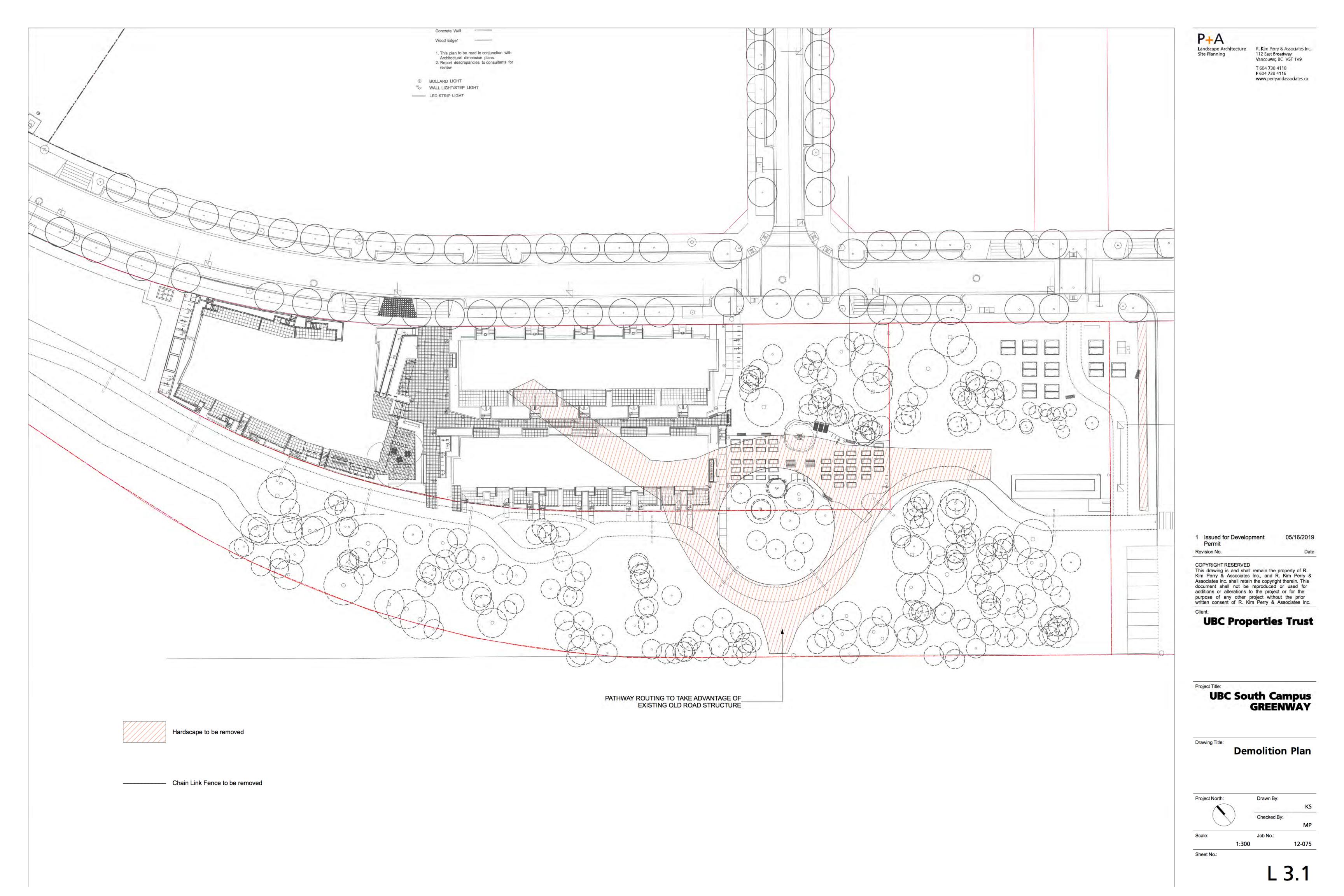
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