EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP

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ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATION

1.	APPLICANT:					
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2.	OWNER (if other than app	olicant):				
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4.		PROPERTY INFORMATION:				
	Address/Location: 446 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517 Lot Size: 23.077 total Width: 80 feet Depth:					
	Lot Size: _23.077 total	Width: <u>8</u>	U feet	Depth:		
	Present Use: Campground	lon	Tax ID No.	080-06382-0-0000; 080-49949-0-0000; 080-95538-0-0000		
	Proposed Use/Purpose for Which Hearing is Sought: See attached Exhibit "A"					
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5. APPLICATION IS MADE FOR: X A. Variance from Requirement(s) of the Zoning Ordinance – see page 2						
						X B. Special Exception under the Zoning Ordinance – see page 3
C. Appeal Zoning Officer Determination or Enforcement Notice – see page 3						
	D. Other Type of Appe	eal, as provided f	or by the PA Mu	nicipalities Planning Code – see page 3		
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	FOR TOWNSHIP USE					
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	ZHB Case No. 24-785 Date Complete Application Received: 4/1/24 Zoning Hearing Board Hearing Date(s):					
	Date of Zoning Hearing Bo	pard Decision				
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,	A. VARIANCHS - The following information shall be provided for variance applications:
1	 (a) The Zoning Ordinance section(s) from which relief is sought: See attached Narrative (b) A written description of the requested variance, along with a description of the hardship that is being alleged, and reasons why the variance should be granted, and (c) A site plan with sufficient detail and accuracy so as to present the nature of the request and the unique site conditions that create hardship to strict compliance with the Zoning Ordinance. (d) Names and addresses of adjoining property owners, including properties directly across a public right-of-way.
2	Describe the unique physical circumstances or conditions of the property, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions, that create an unnecessary hardship that prevents it from being used in a manner that is consistent with the Ordinance: See attached Narrative
3,	Describe how because of such unique physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the Ordinance, and therefore the granting of a variance is necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property:
4.	Explain why the unnecessary hardship has not been created by the applicant: See attached Narrative
5.	Explain why the variance, if granted, will not alter the character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located, nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use or development of the adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare: See attached Narrative
6.	Describe how the variance, if granted, will represent the minimum variance that will afford relief, and will represent the least modification possible of the relevant Ordinance provision(s):
-	(attach additional sheets of paper if necessary)

- B. SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS An application for a special exception must demonstrate compliance with the general requirements of Section 220-142.C(2) below, as well as any use-specific requirements.
- 1. Include:
 - (a) Ground floor plans and elevations of proposed structures,
 - (b) Names and addresses of adjoining property owners, including properties directly across a public right-of-way,
 - (c) A site plan with sufficient detail and accuracy to demonstrate compliance with all applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, and
 - (d) A written description of the proposed use in sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance with all applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 2. The proposed use shall be consistent with the purpose and intent of this chapter;
- 3. The proposed use shall not detract from the use and enjoyment of adjoining or nearby properties;
- 4. The proposed use will not substantially change the character of the subject property's neighborhood;
- Adequate public facilities are available to serve the proposed use (e.g., schools, fire, police and ambulance protection, sewer, water and other utilities, parks, solid waste disposal, vehicular access, etc.)
- The proposed use shall comply with those criteria specifically attached to it. In addition, the proposed use must comply with all other applicable regulations contained in this chapter;
- 7. The traffic generated by the proposed use shall be safely and adequately accommodated during peak and nonpeak periods, or improvements made by the applicant shall be made in order to effect the same;
- 8. The proposed use shall be in and of itself properly designed with regard to internal circulation, parking, buffering, screening, and all other elements of proper design, as required by this chapter and any other federal, state or local ordinance, law or regulation;
- The proposed use will not have deleterious impact on adjoining properties or the neighborhood, due
 to impacts and/or by-products of the proposed use, such as noise, dust, odor, smoke, litter, glare,
 heat, radiation, electromagnetic interference, etc.;
- 10. The proposed use will not substantially impair the integrity of the Comprehensive Plan; and
- 11. For development within the Floodplain Zone, the application shall comply with those requirements listed in § 220-19 of this chapter.
- C. APPEAL OF ZONING OFFICER DETERMINATION OR ENFORCEMENT NOTICE These include, but are not limited to, the granting or denial of any permit, or failure to act on the application therefor, the issuance of any cease and desist order, or the registration or refusal to register any nonconforming use, structure or lot. Attach copies of enforcement notices or other relevant documentation.
- D. OTHER TYPE OF APPEAL The PA Municipalities Code gives municipal Zoning Hearing Boards the jurisdiction to hear appeals and render decisions on the following matters:
 - 1. Substantive challenges to the validity of any land use ordinance, except those brought before the governing body pursuant to sections 609.1 (landowner curative amendments) and 916.1(a)(2) (validity of ordinance).

- 2. Appeals from a delermination by a Township Engineer or the Zoning Officer with reference to the administration of any flood plain or flood hazard ordinance or such provisions within a land use ordinance.
- 8. Appeals from the determination or any officer or agency charged with the administration of any transfers of development rights (TDRs) or performance density provisions of the Zarting Ordinates.
- 4. Appeals from the Zoning Officer spreliminary determination (MPC Section 916,2).
- 6. Appeals from the determination of the Zoning Officer or the Township Engineer in the administration of any land use ordinance or provision thereof with reference to sedimentation and everlop and storm water management not relating to land development or planned residential development;

Mease, subjudy seven (7) copies of the application, plans, list of adjoining property owners, photographs, all other supporting documentation, and the correct application fee to the fast Cocalico Township Office. Note the Township must receive a complete application package and correct fee to be scheduled for a hearing.

Zotting hearings are generally conducted the 2^{NL} Wednesday of the month; the Zoning Hearing Board schedule can be confirmed on the Township calendar, available at the Township office or on the website. Return complete application and fee four (4) weeks in advance of the hearing.

THIS IS A LEGAL PROCEEDING; YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER HAVING AN ATTORNEY REPRESENT YOU AT THE HEARING,

To the best of my/our knowledge and belief, all information MAY NOT be signed by an a mid/or occupacies.	muthon and mitted herein is true and complete. gent, but MUST be signed by the applicant(s)
Applicante Signature (6)	April 1, 2024 Date
Lebanon Valley Investments, LLC. Print Applifeant Majnores	
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Owner Sighäture(e)	Date
Waryl G. Martin, Member.	

Background

The Applicant owns and operates the Dutch Cousin Campground (the "Campground") located at 446 Hill Road, Denver, East Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (the "Subject Property"). The Campground is a family owned and operated campground which has been in continuous operation since the late 1950's. Pictures of the Campground from years past and present are attached hereto as Exhibit "A". The Campground is open year-round and is presently able to offer patrons the option of selecting a number of different camping options, including, small cabin camping, RV camping, as well as tent camping. The Applicant prides itself on being able to offer a true camping experience to its patrons while they visit Lancaster County and explore all the County has to offer.

The Applicant proposes to construct a roughly 10,792 square foot social/recreational hall at the Subject Property, which will serve as a recreation center for the Campground (the "Recreation Center"). The Applicant proposes the Recreation Center to include dining facilities as well as various social gathering and recreational facilities. The Recreation Center will not contain any bedrooms. See attached Exhibit "B" which shows a rendering of what is proposed currently in the Recreation Center. The Recreation Center is partially an effort to accommodate a large family or multiple families who wish to camp in the same area of the Campground and share dining and recreation facilities.

