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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Declarations of Personal Interest**

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4. Closed Meeting Pursuant To The Code Of Virginia In Accordance With The Following Provision:

- Paragraph A.3 of Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711, to discuss or consider the acquisition of real property at 401 Temple Avenue (the site of the former Courthouse) for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

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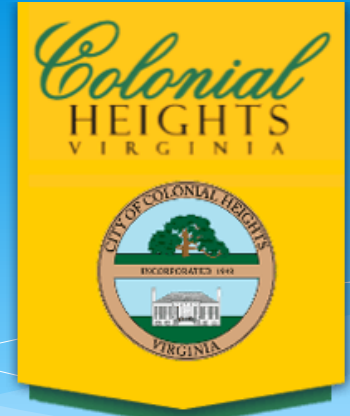
5. Vote To Come Back Into Open Meeting.

The Council has been in a closed meeting pursuant to the Code of Virginia in accordance with the following provision:

- Paragraph A.3 of Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711, to discuss or consider the acquisition of real property at 401 Temple Avenue the site of the former Courthouse for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

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5. Consideration of the following certification:

Each member will now certify that to the best of the member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements of the act and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the public body. Any member who believes there was a departure from the requirements of clauses (i) and (ii), shall so state prior to the vote, indicating the substance of the departure that, in his judgment, has taken place.

Roll Call. An affirmative vote shall constitute certification of compliance.

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6. **Special Meeting For The Purpose Of Holding A Work Session For The Following Purpose:**

A. AN ORDINANCE NO 17-24

(Second Reading) To grant a special use permit to Precision Cell to allow for a 160-foot flush-mount monopole communications tower, a 6-foot lightning rod at the top of the tower, and a 2,213 square foot compound at the base of the tower for the placement of radio communications equipment; to be located on City property adjacent to the tennis courts on Lake Avenue at Springdale Avenue (Parcel ID No. 08000100010).



Precision Cell

Colonial Heights Tower Proposal

June 13, 2017

Special Use Permit

- Robert McAvoy, on behalf of Precision Cell, respectfully requests a Special Use Permit to construct a 160' flush mount monopole communications tower, in accordance with a City approved site plan, on the property located at 501 Lake Avenue, Colonial Heights, Virginia, based upon the following circumstances:
 - The proposed tower does not conform to the regulations and restrictions prescribed for the zoning district (Residential Low) in which it is located.
 - The proposed tower will not:
 - Be detrimental to the safety, health, morals and general welfare of the community involved.
 - Create congestion in streets, roads, alleys and other public ways and places in the area involved.
 - Create hazards from fire, panic or other dangers.
 - Tend to overcrowding of land and cause an undue concentration of population.
 - Adversely affect or interfere with public or private schools, parks, playgrounds, water supplies, sewage disposal, transportation or other public requirements, conveniences and improvements.
 - Interfere with adequate light and air.

Site Purpose


- Meets coverage and capacity needs identified by Verizon Wireless in the northwest section of Colonial Heights
 - Improves coverage by filling gaps in coverage that are causing dropped calls or dead zones.
 - Five closest towers average 1.71 miles from location of proposed site (see slide A1 in appendix).
 - Before and after coverage maps (see slides A2 and A3 in appendix).
 - Increases capacity in an existing service area in order to meet growing customer demand for phone and data services.
 - See Verizon “Letter of Interest” – slide A9 in appendix.

Site Design

- 160' Flush Mount Monopole
 - Designed to support 4 wireless carriers, thus promoting co-location.
 - AT&T, Sprint, and T-Mobile have been notified of the proposed site.
 - Given proximity to surrounding towers, it is my belief that in time this tower will attract additional wireless carriers.
 - Situated in an area with substantial natural screening.
 - 30' – 75' trees immediately adjacent to the north and west of the proposed tower. Public Works facility to the south, and Swift Creek Reservoir to the west (see slides A4 – A8 in appendix).
 - Proposed 7' privacy fence to screen ground based radio equipment.