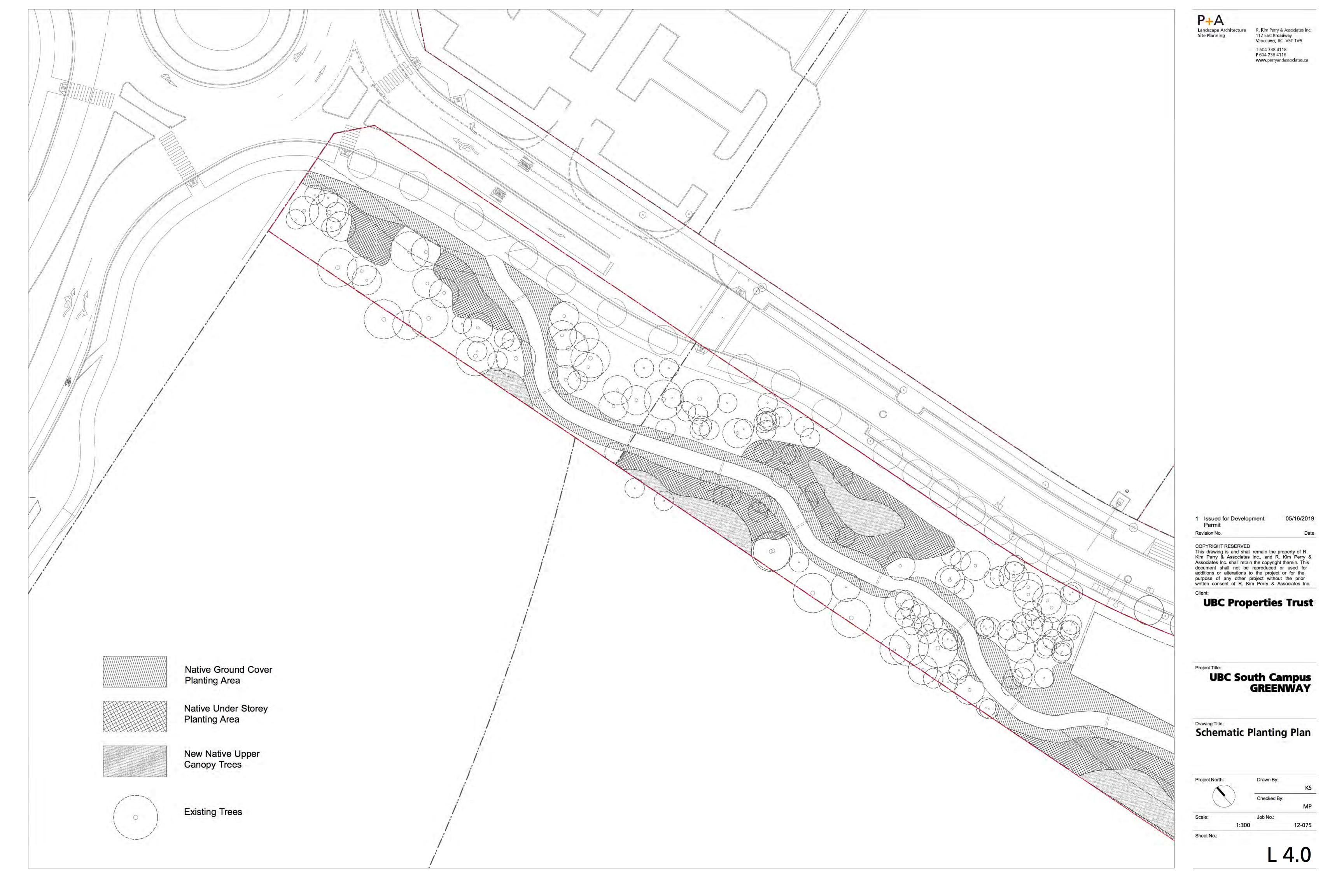
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