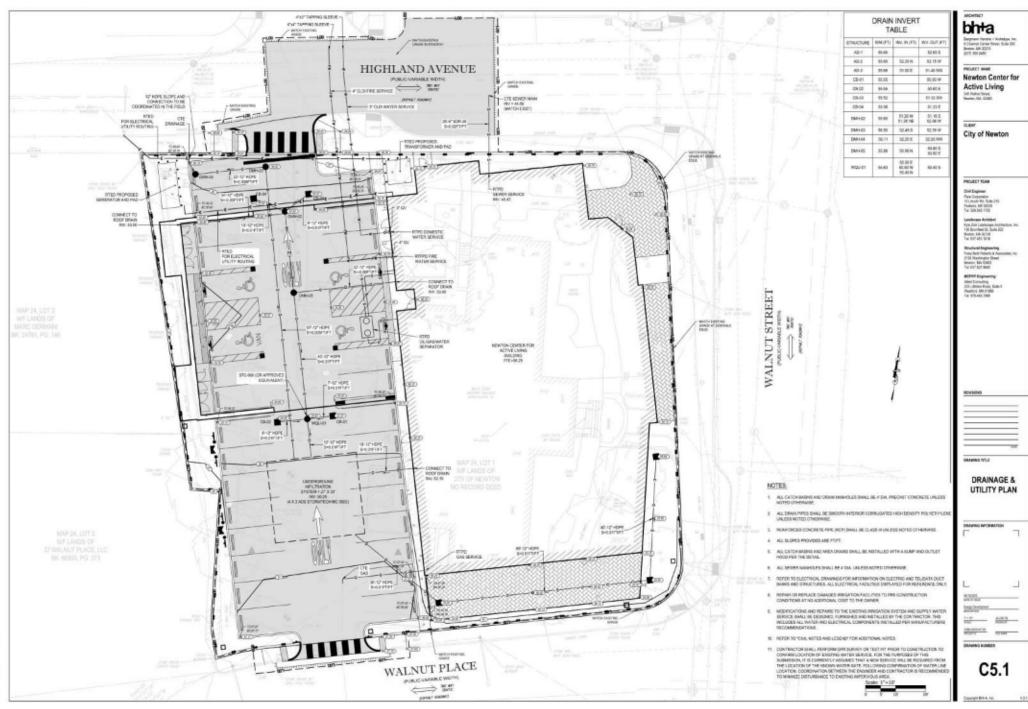
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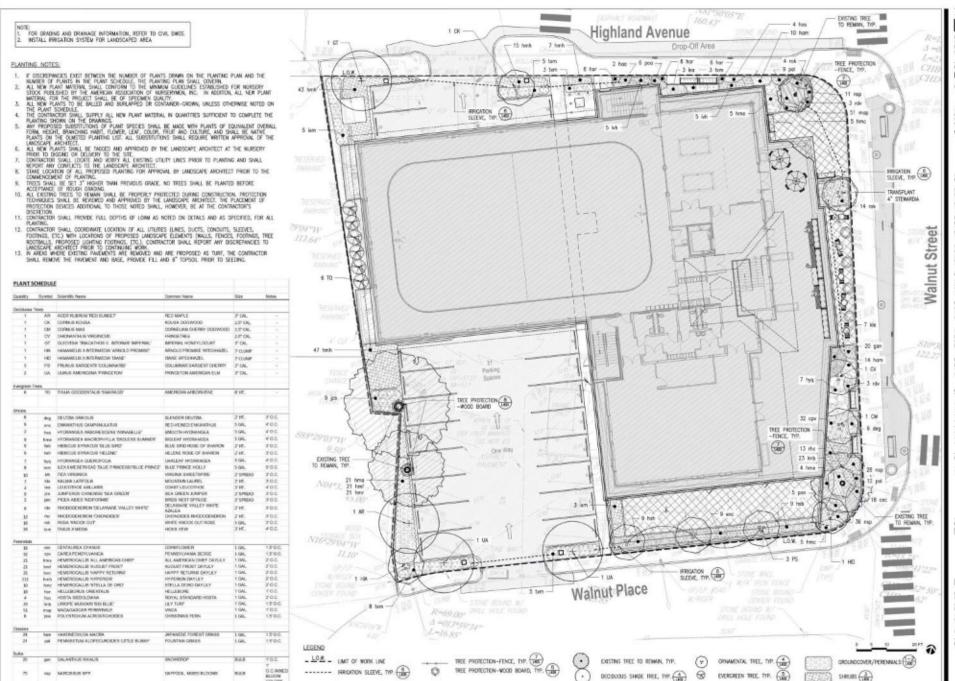
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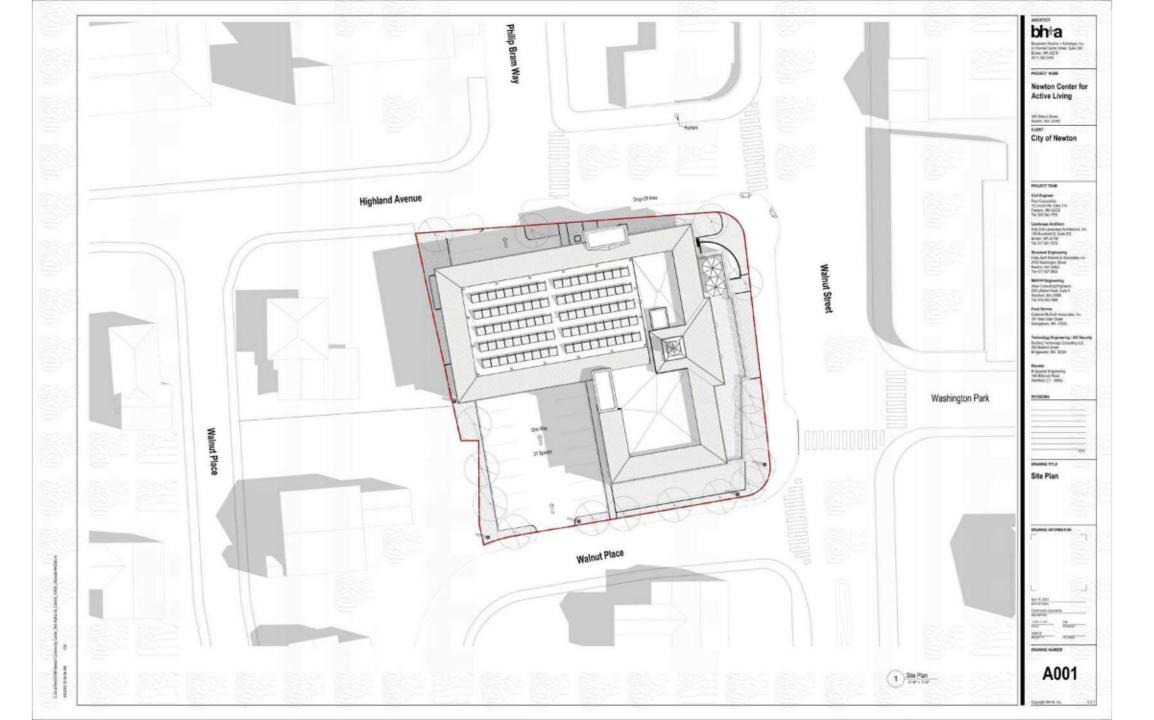
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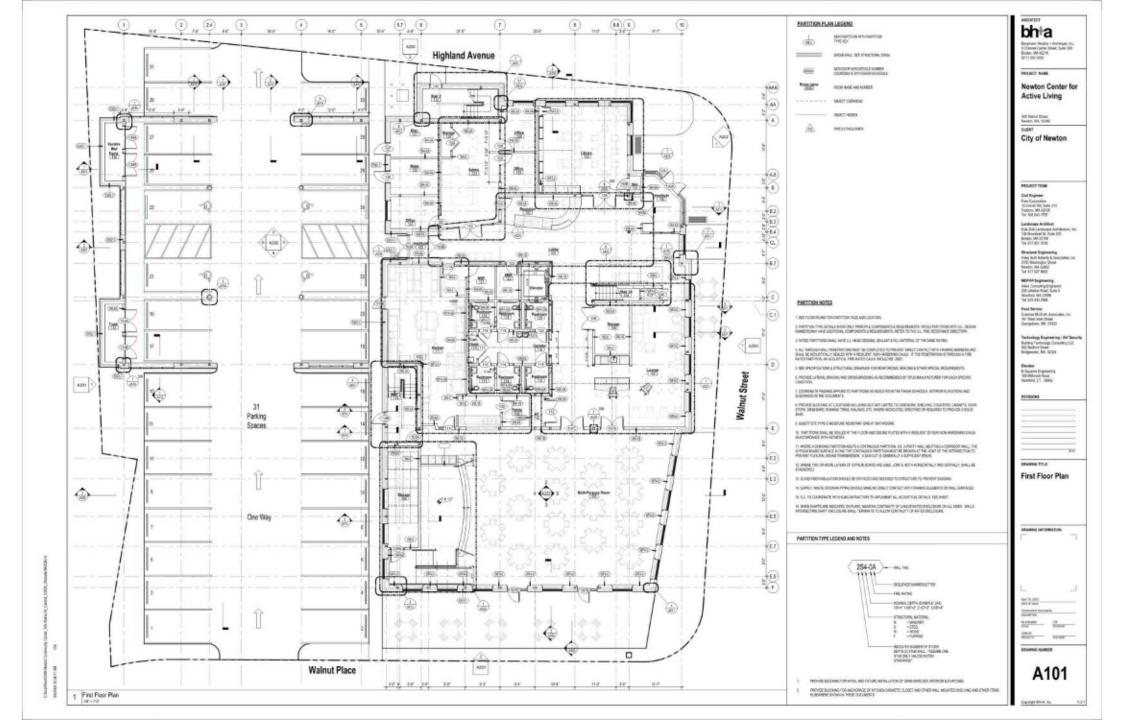
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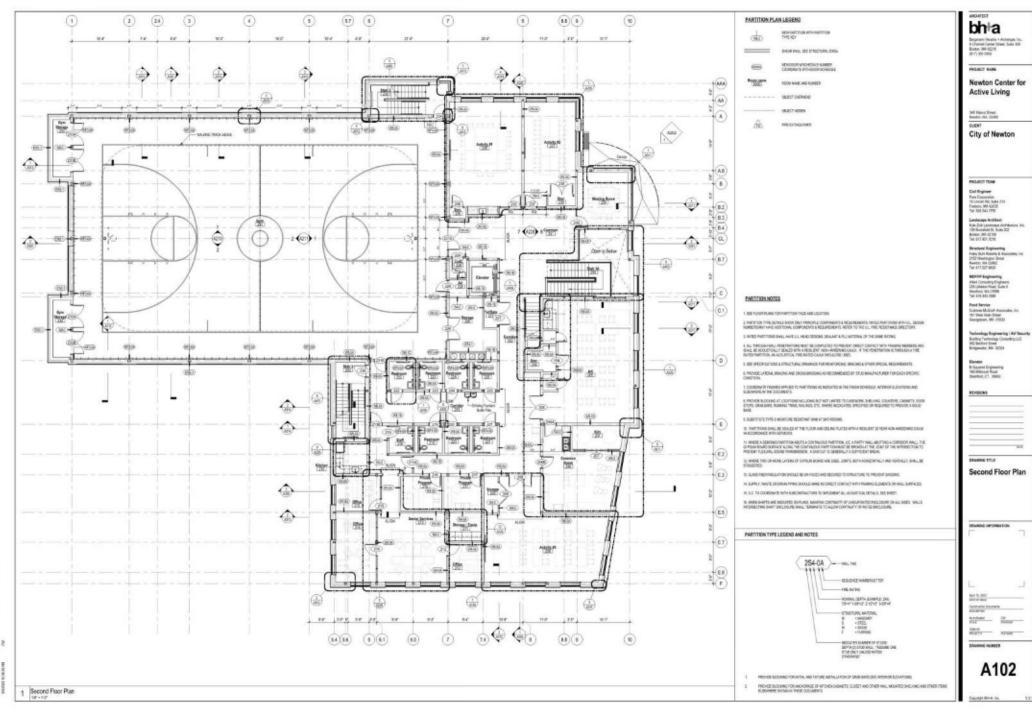
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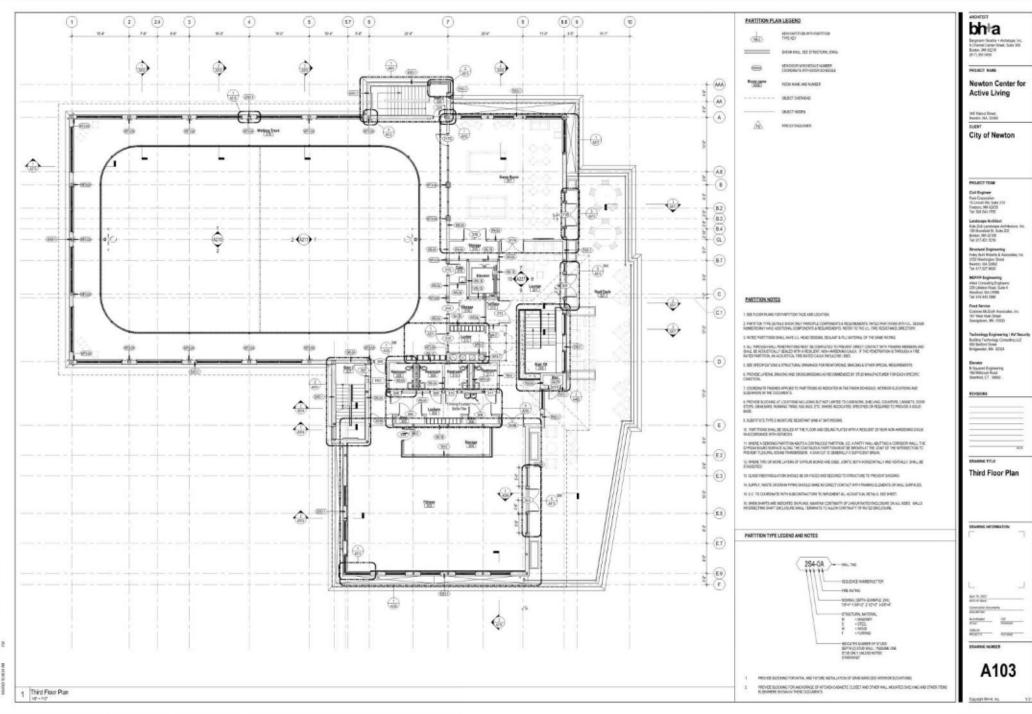
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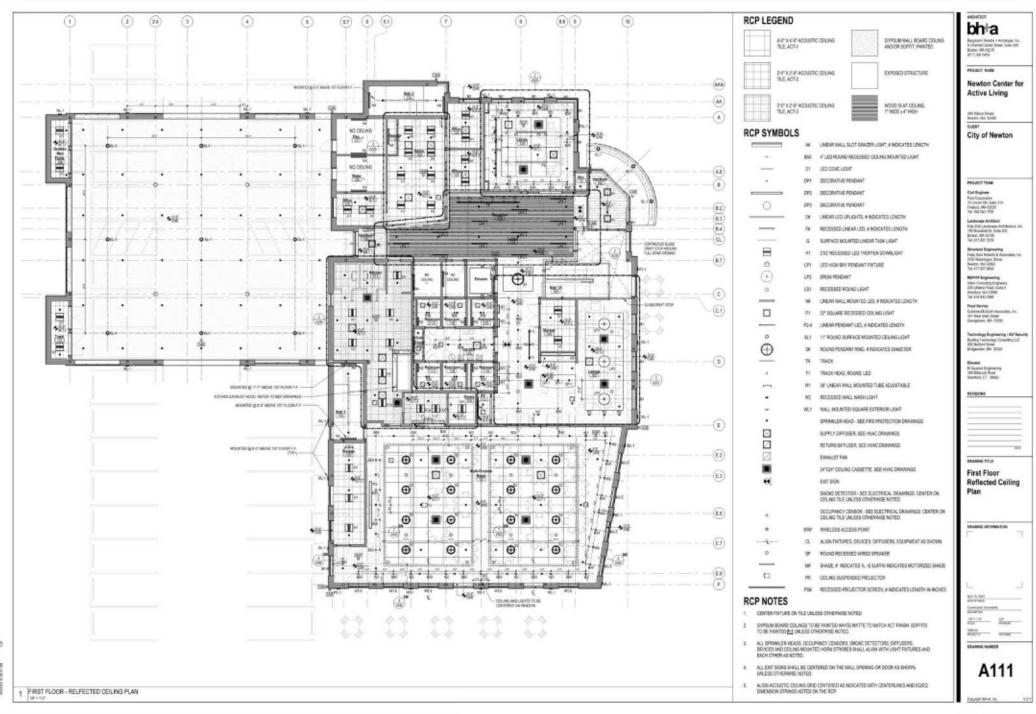