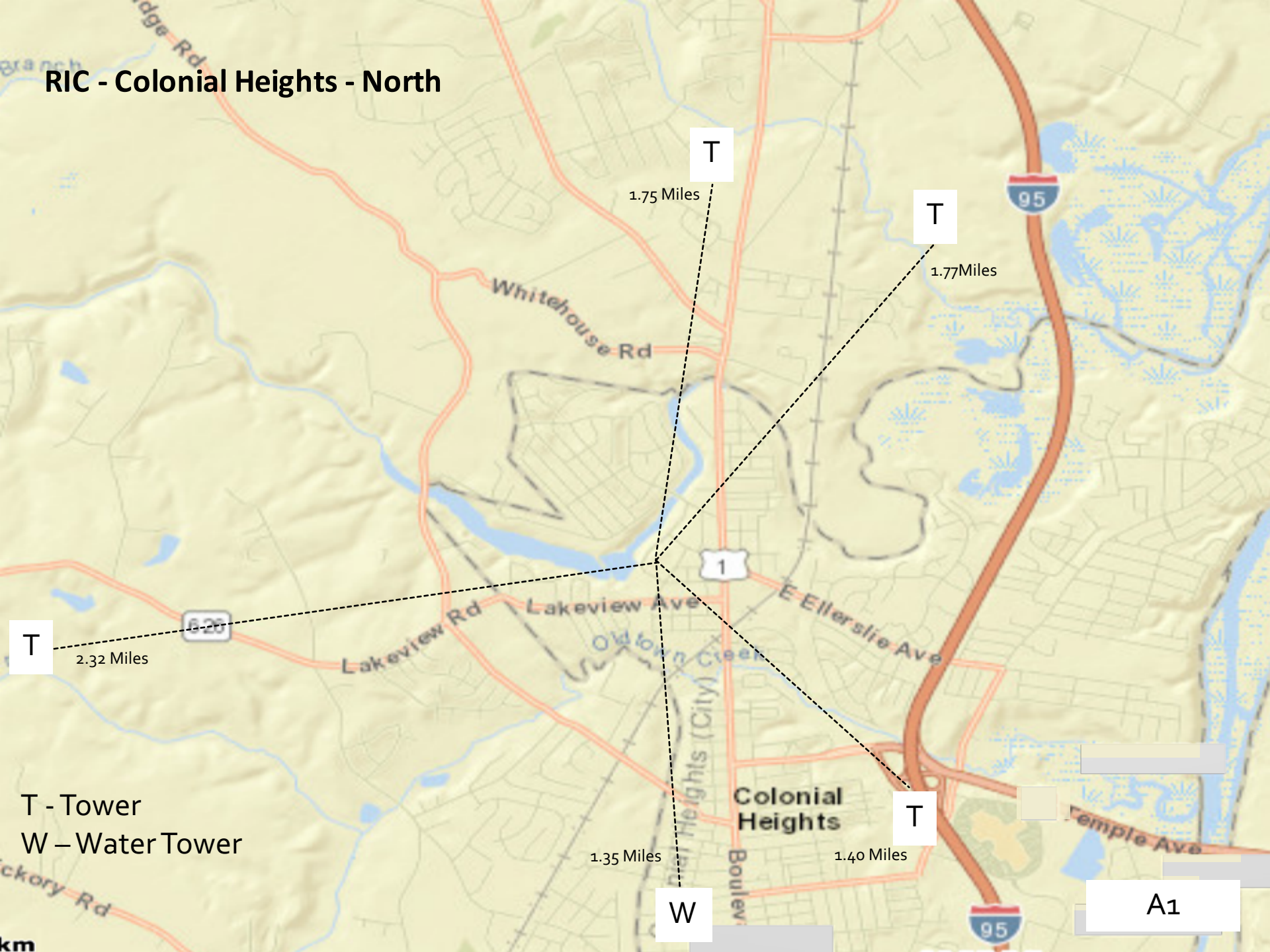
Community Benefit

- Coverage and Capacity
 - Significant improvements within the vicinity of the tower, but specific to companies that locate on the tower.
 - According to Cisco, mobile data demand will increase 7x over the next five years. Having infrastructure (i.e., the proposed tower) in place to support this demand is critical.
- Site Location
 - The proposed site will be located on City owned property.
 - The City of Colonial Heights will receive a percentage of the revenue generated from leasing tower space to cell phone companies (e.g., Verizon).