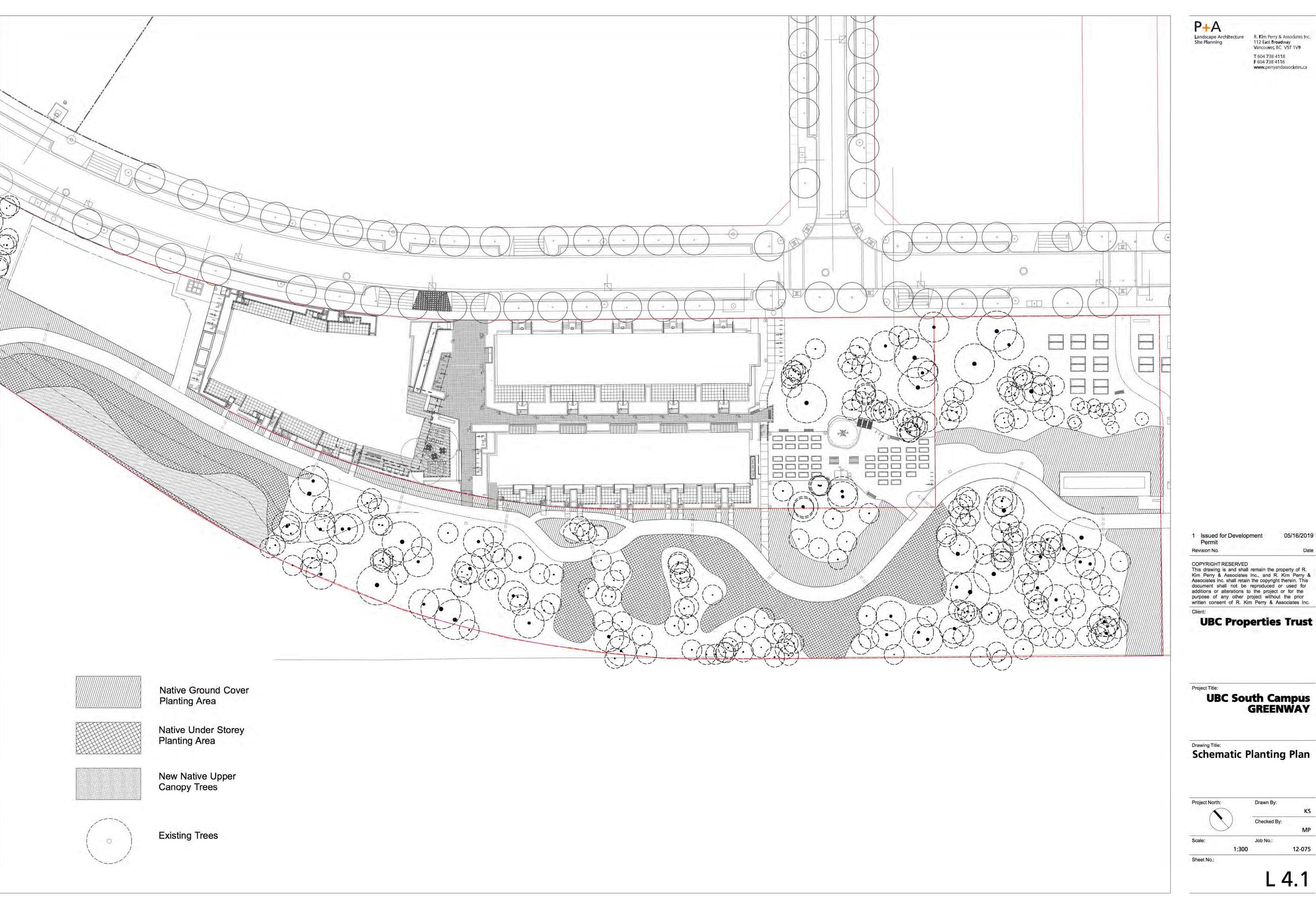
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