As the operations of campgrounds generally have evolved overtime, patrons of campgrounds have come to look for and expect that the campground they choose for their stay will have some type of indoor recreation facilities where people can gather and enjoy indoor activities. See attached Exhibit "C" showing other campgrounds with indoor recreation facilities. The indoor Recreation Center is proposed to also include volleyball, basketball, shuffleboard and common area which the patrons of the Campground will be able to enjoy. The Recreation Center will be available on a first come first served basis exclusively for Campground occupants to rent for an additional fee. In the event the Recreation Center is not rented, portions of the Recreation Center will be available to all Campground patrons. The Applicant will not permit the Recreation Center to be rented for weddings or any other type of large event. The Recreation Center will strictly be utilized by patrons of the Campground.

It should also be noted that two adjacent properties have been acquired to provide supporting services for the campground, namely on-site sewage disposal and stormwater management facilities. These two additional parcels will be annexed together with the original Campground boundary but are not intended to be developed with additional camp sites.

Purpose of this Application

A Campground is a permitted use within the Conservation Zoning District by Special Exception. Because the Applicant desires to expand the use in order to construct the Recreation Center, the Applicant comes before the Zoning Hearing Board of East Cocalico Township seeking to expand the existing use by Special Exception pursuant to and Section 220-13.C (4). The Applicant is also requesting a variance related to landscaping from Section 220-44 as part of its Application.

Specific Relief Requested

- 1) Special Exception from Section 220-13.C (4) to expand the existing campground to include the Recreation Center.
- 2) A variance from Section 220-44 to provide no additional landscaping at the Subject Property given the wooded nature of the Subject Property, which the Applicant desires to maintain.

Basis for Relief

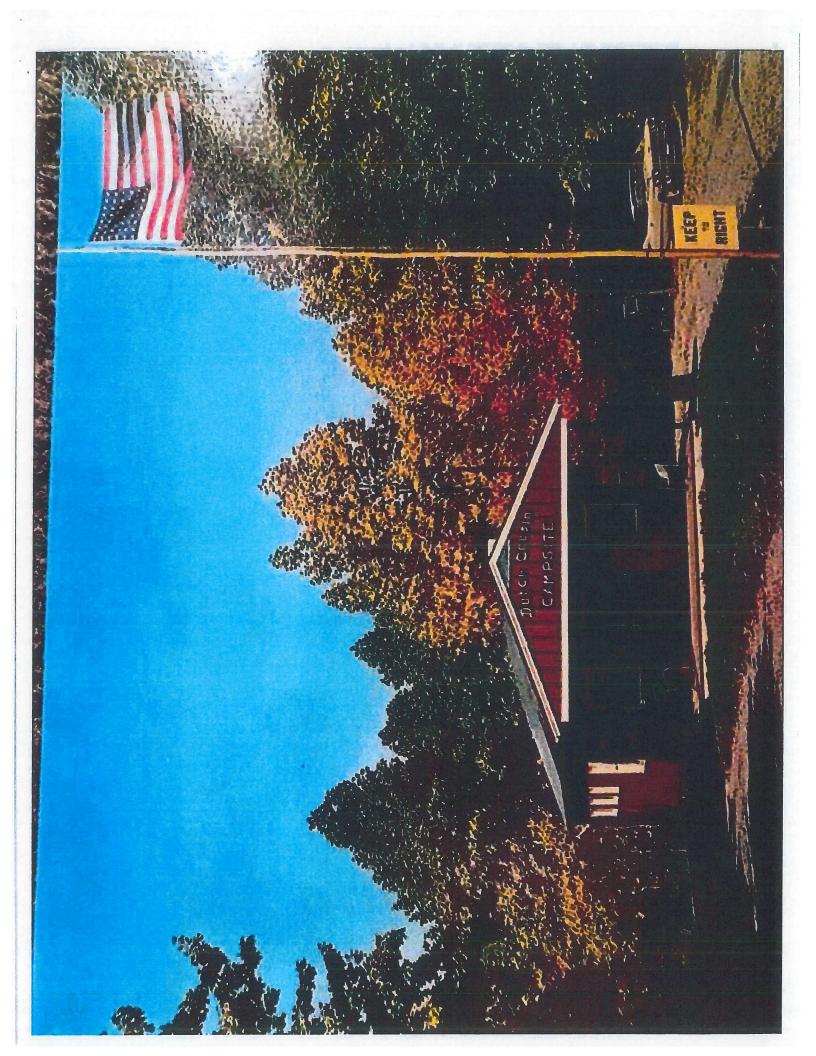
The Applicant is seeking to modify a preexisting use on the Subject Property by constructing the Recreation Center thereon. The Recreation Center is a natural modification to the exiting use and will help the Applicant provide amenities to its patrons that are in line with the current industry standard.

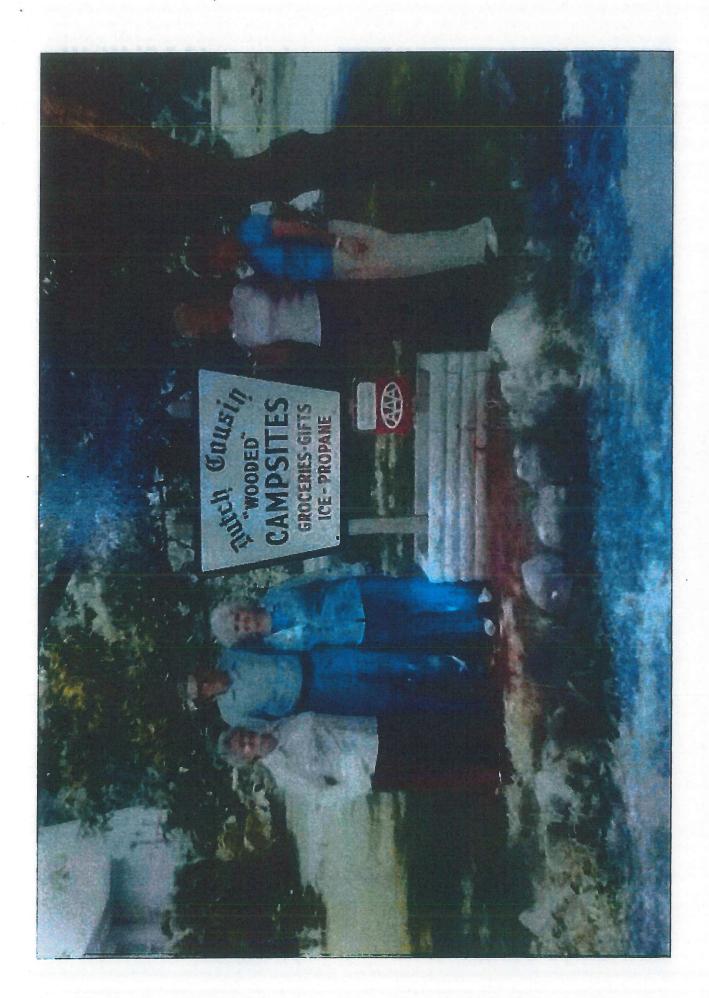
The Subject Property has unique physical circumstances or conditions, including slopes, woodlands, current campground layout, and the irregularly shaped nature of the property, which all create an unnecessary hardship and prevent development in strict compliance with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.