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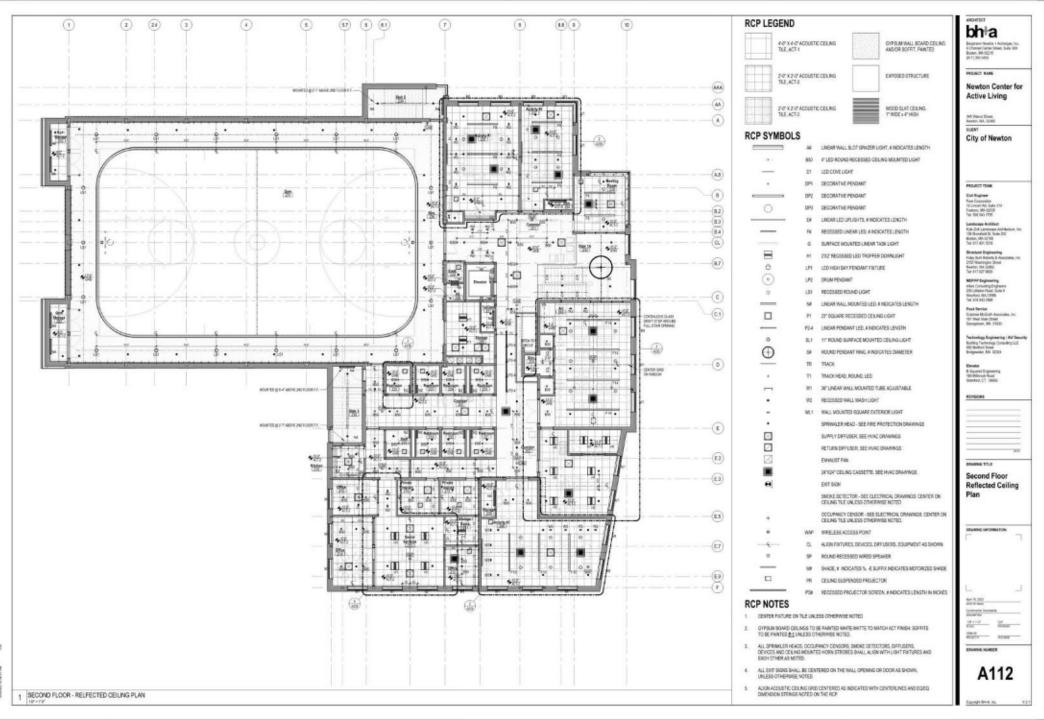