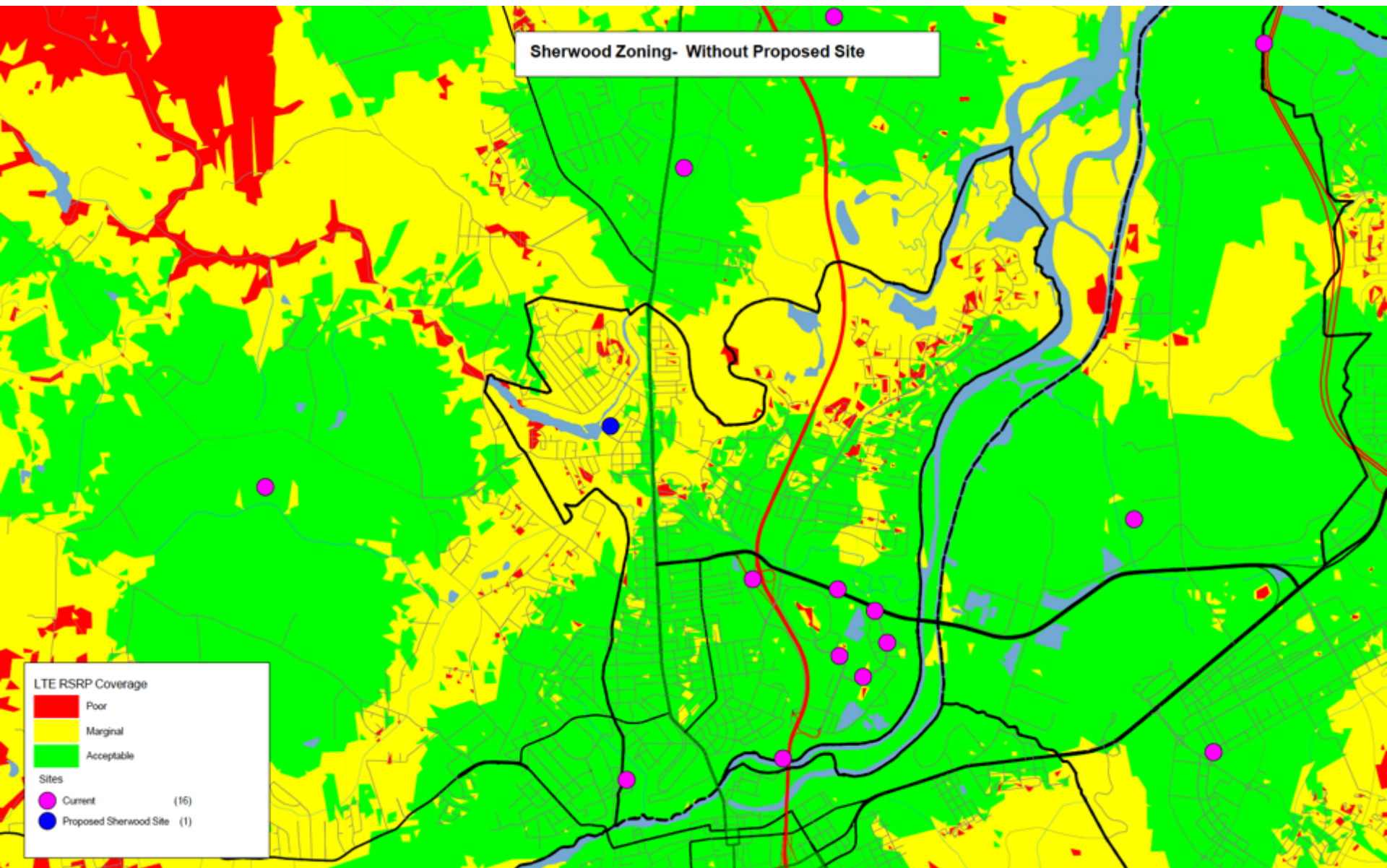
Appendix

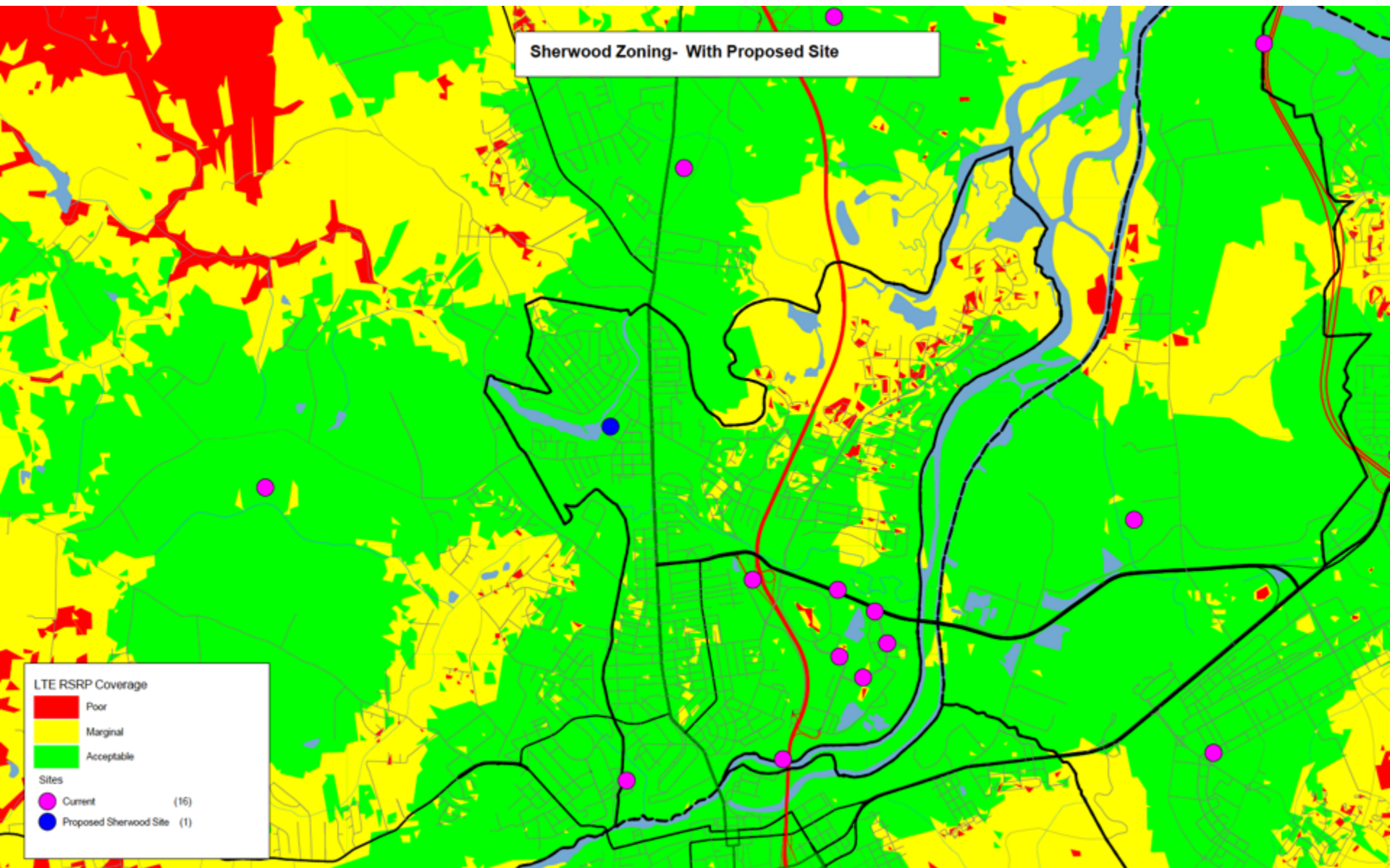
RIC - Colonial Heights - North



T - Tower
W – Water Tower

A1





Colonial Heights - Photo #2
(From Springdale & W. Ellerslie Ave.
near edge of Swift Creek Battlefield
- Looking Southwest toward tower)

PROPOSED
160' MONOPOLE

A4

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**Colonial Heights - Photo #3
(From Intersection of Boulevard & E. Ellerslie Ave.
- Looking West toward tower)**