The unnecessary hardship has not been created by the Applicant. The requested zoning relief, if authorized would not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district, nor substantially impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property owners, nor be detrimental to the public welfare.

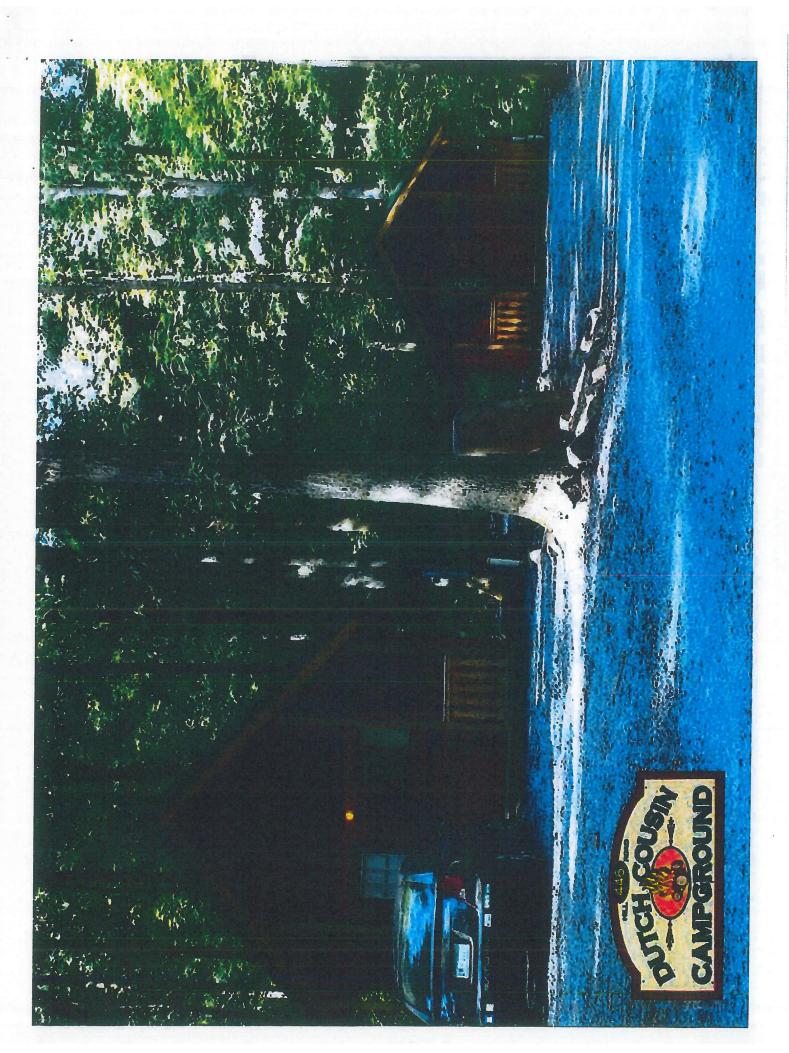
The zoning relief, if authorized, would be a natural modification to the use already present at the Subject Property and the associated variance requested would be the minimum that would afford relief and represent the least modification possible of the regulations in issue.

EXHIBIT "A" TO LEBANON VALLEY INVESTMENTS, LLC APPLICATION CAMPGROUND PHOTOS









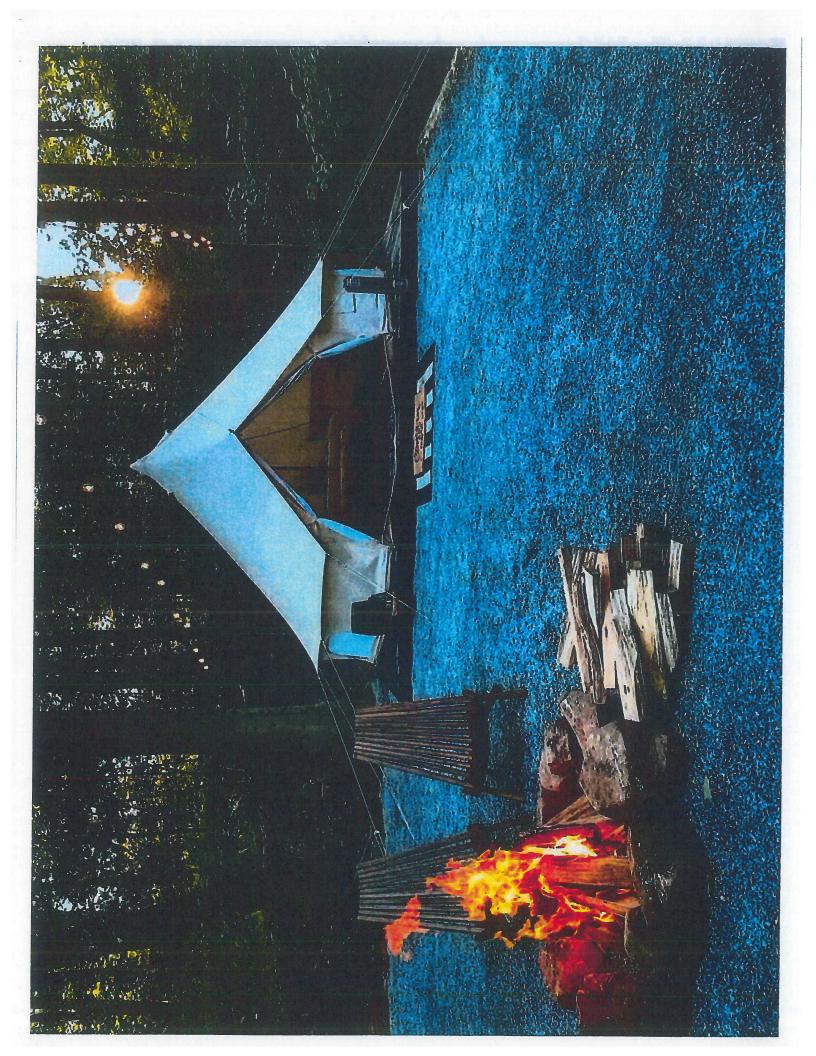
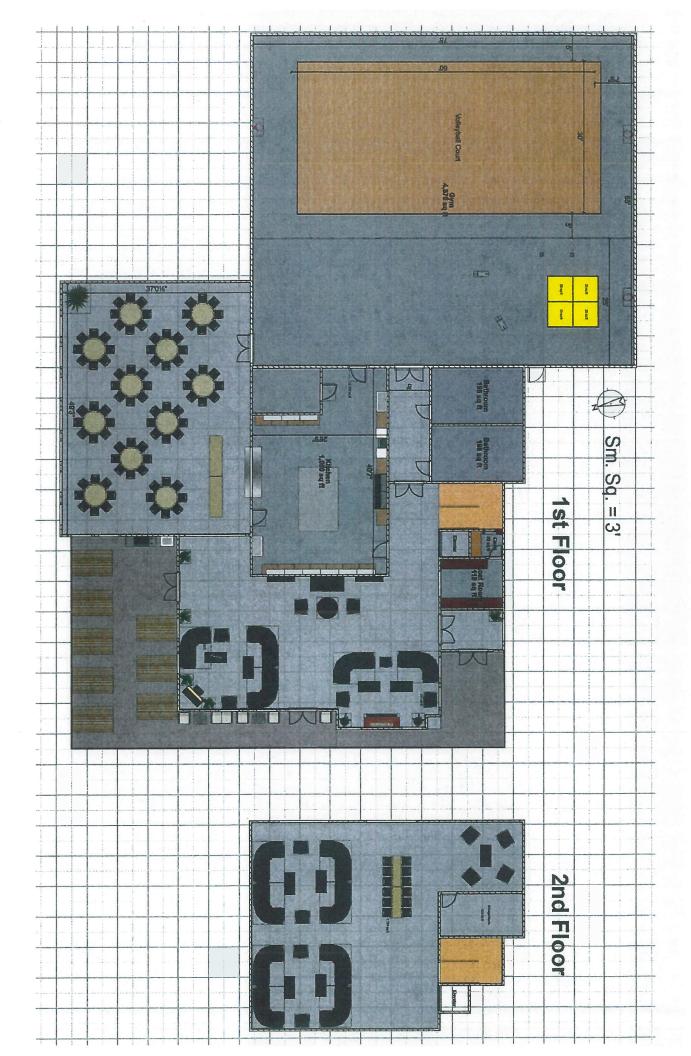