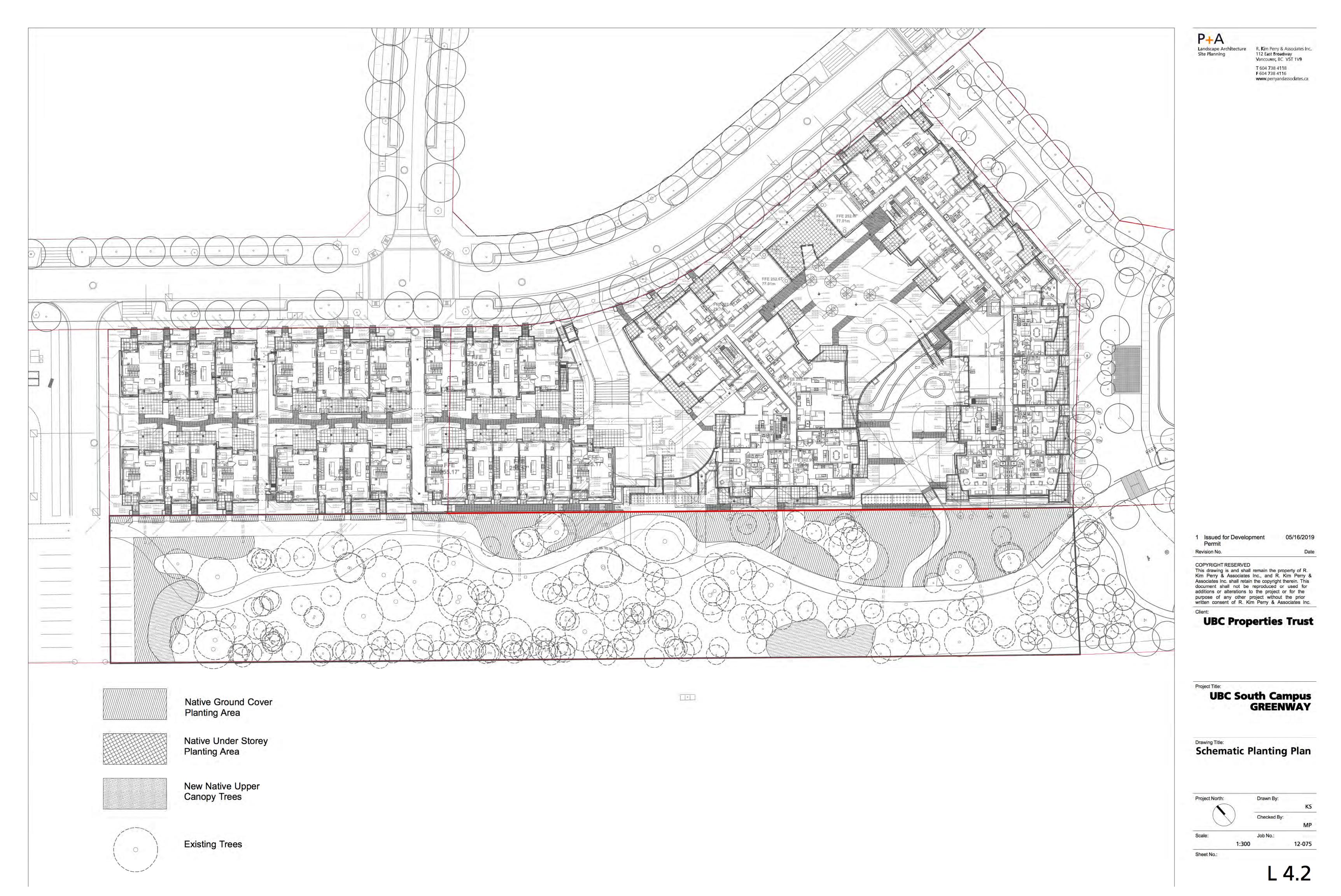
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