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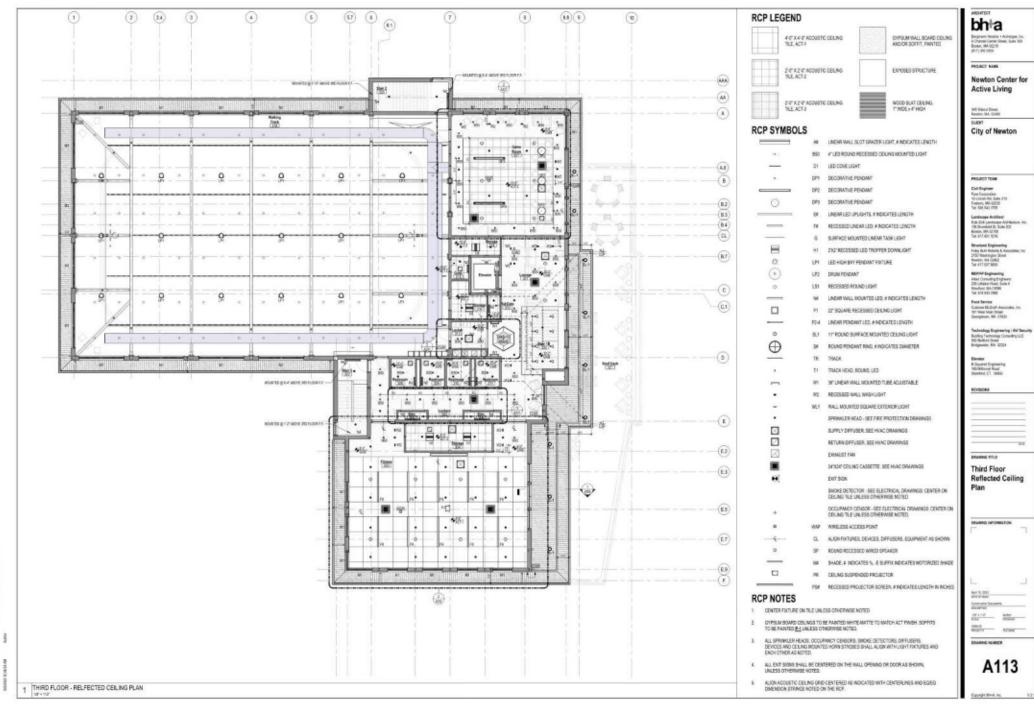