**PROPOSED
160' MONOPOLE
(OBSCURED BY TREES)**



A5

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**Colonial Heights - Photo #4
(From E. Ellerslie Ave. -450 feet east of intersection
with Dale Ave. on bridge over railroad
- Looking West toward tower)**

**PROPOSED
160' MONOPOLE
(VISIBLE)**



A6

**PROPOSED
160' MONOPOLE**

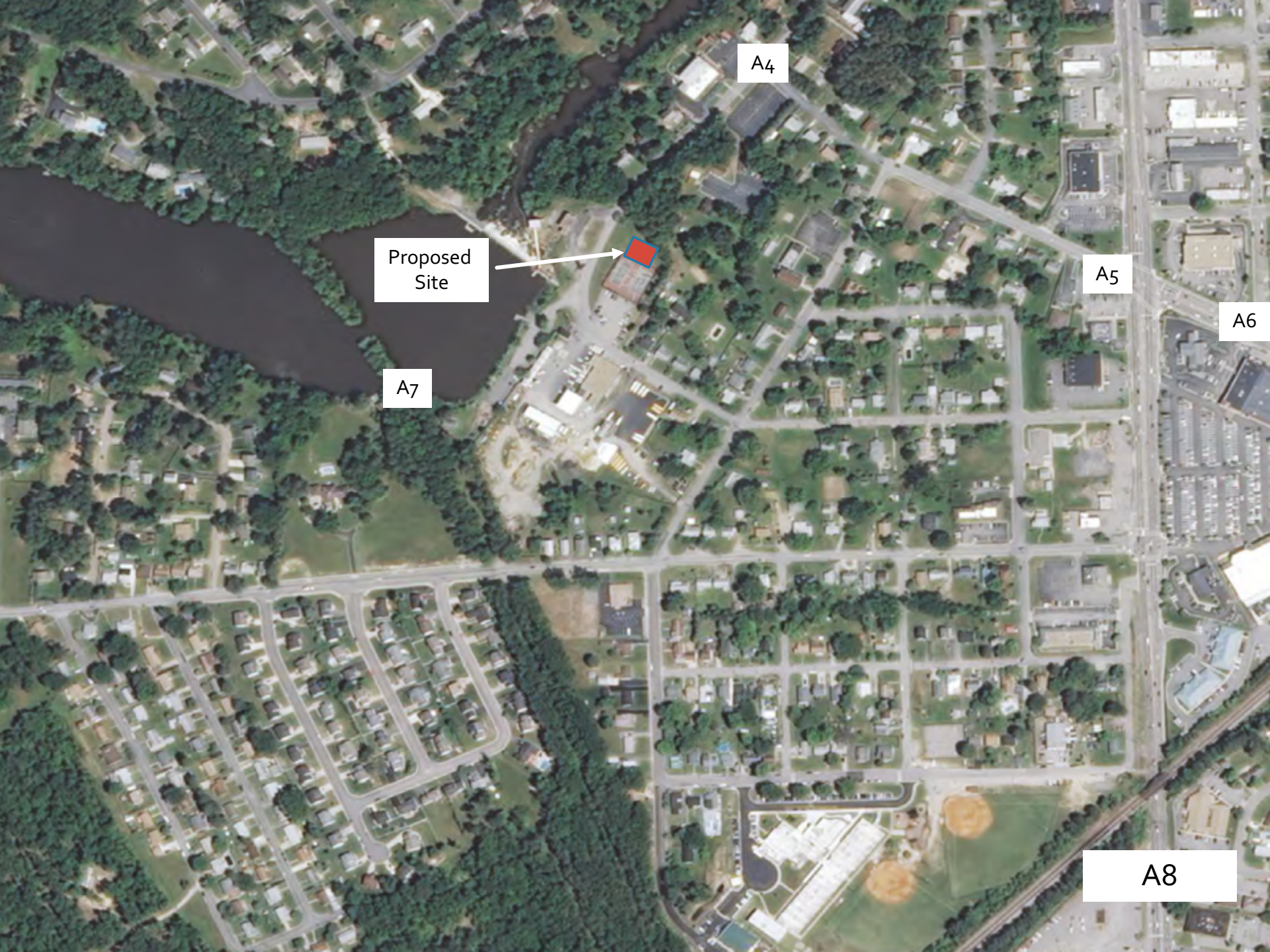


**Colonial Heights - Photo #1
(From Seaboard Air Line Railroad near
edge of Swift Creek Battlefield
- Looking East toward tower)**