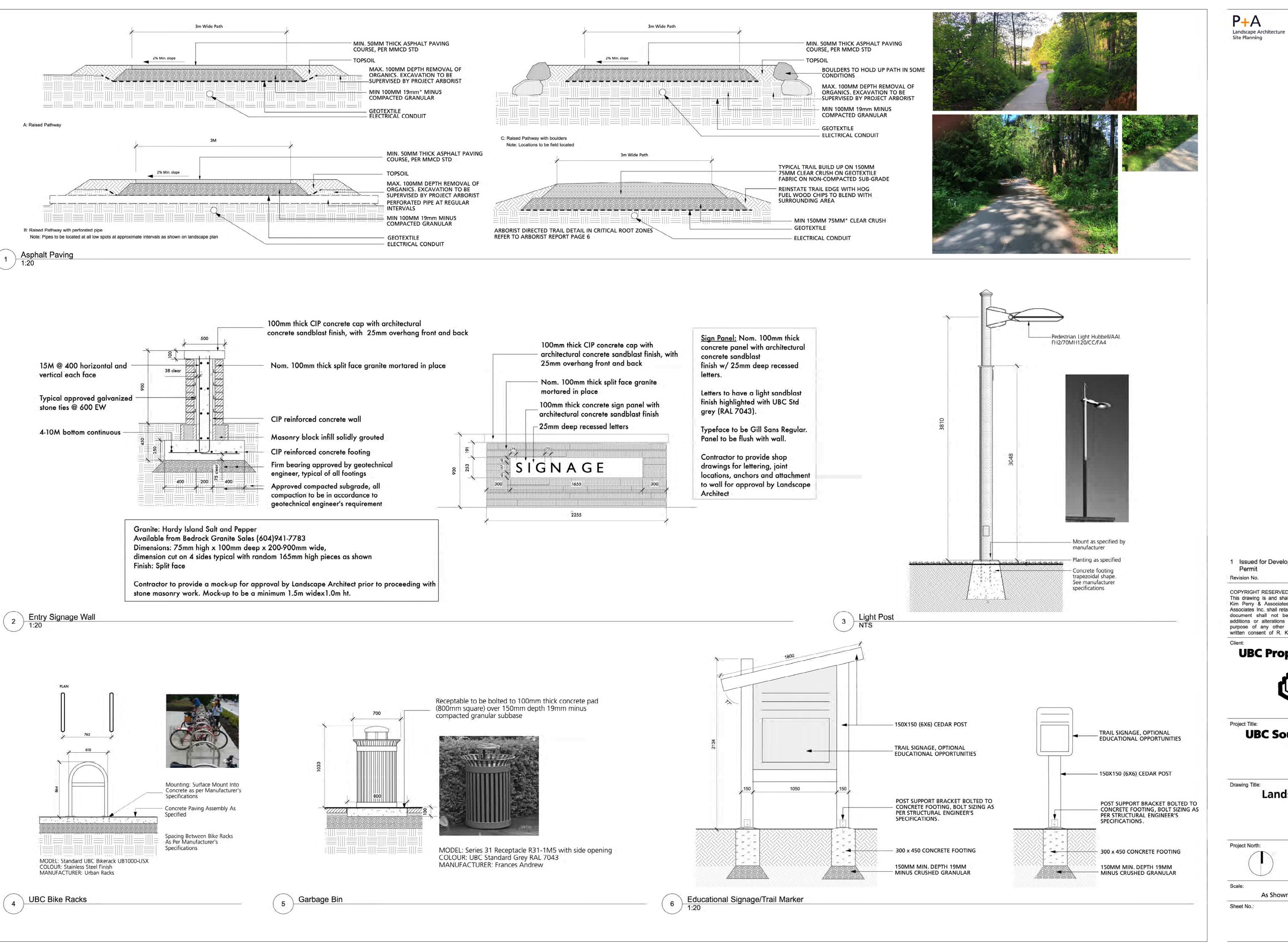
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