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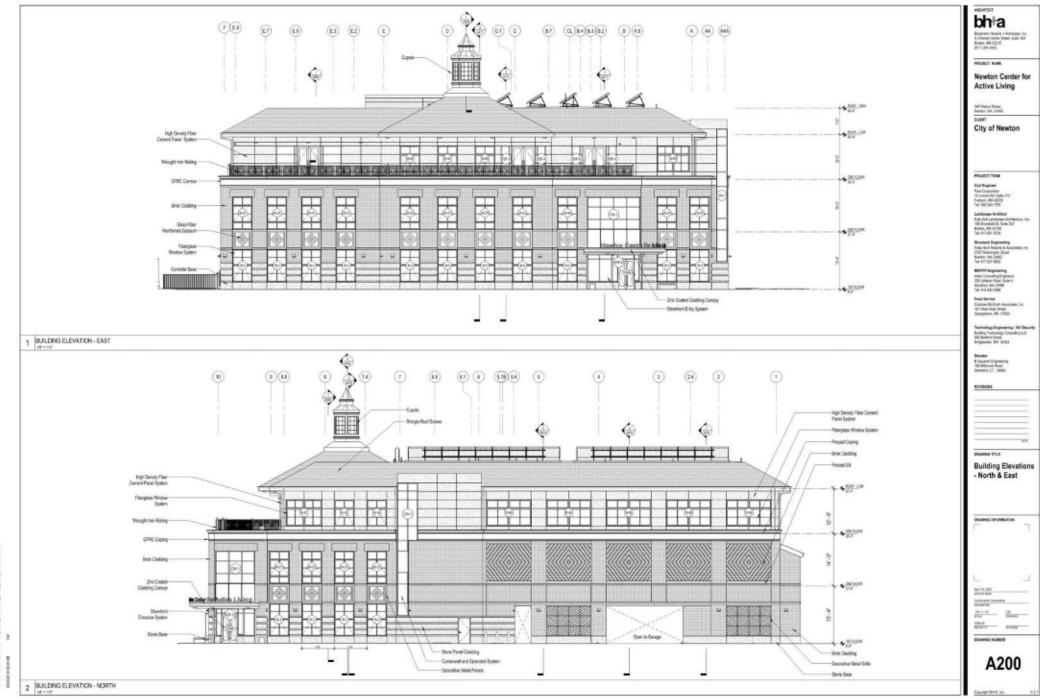
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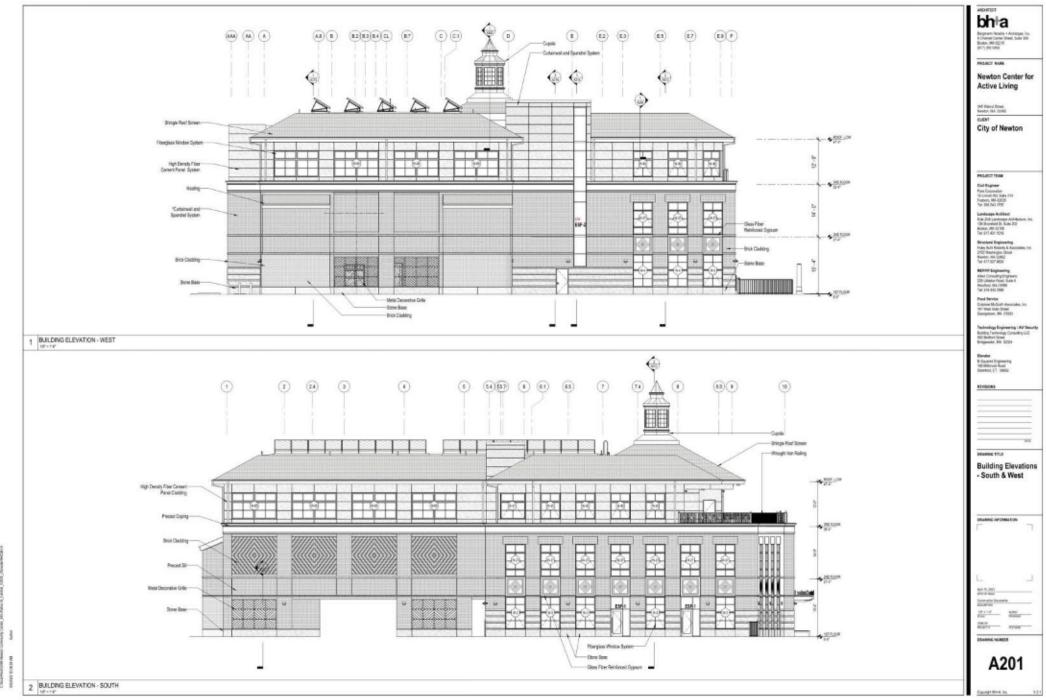


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# **DRC Responses**

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Carol S	04/26/23	01		Confirm NewCAL will have private landscape contractor providing maintenance.  Landscapes with perennials not a good fit for the City's PRC landscape contractors.	NewCAL will work with PR&C and Executive Office to see that the proposed landscaping can be properly maintained including additional support from private lanscape contractor as required.
Carol S	04/26/23	02		The Director of Urban Forestry is to be called to assess and sign off on tree protection once it's completed.	Tree protection specifications and sumbmittals will require on site review and sign off by Marc Welch.
Carol S	04/26/23	03		Fenced patio has no access for landscape maintenance. How to keep area clean and mulched?	A gate has been added
Carol S	04/26/23	04		Detail 2 Steel Pipe Fence on Granite Curb is not up against lawn and sidewalk as shown. Correct to show fence on curb with shrub and tree bed inside and sidewalk outside. Conflict between trees and table umbrellas?	Detail has been revised
Carol S	04/26/23	05		L200 key should also have fence symbols.	Legend has been updated
Carol S	04/26/23	06		Assuming pending landscape furnishings sections will be submitted for review.	Confirmed
Carol S	04/26/23	07		Good diversified plant list.	
Carol S	04/26/23	08		Most of the unfenced perennial beds will need curbing/edging. If not, sidewalk plow, de-icer, bike and foot traffic will harm unprotected plants.	Edging has been added
Carol S	04/26/23	09		Bike rack location?	Bike racks have been shown
Carol S	04/26/23	10		Tree transplant note — is that the new location? Where's former location? Root pruning being done now?	The location shown is both the current and future location. The timing to transplant may not work with the NewCAL construction schedule. The tree can't realistically remain in it current location during construction. Should the schedule not allow relocation, the tree would be replaced in kind.