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A4

Proposed
Site

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VERIZON WIRELESS
15001 Jefferson Avenue
Newport News, Virginia 23603

May 22, 2017

Precision Cell
9069 Cottleston Circle
Mechanicsville, VA 23116
Attn : Robert L. McAvoy, President

RE: Letter of Interest, Proposed Communications Facility:
501 Lake Avenue, Colonial Heights, Virginia
Colonial Heights Parcel ID #: 08000100010

Dear Mr. McAvoy,

This letter serves to notify you that Cellco Partnership, d.b.a. Verizon Wireless, is licensed by the Federal Communications Commission to provide wireless telecommunications services in the City of Colonial Heights, Virginia. Verizon Wireless has evaluated the location you are proposing for a new telecommunication facility and has determined the location meets our future network capacity improvement goals.

Verizon Wireless supports Precision Cell in its efforts to secure any required zoning, permits or other local approvals necessary to develop the communications facility, as proposed.

If Verizon can be of any assistance to you or provide you with any information regarding your permit application to develop the property, please feel free to contact our representatives on this project, Tony Deyerle or David Beniamino.

Very Truly Yours,



Catherine M. Faulkner
Principal Engineer - RE/Regulatory, NET-Engineering

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6. Special Meeting For The Purpose Of Holding A Work Session For The Following Purpose:

B. A RESOLUTION NO 17-29

Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement with Precision Cell.

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6. Special Meeting For The Purpose Of Holding A Work Session For The Following Purpose:

C. AN ORDINANCE NO 17-8

(First Reading) To amend § 286-312.04 of Chapter 286, Zoning, of the City Code, by adding a cultural service use type to the permitted uses under civic use types in the IN Industrial District.

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6. Special Meeting For The Purpose Of Holding A Work Session For The Following Purpose:

D. Hometown Heroes Banner Program

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6. Special Meeting For The Purpose Of Holding A Work Session For The Following Purpose:

E. AN ORDINANCE NO 17-FIN-10

(First Reading) To amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$20,340 from The Financial Assistance for Emergency Medical Services Grants Program, known as the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF). This grant will be used to purchase (1) Stryker Stretcher/Load System.

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***F. Fire & EMS Department
Reorganization***

FIRE & EMS REORGANIZATION



WHAT HAPPENED?

2010

- A necessary change in Communications Center leadership – this caused one less position in the Fire Department Command structure
- Battalion Chief Bride was removed from Fire and EMS shift staffing to supervise the 16 full time employees of the Communications Center



2011

- Unable to leave an entire firefighting shift unsupervised, Battalion Chief Bride returned to his normal duties
- At the time in what was believed to be a temporary fix, the Training Lieutenant was given the extra duty of supervising the 16 full time employees of the Emergency Communications Center. He was eventually given the title of Acting Battalion Chief due to the previous communications director position being in the same grade as a Battalion Chief grade



2011-TODAY

- The Acting Battalion Chief of Communication's new duties completely consumed the time needed to run the Fire and EMS training division. The result was the closing of the full time training division as the department had known it.
- In order for the department to continue to function, the training divisions duties were divided among operational staff as an extra duty on top of their normal job responsibilities



WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

- The Fire and EMS Department has been without a Training Officer for 6 years
 - Approximately 75 of our department personnel need ongoing recertification, in service training, and skills development training
 - Career
 - Part time
 - Volunteers



CHALLENGES CREATED BY LOSING THE TRAINING DIVISION

- Inconsistent training from 1 shift to another
 - Field Training officers report to different supervisors
- B shift Firefighter coordinating all training for Fire and EMS Volunteers without any extra compensation
- Deputy Fire Marshal has the added duty of coordinating the Child Safety Seat program and all of its recertification requirements without any extra compensation



CHALLENGES CREATED BY LOSING THE TRAINING DIVISION

- Infection control officer responsibility is now added to B shift Battalion Chief. Does not work directly with other shifts
- Safety officer is now added to C shift Battalion Chief. Does not work directly with other shifts
- Recruit School has required the removal of C Shift Battalion from shift to run a recruit school on nearly an annual basis. This takes him away from his shift approximately 5 months.



The resulting lack of training coordination of almost 75 career, part time, and volunteer personnel has become a challenge that is now resulted in a need that has surpassed our continued significant need for response personnel.



WE ARE REQUESTING CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP TEAM.