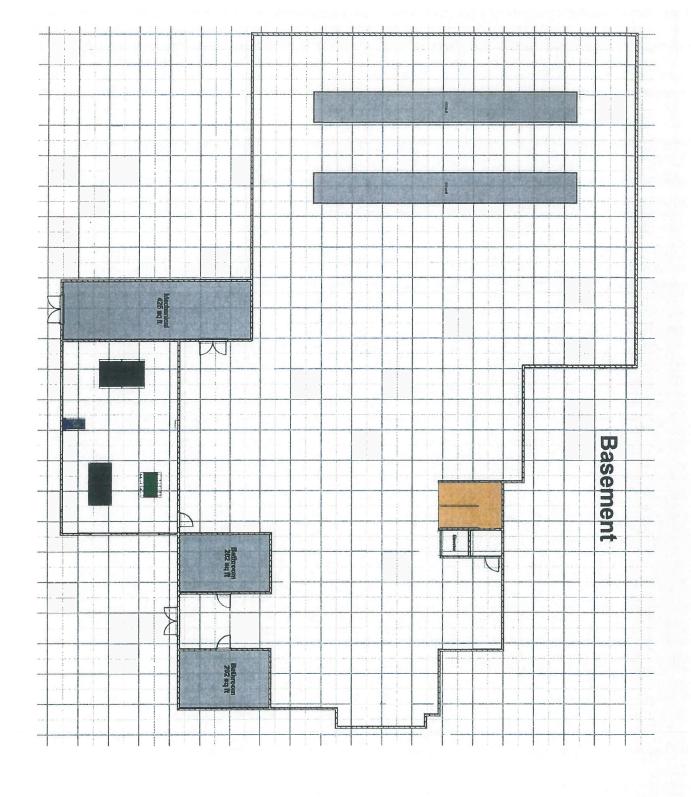


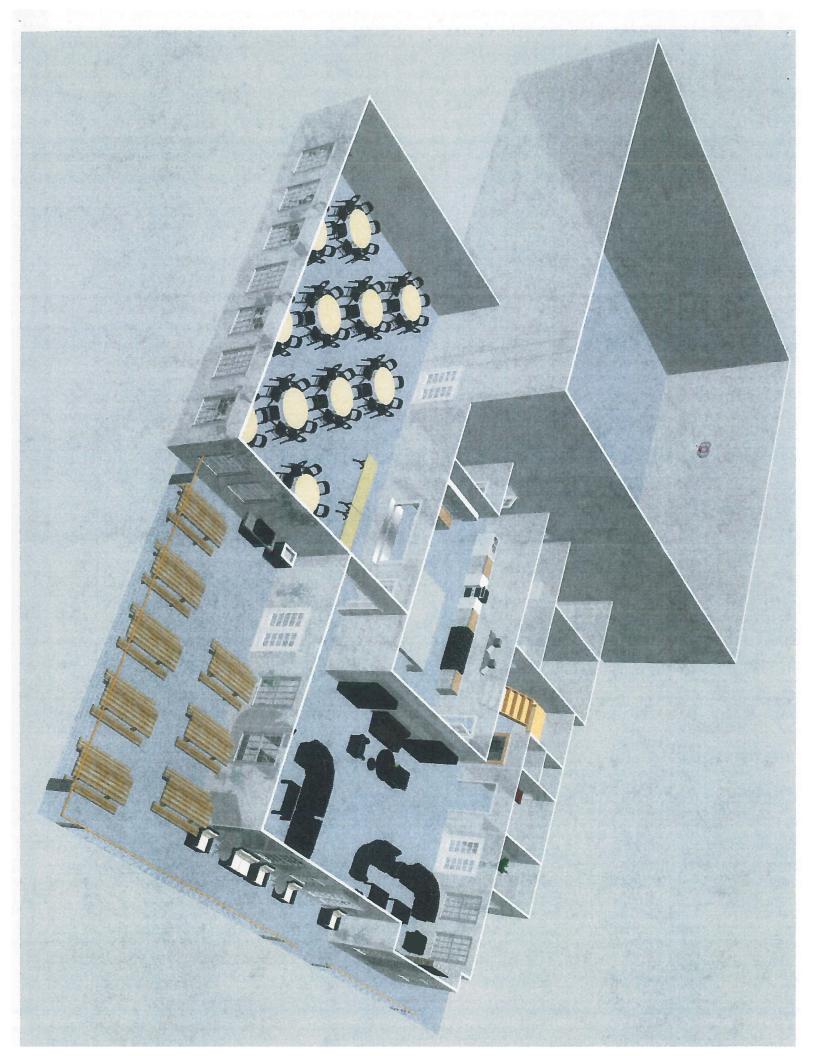


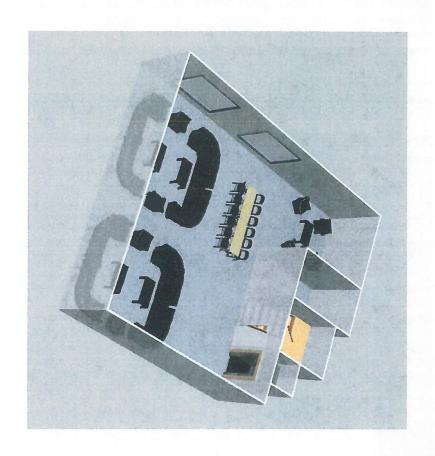
EXHIBIT "B" TO LEBANON VALLEY INVESTMENTS, LLC APPLICATION CURRENT LAYOUT OF RECREATION CENTER