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Peter B	05/04/23	11	Spec	Provide Commissioning specifications, including list of all construction components that will be commissioned. Ensure that specifications for each component reference the commissioning requirements.  Specifically I did not see references for commissioning in the air sealing section or the electrical section for emergency generator and transfer switch	ALLIED to provide in 100% CD document
Peter B	05/04/23	12	Spec	Missing spec for emergency generator and transfer switch	ALLIED to provide in 100% CD document
Peter B	05/04/23	13	A104 P104 P105	Coordinate roof slope and location of RDs underneath "ERV Gym", and under solar panel walkways	BH+A and ALLIED (Background coordination)
Peter B	05/04/23	14		Show elevation of sprinkler piping on gym sections / interior elevations.	BH+A NOTED
Peter B	05/04/23	15	H101 H102 H103	Ductwork sizes are mostly not shown.	ALLIED to provide in 100% CD document
Peter B	05/04/23	16	НР	HP drawings do not show sizes of condensate piping.	ALLIED to provide in 100% CD document
Peter B	05/04/23	17	H104	Complete designations of rooftop equipment - these need to match numbers on schedules.	ALLIED to provide in 100% CD document
Peter B	05/04/23	18	H200	Complete schedules for fans and electric heaters.	ALLIED to provide in 100% CD document
Peter B	05/04/23	19	H201	Schedule for ERV 100 and ERV 200 does not have heat pump heating coil performance data "data provided by VRF mfr". Min performance needed.	ALLIED to provide in 100% CD document
Peter B	05/04/23	20		ERV 200 heat wheel winter leaving temp is 51 db but entering temp for heat pump heating and also for resistance coil is 63 db.	ALLIED to provide in 100% CD document
Peter B	05/04/23	21		Assure that the final energy model reflects actual design for hot water heating, electric space heating, and electric coil use in energy recovery units.	Coordination with Green Engineer and Allied

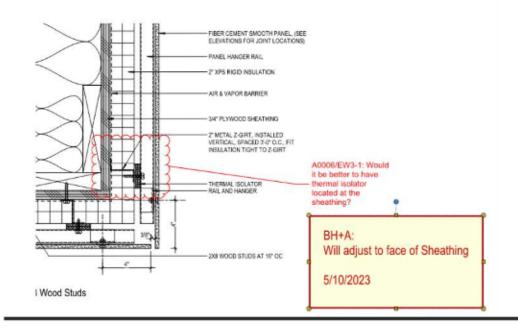
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Tom G	05/05/23	22	Spec	Comment #1: Section 033000 Cast-In-Place Concrete – Clause 2.2:  Add requirement to report embodied carbon of concrete mixes used via verified Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) conformant to NSF PCR for Concrete v2.2  https://d2evkimvhatqav.cloudfront.net/documents/PCR-Concrete-2022-deviation.pdf?v=1674581547	BH+A: NOTED
Tom G	05/05/23	23	Spec	Comment #2: Section 034500 Architectural Precast Concrete (part of 040001 FSB) – Clause 1.5 SUBMITTALS, Item H – Material Certificates  Add requirement to report embodied carbon of precast concrete used via verified Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) conformant to NSF PCR for Precast Concrete v3.0  https://d2evkimvhatqav.cloudfront.net/documents/astm_precast_concrete_v3.0. pdf?v=1631303354	BH+A: NOTED
Tom G	05/05/23	24	Spec	Comment #3: Section 034900 Glass Fiber Reinforced Concrete – Clause 1.5: SUMBITTALS, Item A.: Product Data: Add requirement to report embodied carbon of GFRC used via verified Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) conformant to NSF PCR for Concrete v2.2 https://dzevkimvhatqav.cloudfront.net/documents/PCR-Concrete-2022- deviation.pdf?v=1674581547	BH+A: NOTED
Tom G	05/05/23	25	Spec	Comment #4: Section 035412 Gypsum Cement Underlayment Clause 1.3: SUMBITTALS, Item A.: Product Data:  Add requirement to report embodied carbon of concrete mixes used via verified Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) conformant to NSF PCR for Concrete v2.2  https://d2evkimvhatqav.cloudfront.net/documents/PCR-Concrete-2022-deviation.pdf?v=1674581547	BH+A: NOTED
Tom G	05/05/23	26	Spec	Comment #5: Section 051200 Structural Steel Framing – Clause 1.5 SUBMITTALS Add requirement to report embodied carbon of structural steel materials used via verified Environmental Product Declarations conformant to UL Environment PCR Part B: Building-Related Products and Services: Steel Construction Product EPD Requirements UL 10010-34 v.2.0 https://www.ul.com/services/product-category-rules-pcrs	BH+A: NOTED

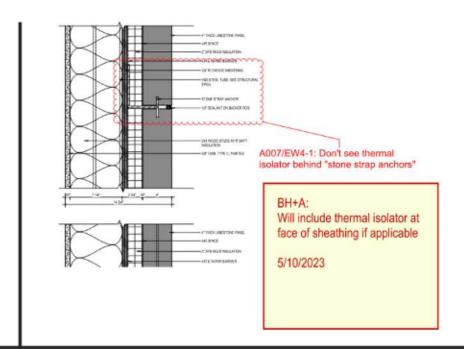
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Tom G	05/05/23	28	Spec	Comment #7 - Section 054000 Cold-Formed Steel Framing - Clause 1.5: SUMBITTALS, Item A.: Product Data: Add requirement to report embodied carbon of cold-formed steel framing materials used via verified Environmental Product Declarations conformant to UL Environment PCR Part B: Building-Related Products and Services: Steel Construction Product EPD Requirements UL 10010-34 v.2.0 https://www.ul.com/services/product-category-rules-pcrs	BH+A: NOTED
Tom G	05/05/23	29	Spec	Comment #8: Section 061400 Glue Laminated Wood Construction Add requirement to report embodied carbon of Glue Laminated Wood Construction materials used via verified Environmental Product Declarations conformant to UL Environment PCR, Part B: Structural and Architectural Wood Products EPD Requirements UL 10010-9 v.1.0 https://www.ul.com/services/product-category-rules-pcrs	BH+A: NOTED
Tom G	05/05/23	30	Spec	Comment #9: Section 061400 Sheathing - Clause 1.3: SUMBITTALS, Item A.: Product Data: Add OPTIONAL requirement to report embodied carbon of sheathing materials used via verified Environmental Product Declarations conformant to UL Environment PCR, Part B: Structural and Architectural Wood Products EPD Requirements UL 10010-9 v.1.0 https://www.ul.com/services/product-category-rules-pcrs	BH+A: NOTED
Tom G	05/05/23	31	Spec	Comment #10: Section 064020 Interior Architectural Woodwork - Clause 1.3: SUMBITTALS, Item A.: Product Data: Add OPTIONAL requirement to report embodied carbon of architectural woodwork materials used via verified Environmental Product Declarations conformant to UL Environment PCR, Part B: Structural and Architectural Wood Products EPD Requirements UL 10010-9 v.1.0 https://www.ul.com/services/product-category-rules-pcrs	BH+A: NOTED
Tom G	05/05/23	32	Spec	Comment #11: Section 064200 Paneling - Clause 1.4: SUMBITTALS, Item A.: Product Data: Add OPTIONAL requirement to report embodied carbon of architectural woodwork materials used via verified Environmental Product Declarations conformant to UL Environment PCR, Part B: Structural and Architectural Wood Products EPD Requirements UL 10010-9 v.1.0 https://www.ul.com/services/product-category-rules-pcrs	BH+A: NOTED