- Addition of a 4th Battalion Chief (already is in an acting capacity and being compensated)
- That will result in allowing the department to promote a firefighter to Lieutenant, which will restore the Lieutenant of Training (in the budget - on paper)
- Estimated budget impact of \$3,070 to be absorbed within the current 2017-18 budget
- This will result in one shift running short until the vacated position can be filled when the budget allows – already run short approximately 5 months out of the year with recruit school



<u>Current budget</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Budget impact</u>
3 Battalion Chiefs	4 Battalion Chiefs	\$3,070 (absorbed through anticipated salary lapse)
8 Lieutenants	8 Lieutenants	
30 EMS Firefighters	29 EMS Firefighters	



IN CONCLUSION

- Circumstances caused this scenario, but the training of our entire department shouldn't suffer while our Training Lieutenant has to manage, lead, and supervise the Emergency Communications Center.



Questions?



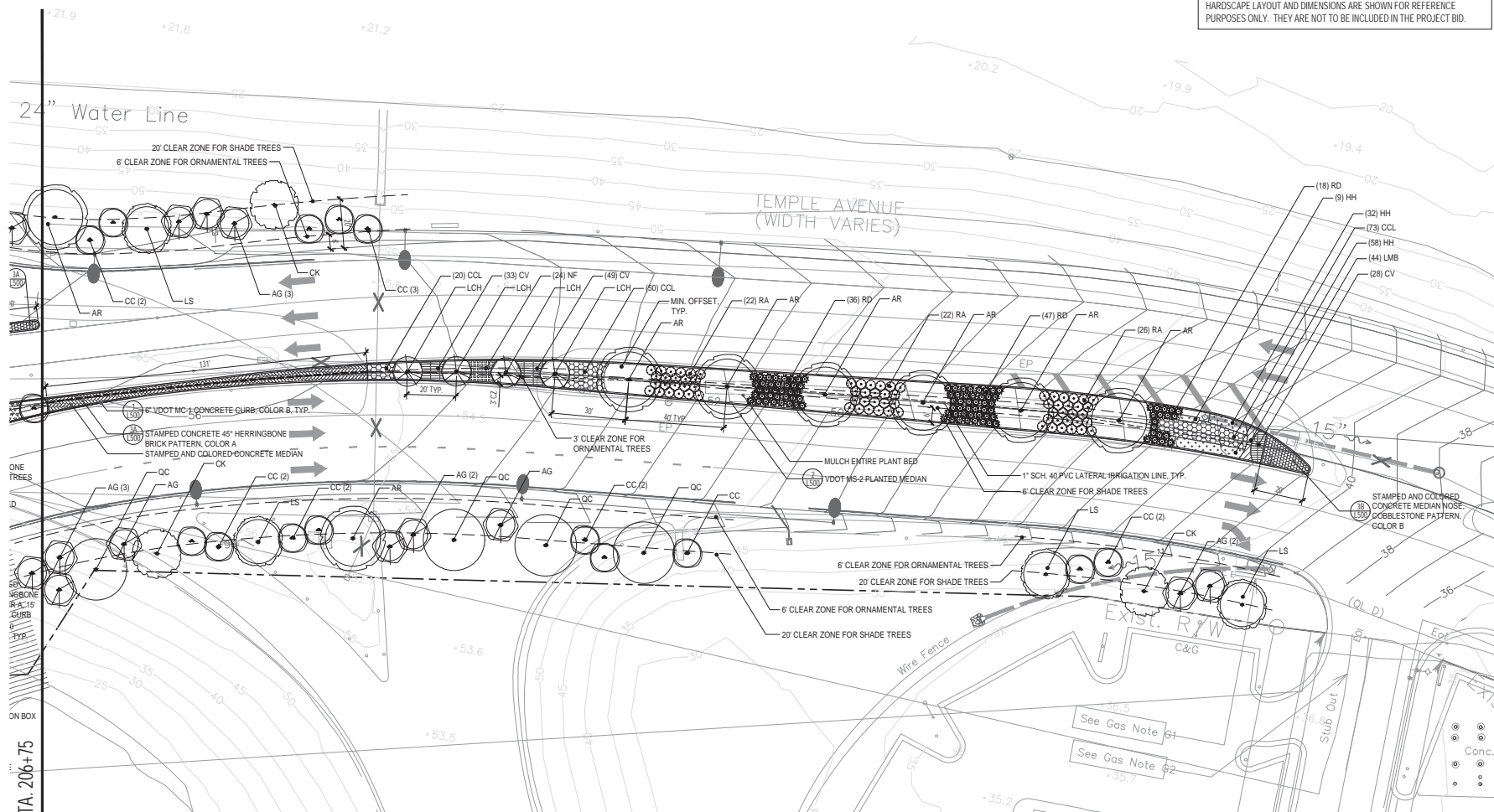
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G. Roundabout Project Update

NOTE:
 HARDSCAPE LAYOUT AND DIMENSIONS ARE SHOWN FOR REFERENCE
 PURPOSES ONLY. THEY ARE NOT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT BID.