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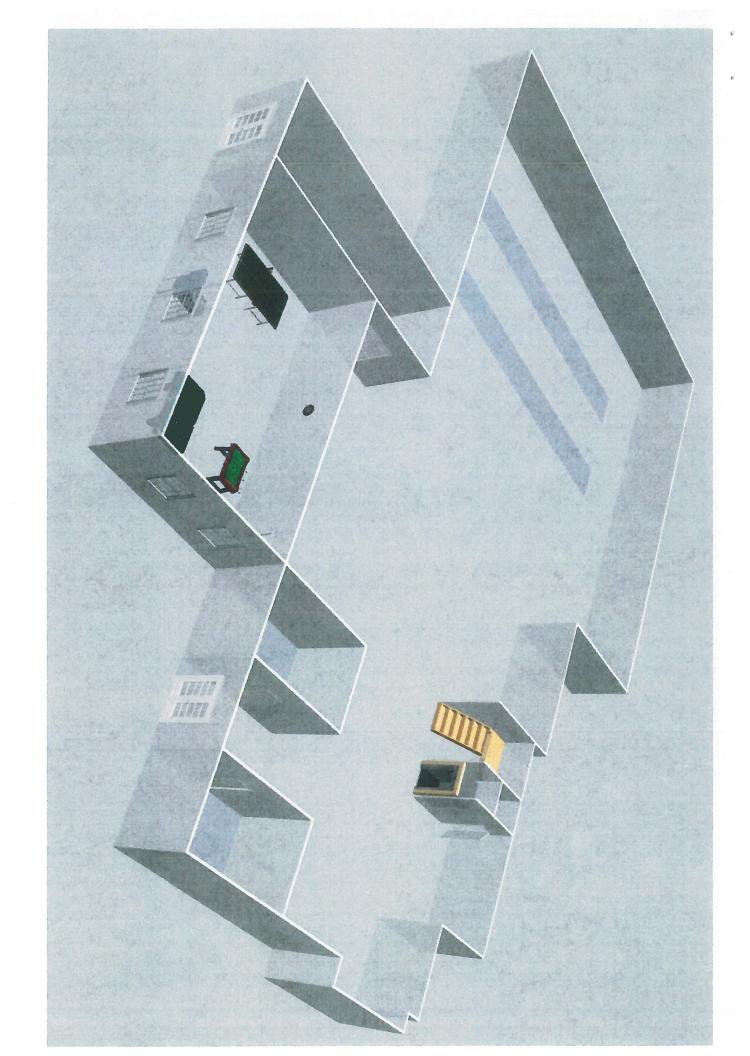
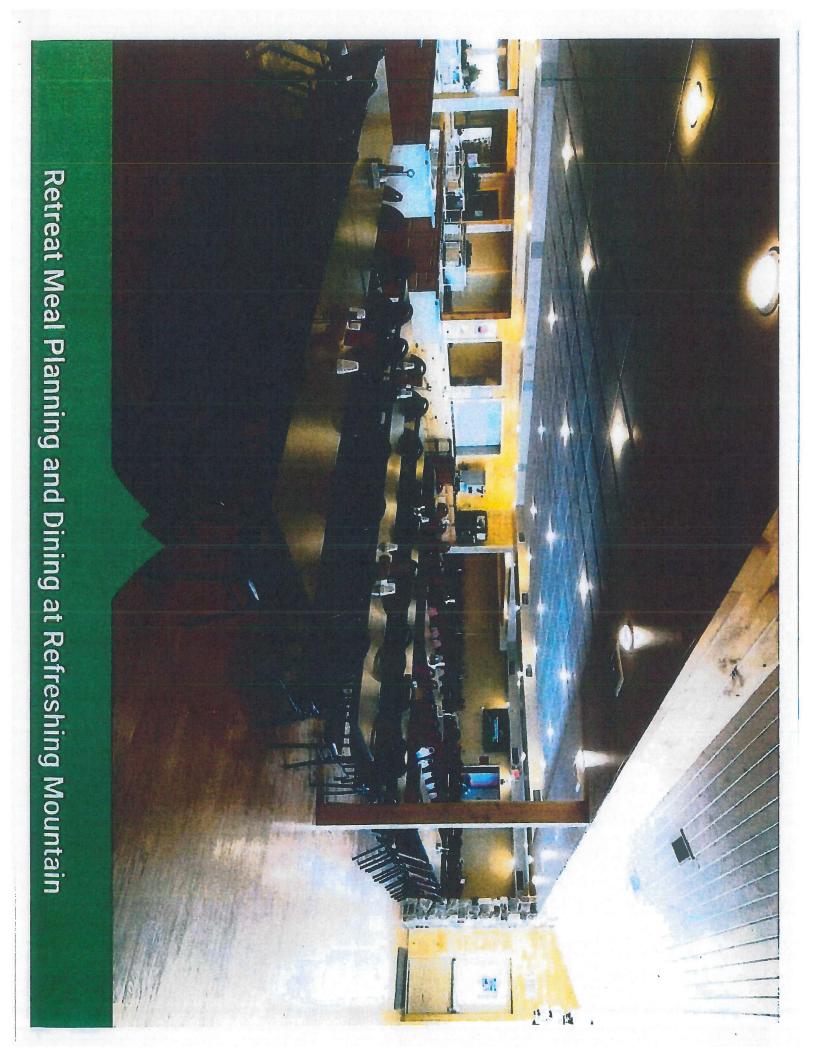


EXHIBIT "C" TO LEBANON VALLEY INVESTMENTS, LLC APPLICATION OTHER CAMPGROUNDS WITH RECREATION FACILITIES



Activities

Whether you're planning a retreat for the whole family, a group of friends or a getaway for two, there's no shortage of unique activities to explore at Circle M RV & Camping Resort. Plan activities upon arrival or visit this page before your departure to plan ahead. Looking for more? Our friendly staff can fill you in on all of the great ways to make your stay a memorable experience.

- Activities Center
- Children's Playground
- Mini Golf
- Bingo/Card Playing

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- Arts & Crafts
- Childrens Programs Fee
- Activities Director
- Children's Program