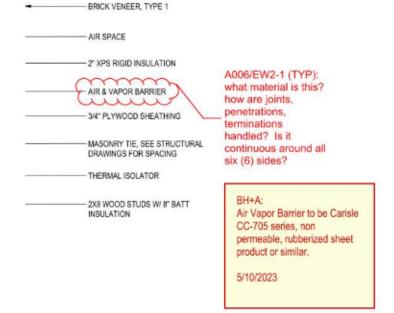
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Tom G	05/05/23	39	Spec	Comment #18: Section 081110 Hollow Metal Doors and Frames - Clause 1.3: SUMBITTALS, Item A.: Add OPTIONAL requirement to report embodied carbon of Hollow Metal Doors and Frames materials used via verified Environmental Product Declarations conformant to UL Environment PCR Guidance for Building Related Products and Services Part B: Commercial Steel Doors and Steel Frames EPD Requirements UL 10010-27 v.1; https://www.ul.com/services/product-category-rules-pcrs	BH+A: NOTED
Tom G	05/05/23	40	Spec	Comment #19: Section 081400 Wood Doors - Clause 1.3: SUMBITTALS, Item A.: Product Data: Add OPTIONAL requirement to report embodied carbon of wood doors used via verified Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) conformant to NSF PCR for Interior Architectural Wood Door Leaves https://d2evkimvhatqav.cloudfront.net/documents/PCR-Int-Arch-Wood-Doors-2022-DRAFT.pdf?v=1674581549	BH+A: NOTED
Tom G	05/05/23	41	Spec	Comment #20: Section 081110 Door Hardware - SUMBITTALS, Item I: Product Data: Add OPTIONAL requirement to report embodied carbon of Door Hardware materials used via verified Environmental Product Declarations conformant to UL Environment PCR Guidance for Building-Related Products and Services Part B: Builders Hardware EPD Requirements. 10010-13 Version 1. UL Environment. November 2019. https://www.ul.com/services/product-category-rules-pcrs	BH+A: NOTED
Tom G	05/05/23	42		Comment #21: Section 075400 Thermoplastic Membrane Roofing: - Clause 1.4: SUMBITTALS, Item A.: Product Data: Add OPTIONAL requirement to report embodied carbon of Gypsum Board Assemblies used via verified Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) conformant to NSF PCR for Gypsum Panel Products https://d2evkimvhatqav.cloudfront.net/documents/pcr_gypsum_panel_products_2019_1.1.pdf?v=1594929936	

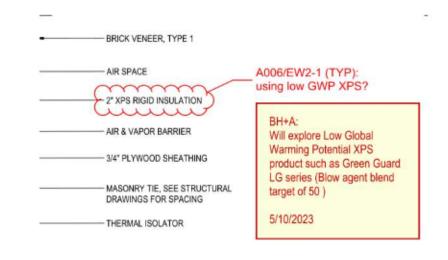
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Tom G	05/05/23	44	Spec	Comment #23: Section 096460 Wood Athletic Flooring - Clause 1.4: SUMBITTALS, Item A.: Product Data:  Add OPTIONAL requirement to report embodied carbon of wood athletic flooring materials used via verified Environmental Product Declarations conformant to UL Environment PCR Guidance for Building-Related Products and Services Part B: Flooring EPD Requirements UL E 10010-7 v.2.0, https://www.ul.com/services/product-category-rules-pcrs	BH+A: NOTED
Tom G	05/05/23	45	Spec	Comment #24: Section 096510 Resilient Flooring and Accessories - Clause 1.4: SUMBITTALS, Item A.: Product Data: Add OPTIONAL requirement to report embodied carbon of Resilient Flooring and Accessories materials used via verified Environmental Product Declarations conformant to UL Environment PCR Guidance for Building-Related Products and Services Part B: Flooring EPD Requirements UL E 10010-7 v.2.0, https://www.ul.com/services/product-category-rules-pcrs	BH+A: NOTED
Tom G	05/05/23	46	Spec	Comment #25: Section 096560 Resilient Athletic Flooring - Clause 1.4: SUMBITTALS, Item A.: Product Data: Add OPTIONAL requirement to report embodied carbon of Resilient Athletic Flooring materials used via verified Environmental Product Declarations conformant to UL Environment PCR Guidance for Building-Related Products and Services Part B: Flooring EPD Requirements UL E 10010-7 v.2.0, https://www.ul.com/services/product-category-rules-pcrs	BH+A: NOTED
Tom G	05/05/23	47	Spec	Comment #26: Section 096800 Carpeting - Clause 1.4: SUMBITTALS, Item A.: Product Data: Add OPTIONAL requirement to report embodied carbon of carpeting materials used via verified Environmental Product Declarations conformant to UL Environment PCR Guidance for Building-Related Products and Services Part B: Flooring EPD Requirements UL E 10010-7 v.2.0, https://www.ul.com/services/product-category-rules-pcrs	BH+A: NOTED

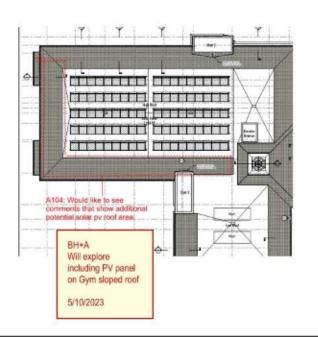
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Ellen L	05/05/23	48		Library lighting?	BH+A Library Lighting is provded with downlights, wall washers, linear fixtures and are LED, 3500K temperature lamping, 10 % dimming capability and controlled through a lighting control system
Ellen L	05/05/23	49		Will there be a spec section for Alternates?	BH+A: Currently no Alternate planned
Ellen L	05/05/23	50		Windows: Aluminum Clad Wood (Eagle, Kolbe & Kolbe, Marvin) v. uPVC windows – as alternate to fiberglass windows & doors (Intus) Fiberglass (Fibertec, Inline Fiberglass, Pella Marvin as Basis of Design? Which window?)	BH+A: Window basis of design is Marvin Modern line series with 0.29 U assebly;
Ellen L	05/05/23	51		Locations of above noted window materials?	BH+A: Window Material is based on Fiberglass
Ellen L	05/05/23	52		Clarify fiberglass & aluminum clad window system at gymnasium- either/or?	BH+A : Gym Window is Fiberglass; Project window system is Fiberglass; Storefront are Aluminum
Ellen L	05/05/23	53		Critical submittals (Summary of Work): switchgear & generator? (notes only RTU)	ALLIED to provide in 100% CD document
Ellen L	05/05/23	54		Finish on wood fascia & trim? Paint per 500 series drawings? Type of wood for maintenance and durability?	BH+A: Generally wood species are maple; Finishes are clear stained at exposed locations and paintable pine at non exposed locations
Ellen L	05/05/23	55		Gutter and downspout material?	BH+A: Gutter and Downspout are Aluminum
Ellen L	05/05/23	56		Nice RCPs and ceiling details	