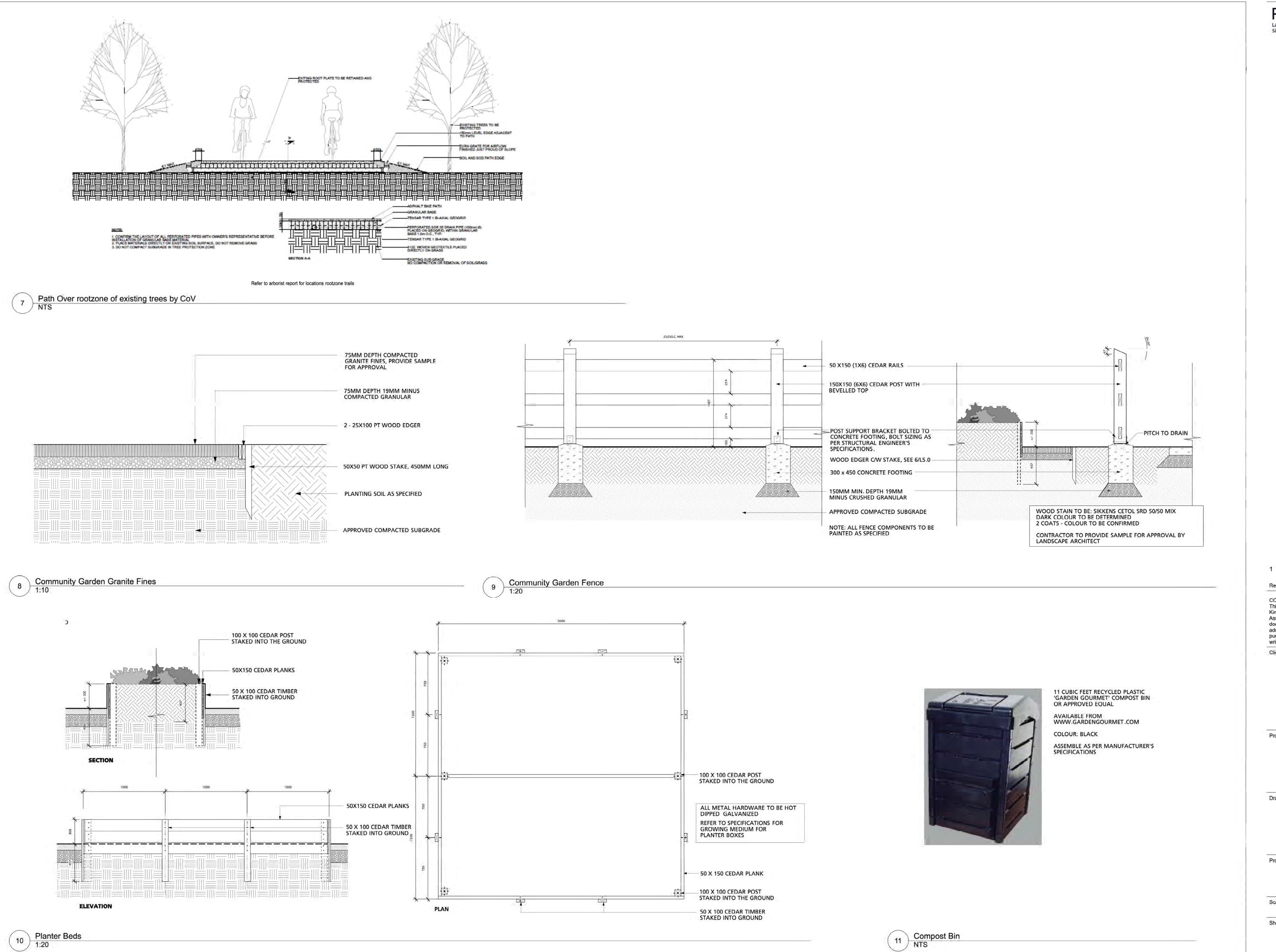
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