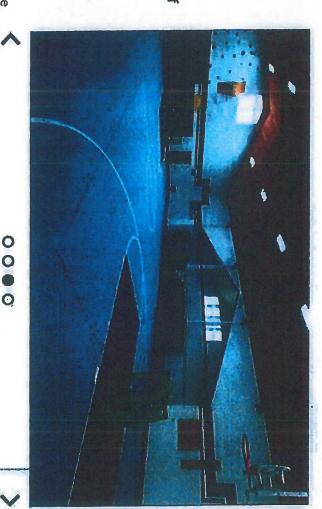
Gyms

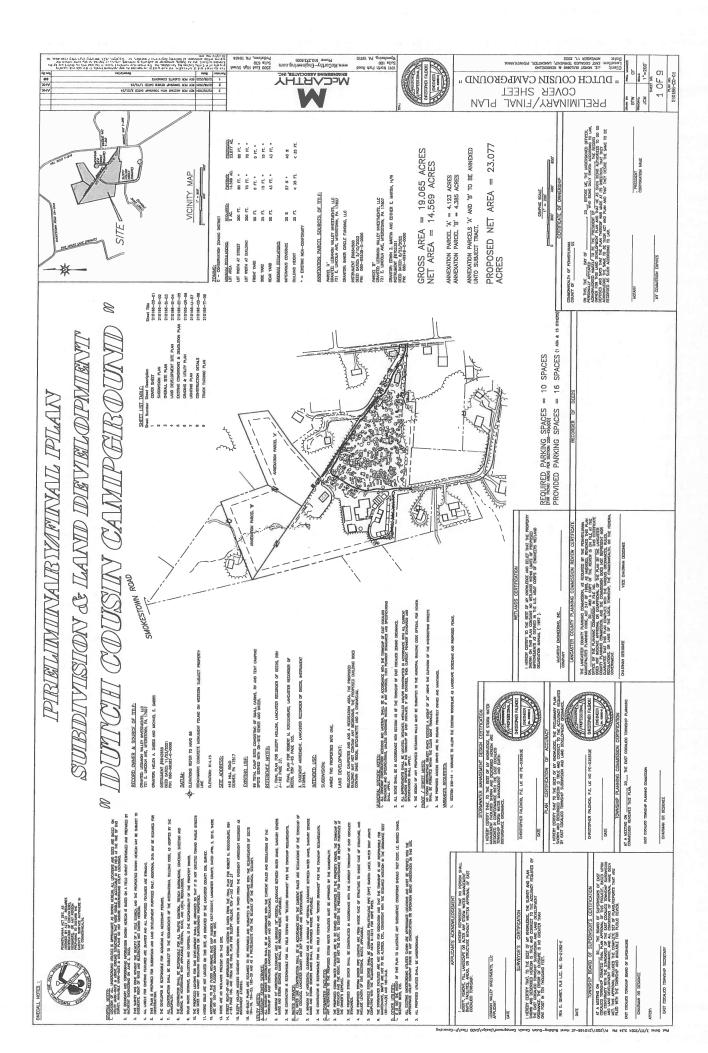
If your group is in need of a large, indoor activity space, we offer two full-sized gyms on-site. Gym #1, located on the western end of the property, features a sport-court floor, motion-sensor lighting, a peg board, and equipment for volleyball, basketball, indoor soccer, street hockey, and other indoor sports. There is also bleacher seating and bathroom access.

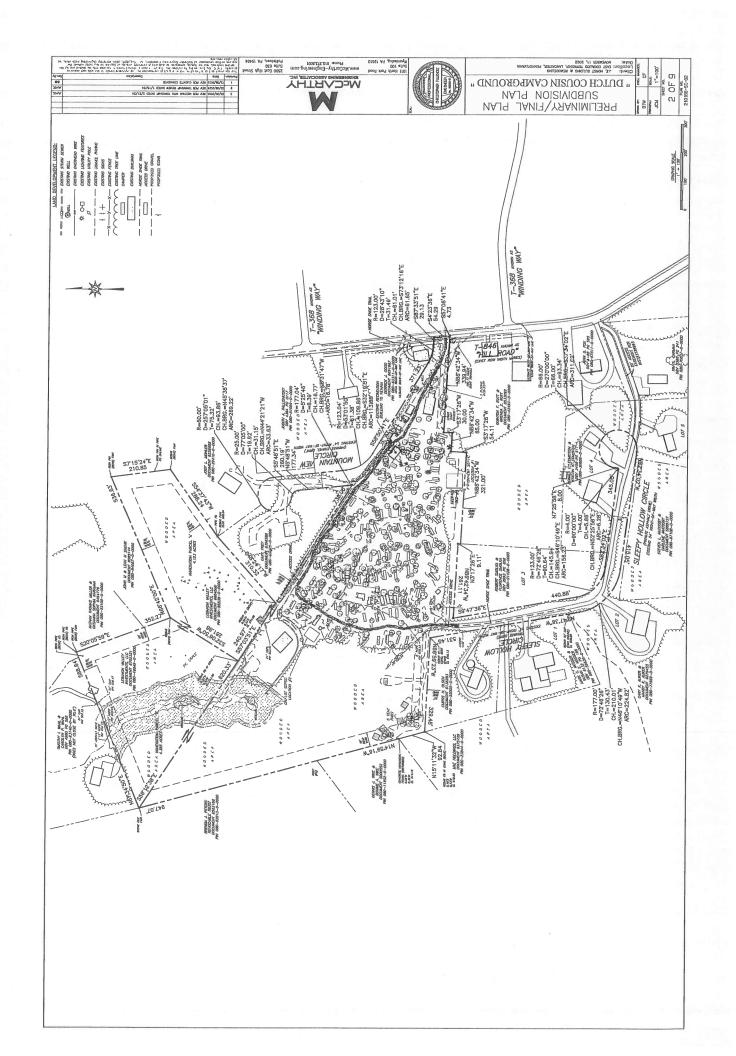
The indoor climbing wall is also located in Gym #1, and can be rented as part of your event.

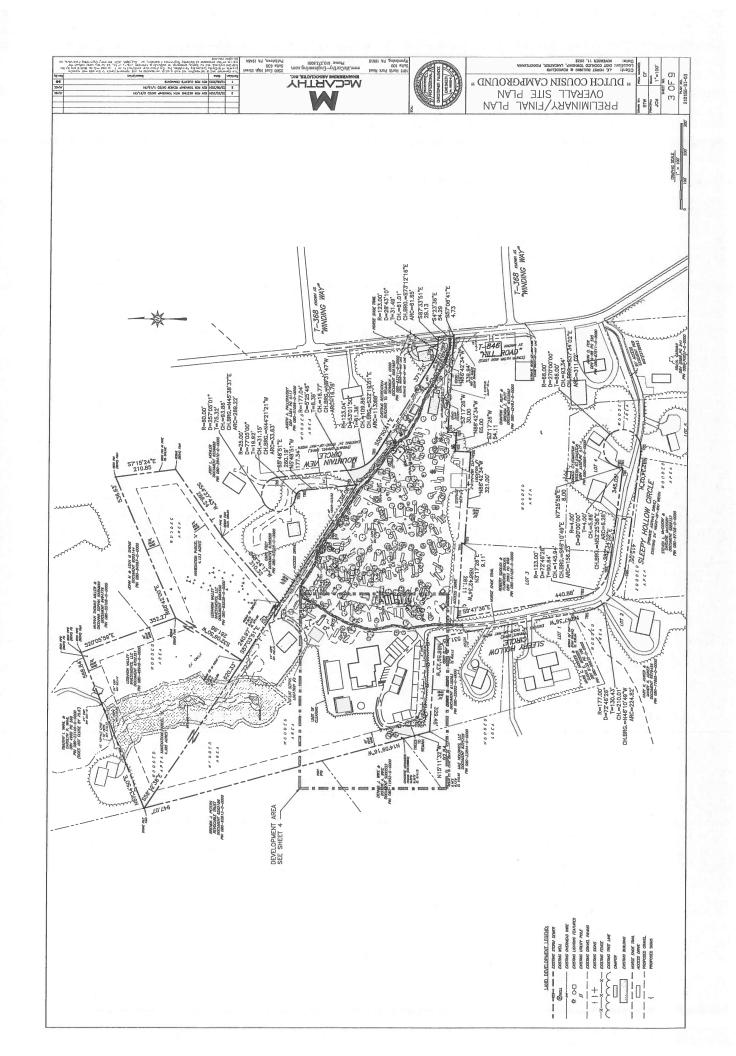
Gym #2, located on the eastern end of our property, features a hard carpeted floor, and equipment for volleyball, basketball, indoor soccer, street hockey, and other indoor sports. There is a second floor carpeted walking space encircling the gym for views from above.