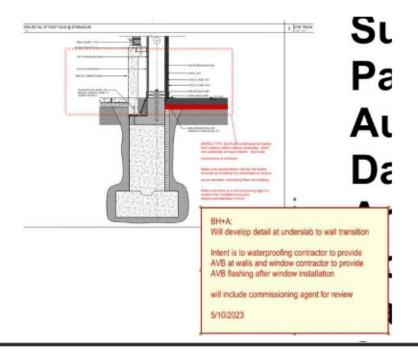


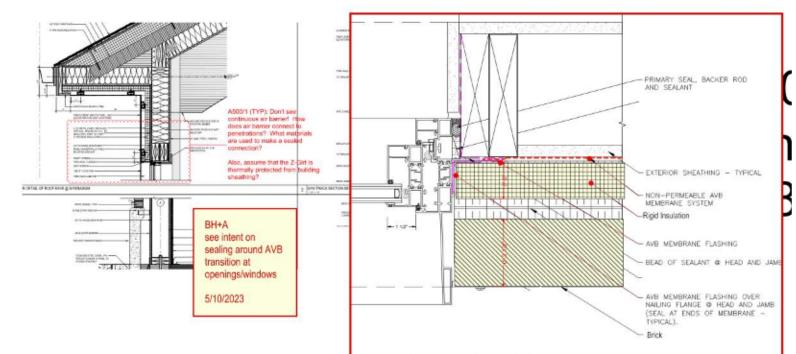


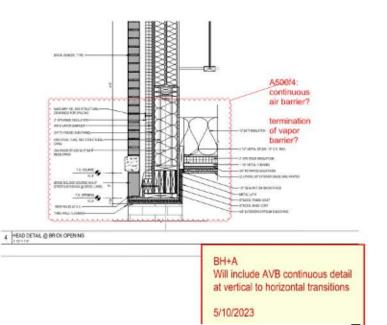












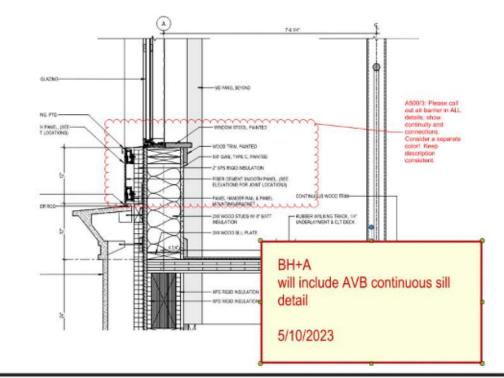
While I appreciate the concept of the cupola to bring in natural light and possibly be linked to the HVAC system, I am very concerned about its thermal and air infiltration impact....(never mind cost!). The thermal and air barrier layers need to be carefully thought out and detailed. Continuity must be maintained and integrated with the main building. And the dew point within the wall/roof assemblies must be analyzed.

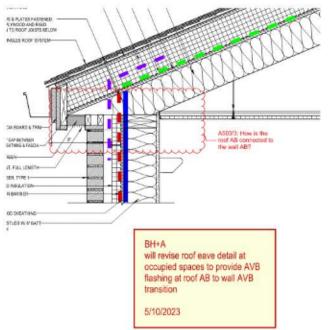
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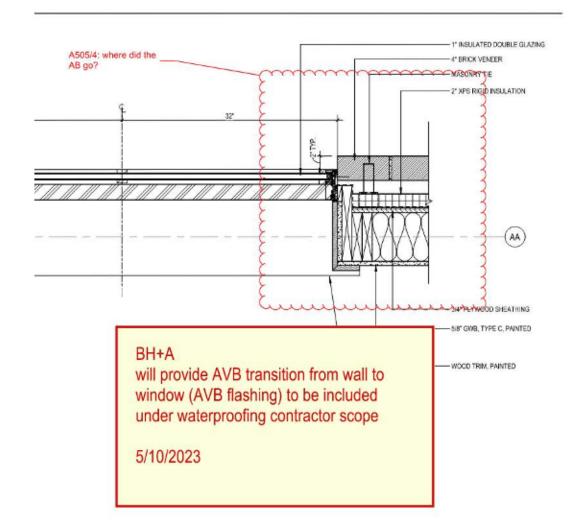
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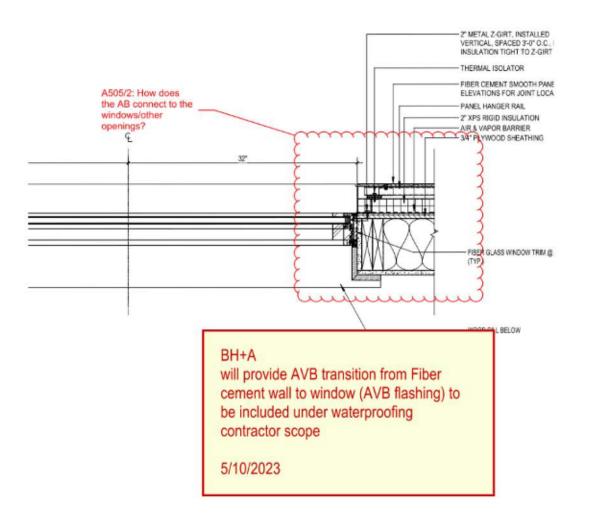
Design team to provide final AVB detail at cupola for review.

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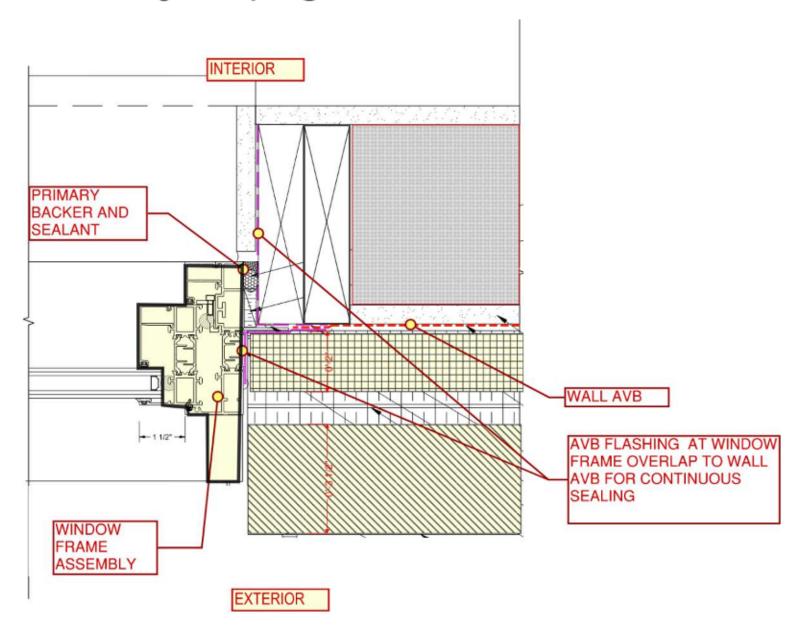




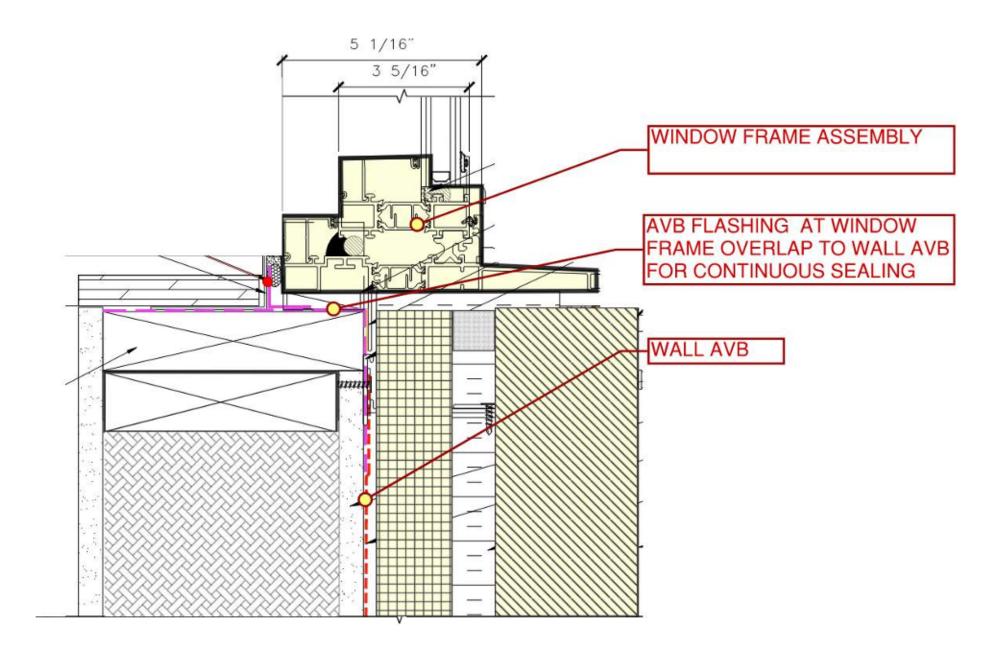




### **AVB Wall to Window Sealing Example @ Jamb**



### AVB Wall to Window Sealing Example @ Sill



**Dew Point Moisture Analysis** 

### Dew Point "WUFI" Analysis Result



April 24, Revised April 28, 2023

Dan Chen, Principal BARGMANN HENDRIE + ARCHETYPE, INC. 9 Channel Center Street, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02210