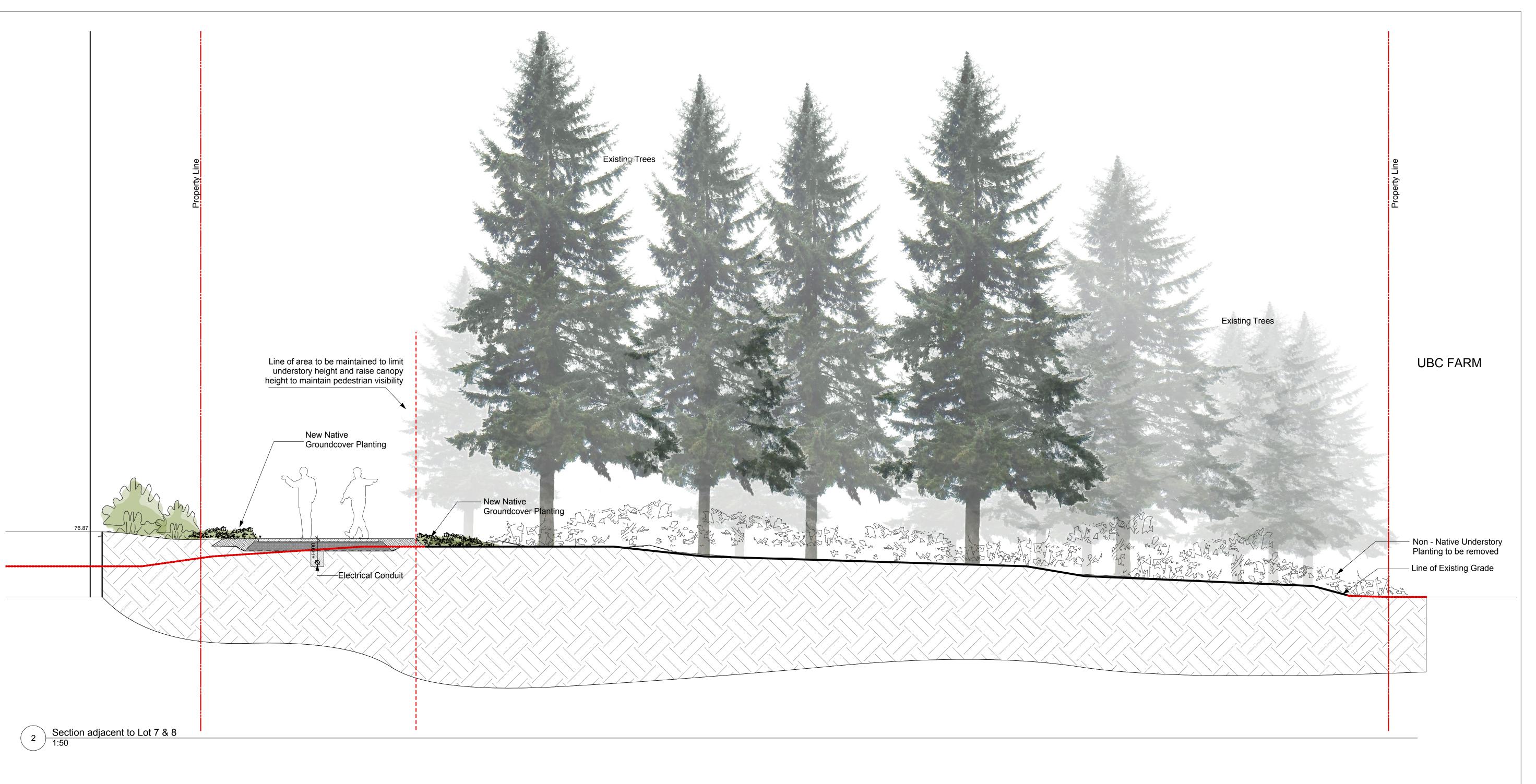


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