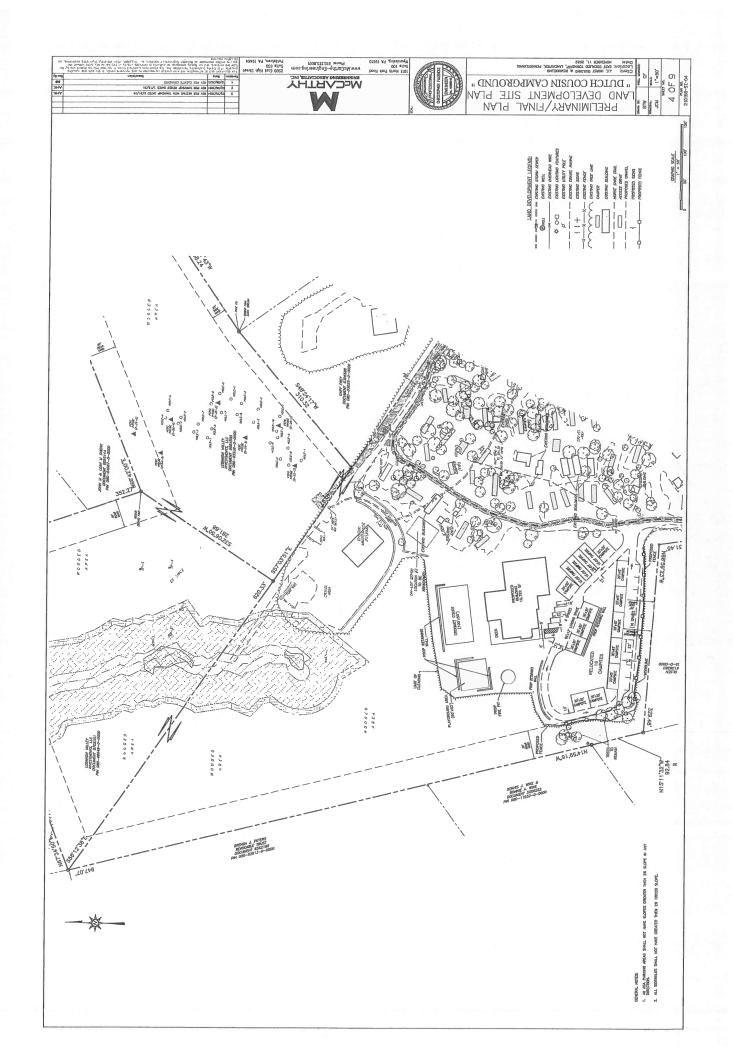
You must schedule use of gyms with the office. No one is permitted to be in the gym without it being scheduled for your group.