Report on WUFI Analysis
Newton Senior Center for Active Living (NewCAL)
345 Walnut Street, Newtonville, MA
File No. 32742

#### Dear Dan:

Thank you for retaining Building Enclosure Associates, LLC (BEA) for services on the above referenced project.

We understood that the proposed development will be a three story, 32,000 sf Senior Center building located in Newtonville, MA. The building will be all wood frame construction and clad with masonry, fiber cement panels and cast stone panels.

BHA was interested in a WUFI Analysis to confirm that the proposed assemblies as designed will function without undesirable accumulations of moisture in the wall assemblies.

The Wall sections modeled were the 3 wall types described on Exterior Wall Types sheet A006 in the 4/15/23 drawing set.

The following 3 options were analyzed relative to the presence/absence of an interior vapor barrier and type:

- 1. No interior vapor barrier and 2 coats of interior latex paint (Perm Rating of 10)
- 2. Polyethylene Vapor Barrier
- 3. Smart Vapor Barrier

The following is a summary of results:

#### ASSUMPTIONS:

Exterior climate: Boston, MA

Interior climate: 70 degrees and 35% relative humidity (RH) in winter transitioning to 75

degrees and 55% RH in summer. Airtightness: 0.15 ACH at 50 Pascals

Air/Water barrier: Henry Blueskin SA, .03 perms - Assumed

Vapor Retarder - As noted Above

BUILDING ENCLOSURE ASSOCIATES, LLC + Charlestown Navy Yard, 31 Fifth Street, Boston, MA 02129 + Tel: 617-520-9555 + Fax: 617-520-9554

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Critical wall orientation for greatest moisture damage risk: northeast Critical location and material for moisture damage: plywood sheathing

The air space behind the exterior cladding was assumed to be unvented for all three wall types:

#### RESULTS

The following is a summary of results of the WUFI Analysis for the 3 options reviewed.

The results were about the same for all three wall types with differences in the amount of time required to dry the plywood and reach equilibrium depending upon the type of vapor barrier used.

#### 1. NO VAPOR BARRIER

In the WUFI simulations, the plywood sheathing for all three wall types had low moisture damage and low mold risk. The maximum annual moisture content of the sheathing was about 14%, well below the damage threshold value of 18%.

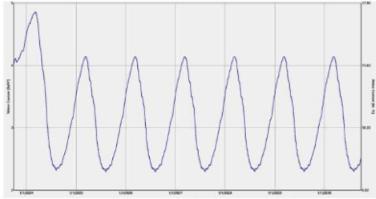
The peak annual relative humidity at the inside face of the plywood was about 83%. The Viitanen mold index at this location for all three wall types was less than 0.3 which is well below the damage threshold value of 3.0.

The WUFI simulations indicate that the wall assemblies have low risk of moisture damage as designed.

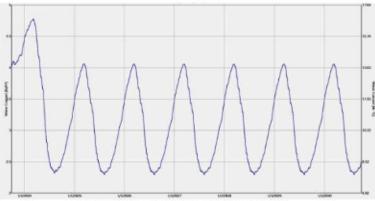
The graphs below show the plywood moisture content over a seven (7) year simulation period. The initial spike in moisture content in year 1 is from the assumed construction moisture which dries out quickly by the following year.

### **Dew Point "WUFI" Analysis Result**

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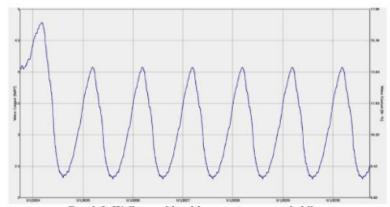


Graph 1: Wall assembly with fiber cement cladding:



Graph 2: Wall assembly with brick cladding:

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Graph 3: Wall assembly with precast concrete cladding:

#### 2. POLY VAPOR BARRIER

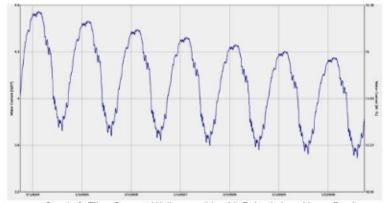
The wall assembly uses an impermeable air/water barrier and therefore adding the polyethylene vapor barrier creates a space in the wall assembly between two impermeable membranes.

In general, if moisture enters this type of space, drying happens very slowly and the elevated moisture content of the materials in this space can lead to mold and deterioration of moisture sensitive materials. In this assembly, the plywood is trapped in this space.

The graph below (for the wall with fiber cement cladding) shows that drying of construction moisture in the plywood occurs very slowly.

### Dew Point "WUFI" Analysis Result

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Graph 4: Fiber Cement Wall assembly with Polyethylene Vapor Barrier

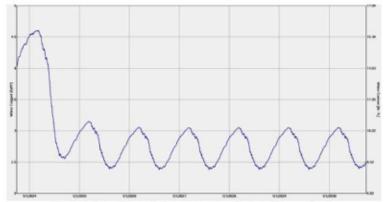
We are assuming a blower door tested assembly with low air infiltration from the interior and therefore the moisture content of the plywood remains below the damage threshold of 18% and mold risk is also low.

However, if there were unexpected air or water leakage, that moisture would be trapped and could lead to undesirable moisture related issues. Compare this to the assembly originally simulated without an explicit vapor retarder – Graph 1.

The construction moisture in the plywood dries in one year without the polyethylene, whereas with the polyethylene vapor barrier, the plywood does not reached equilibrium and is still drying after 7 years.

If a sheet vapor barrier is desired, a smart vapor retarder should be considered which would create a more resilient assembly than one with a polyethylene vapor barrier. The results for the same wall with a smart vapor retarder are presented below:

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Graph 5: Fiber Cement Wall assembly with Smart Vapor Barrier

This wall assembly dries quickly similar to the wall without a sheet vapor retarder. It equilibriates at a lower moisture content than the wall with no vapor barrier because the smart vapor retarder effectively prevents water vapor diffusion from indoor air into the wall during winter compared to the original wall assembly which relies on latex paint alone for diffusion control.

At this juncture it is noted that this report is based upon a limited analysis/simulation of the proposed wall assemblies on the date of this study. Although care has been taken in the performance of the study, no representation regarding latent or concealed defects which may exist and no warranty or guarantee is expressed or implied. The report is made only in the best exercise of our ability and judgment and not intended to be contracting document.

We trust that this report meets your requirements. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if there are any questions.

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