Project Title
**Colonial Heights
 Gateway Roundabout**
 Colonial Heights
 Virginia

No.	Revision	Date

90% Review

Drawing Title

Site Improvements,
 Layout & Planting Plan

Drawing Number

L302

Project Number

LEGEND

SHADE TREES

- SEEDLESS SWEETGUM (LS)
Liquidambar styraciflua
'Rotundiloba'
- RED SUNSET RED
MAPLE (AR)
Acer rubrum 'Red Sunset'
- KENTUCKY
YELLOWWOOD (CK)
Cladrastis kentukea
- SCARLET OAK (OC)
Quercus coccinea

ORNAMENTAL TREES

- EASTERN REDBUD (CC)
Cercis canadensis
- SERVICEBERRY (AG)
Amelanchier x grandiflora
'Autumn Brilliance'
- CHEROKEE CRAPEMYRTLE
(LCH)
Lagerstroemia x 'Cherokee'
- CATAWBA CRAPEMYRTLE
(LC)
Lagerstroemia x 'Catawba'

EVERGREEN TREES

- NELLIE STEVENS HOLLY (IN)
Ilex x 'Nellie R. Stevens'
- HILLSPIRE JUNIPER (JV)
Juniperus virginiana 'Hillspire'
- EVERGREEN SHRUBS
- GEORGIA PETITE INDIAN HAWTHORN (RD)
Rhampholepis x delacourii 'Georgia Petite'
- SHAMROCK INKBERRY (IG)
Ilex glabra 'Shamrock'
- DECIDUOUS SHRUBS
- SWEETSPICE (IV)
Itea virginica 'Henry's Garnet'
- FRAGRANT SUMAC (RA)
Rhus aromatica 'Gro-Low'

PERENNIALS

- BLUEBEARD (CCL)
Caryopteris x clandonensis
'Longwood Blue'
- CREME BRULEE COREOPSIS (CV)
Coreopsis verticillata 'Creme Brulee'
- FIREWITCH DIANTHUS (DG)
Dianthus gratianopolitanus
'Firewitch'
- HAPPY RETURNS DAYLILY (HH)
Hemerocallis 'Happy Returns'
- WALKER'S LOW CATMINT (NF)
Nepeta x faassenii 'Walker's Low'

GROUND COVER

- BIG BLUE LIRIOPE (LMB)
Liriope muscari 'Big Blue'
- VARIEGATED LIRIOPE (LMS)
Liriope muscari 'Silver Sunproof'
- DWARF LIRIOPE (LMM)
Liriope muscari 'Silver Midget'
- WHITE PHLOX (PS)
Phlox subulata 'White Delight'
- ORANGE SEDUM (SK)
Sedum kamtschaticum var.
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MATCHLINE B. STA. 206+75



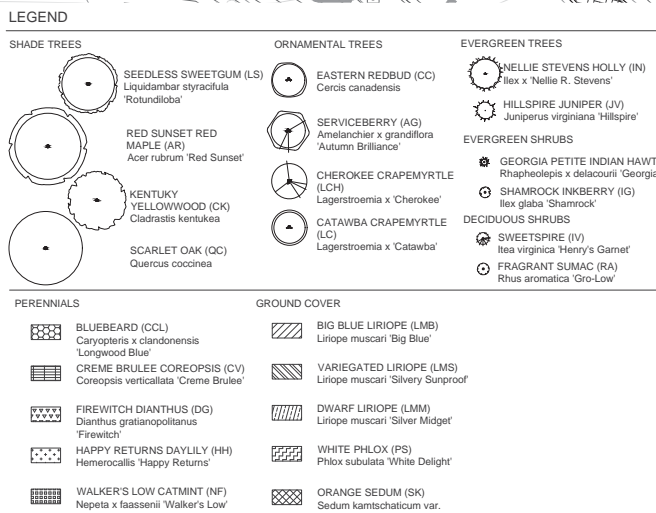
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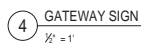
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Layout Plan