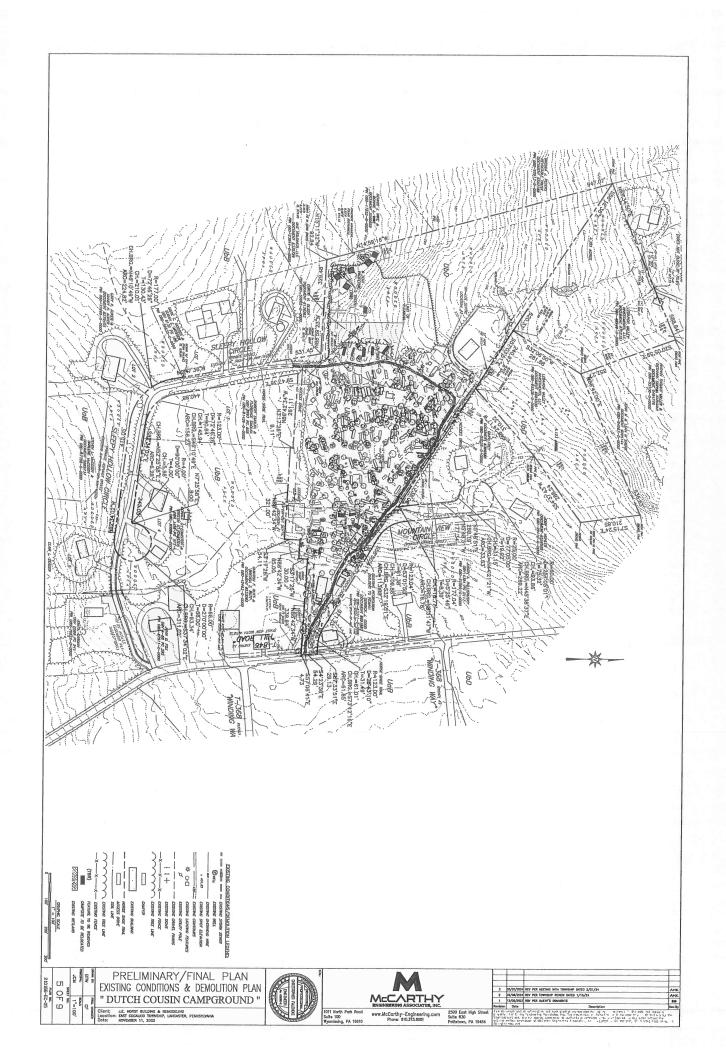


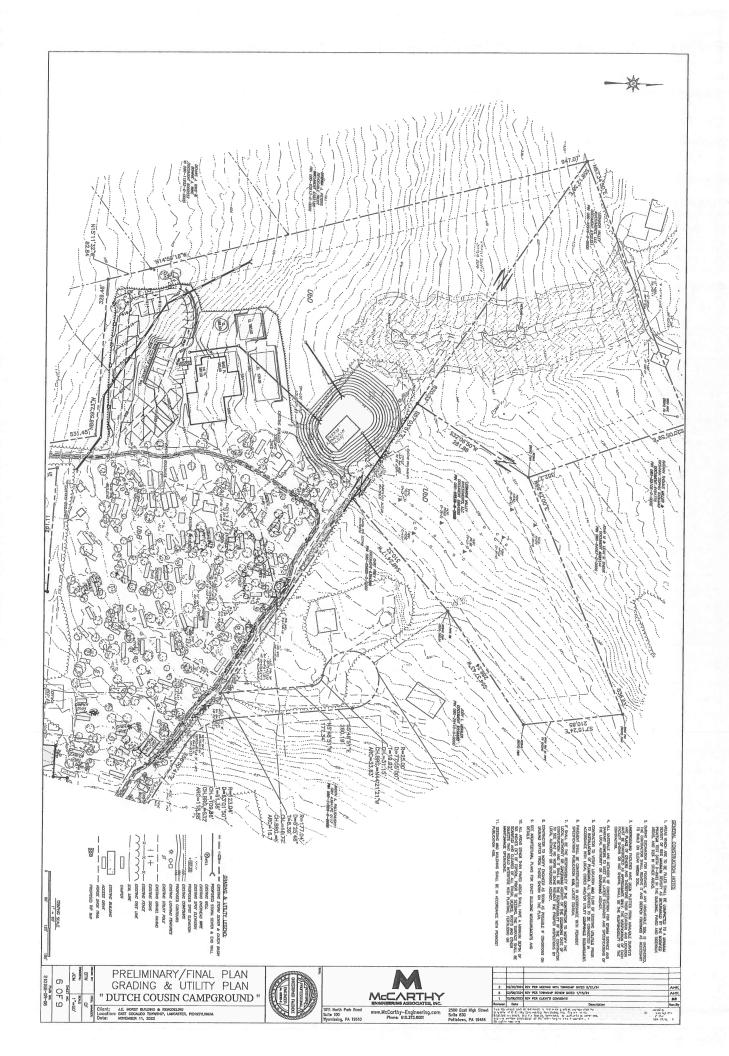


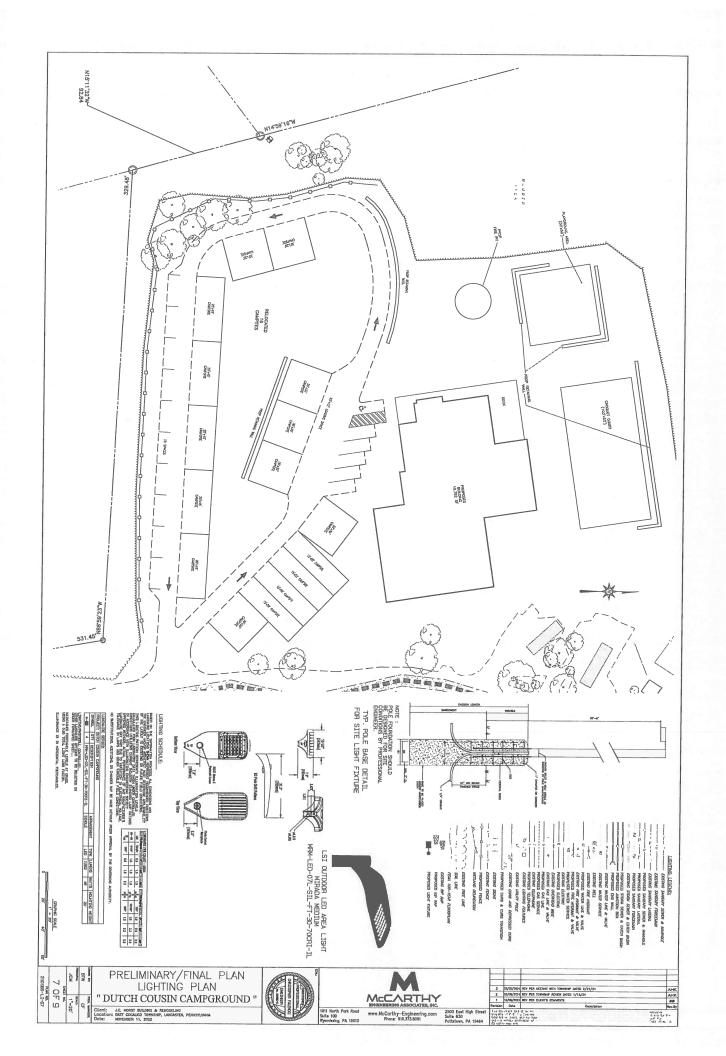


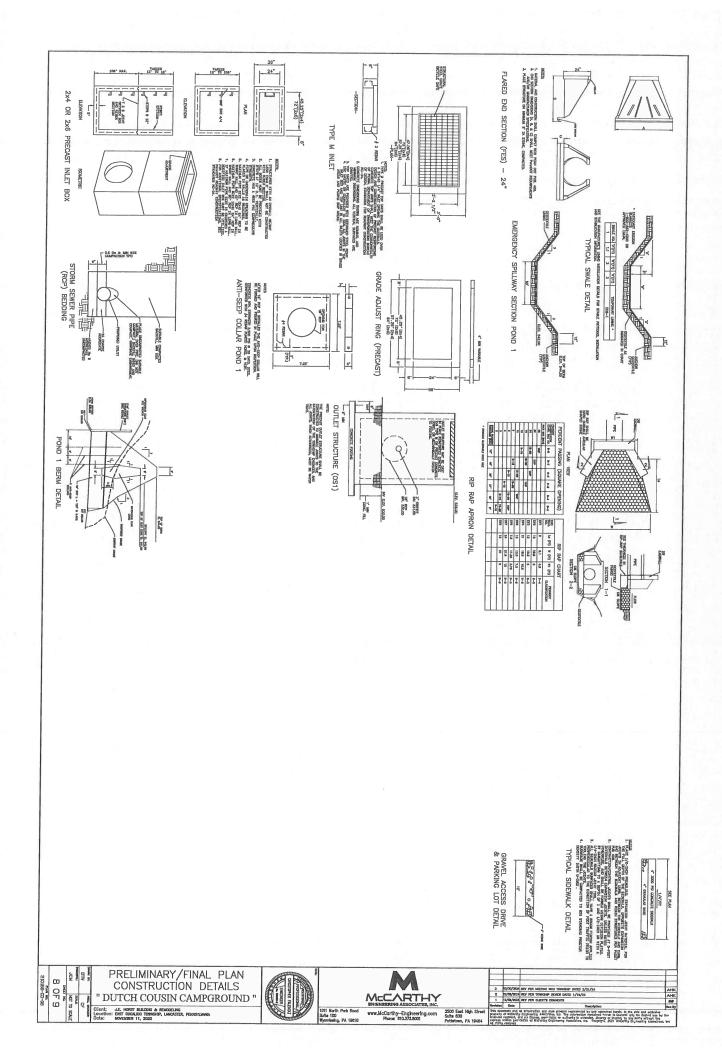


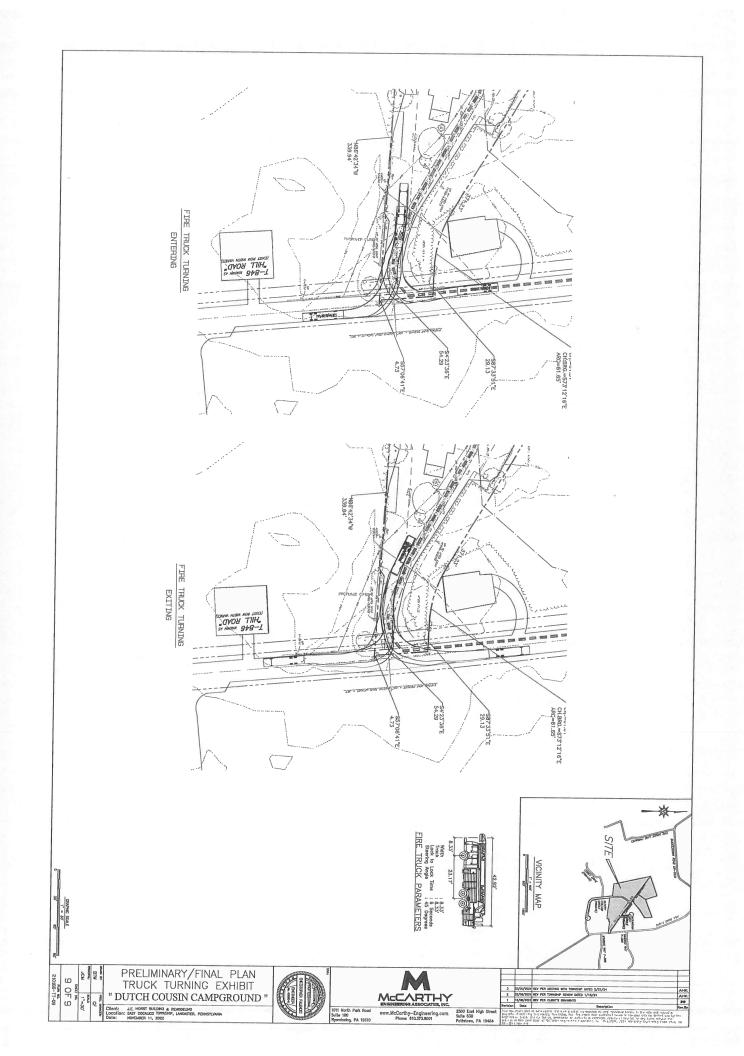












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