Drawing Number

L303

Project Number

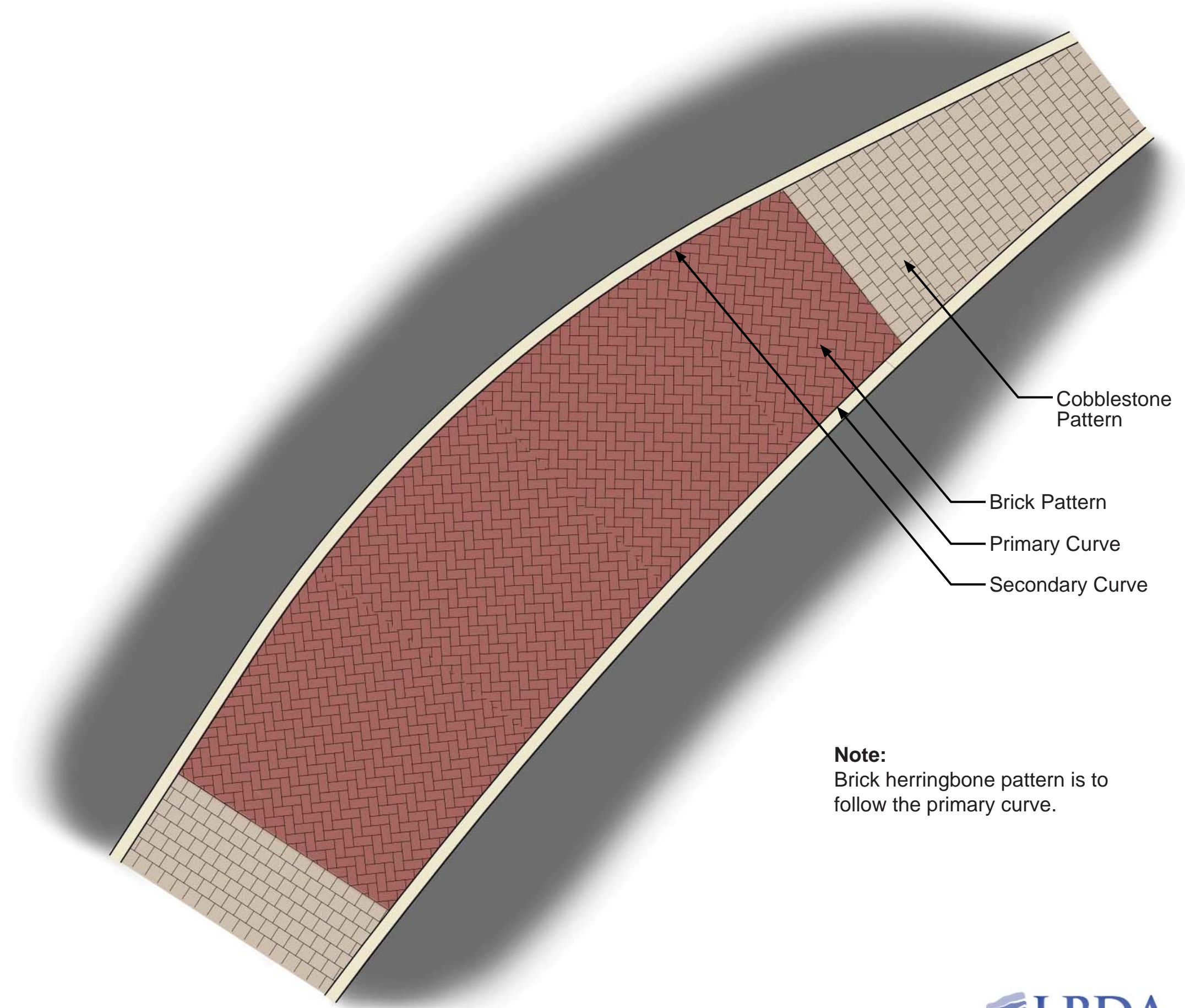
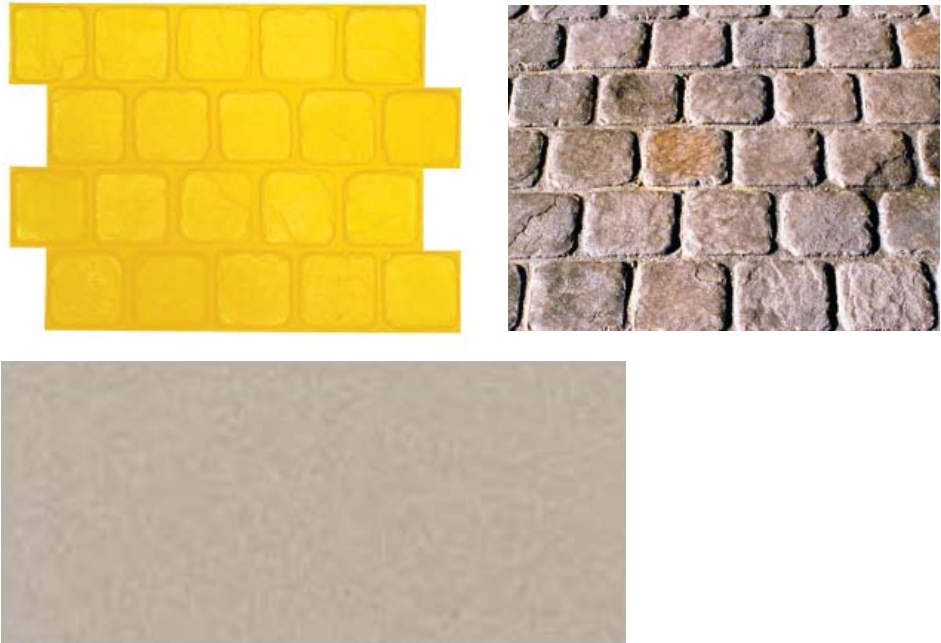


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***H. Proposed Amendment To The
Appomattox River Water Authority
Water Service Agreement***

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6. Special Meeting For The Purpose Of Holding A Work Session For The Following Purpose:

I. A RESOLUTION NO 17-25

Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Transportation Route Service Agreement with Petersburg Area Transit.

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7. Adjournment