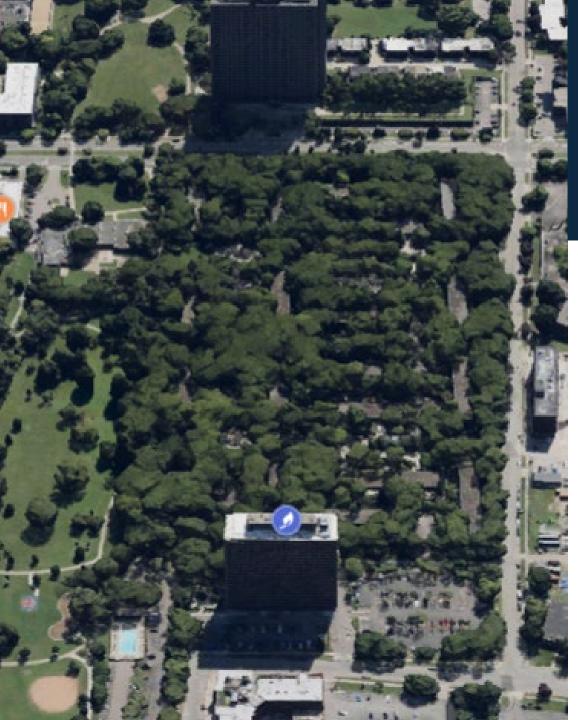


# Lafayette Park Revised Plan for Energy System Improvement





# Revised Plan to Provide Heat for 600 Lafayette Park Residents

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- **Second**, as a neighbor of Lafayette Park, Detroit Thermal knows and respects the compelling history of the community and will do nothing to undermine it.
- Finally, Detroit Thermal asks those concerned by this utility upgrade to respect the needs and wishes of their neighbors at 1300 Lafayette – some 600 people who want and need the affordable, clean energy that will be safely brought into their homes.



## Lafayette Park Timeline Regarding the Project

#### Jul 2024:

√ 1300 Lafayette East Cooperative engages Detroit Thermal to explore the option of reconnecting to District Energy

#### **Sep-Oct 2024:**

- Detroit Thermal Initiates and Exploratory restoration
- ✓ On 9/12/24: Detroit Thermal conducts a walk-through with KC Property Management and 20-30 residents
- ✓ Three areas determined to be evaluated via annual permit:
  - 2 authorizing work in the rights-ofway (Joliet parking lot and Nicolet parking lot)
  - 1 authorizing work in an easement but not right-way (playground area)

#### Jan 2025:

 Detroit Thermal files application filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) for approval of contract

#### Feb 2025:

✓ MPSC issues order approving contract with a finding that it is in the public interest

#### Mar 2025:

- ✓ Agreement signed with 1300 East Cooperative and Detroit Thermal to move forward.
- ✓ Detroit Thermal requested another meeting with the Lafayette Park Co-ops to be coordinated by KC Properties

#### **Apr 2025:**

- ✓ Detroit Thermal initiates the permitting process with the City's Legal and DPW
- ✓ Detroit Thermal secures the DPW permit
- ✓ Residential Concerns re safety and Historic District Commission permissions were expressed
- ✓ The city issues a stop-work order

#### May 2025:

- ✓ On 5/7/25: City of Detroit scheduled and met with Detroit Thermal and all 5 Co-op Board Representatives
- ✓ On 5/14/25: Detroit Thermal presents to the Detroit Historic Commission

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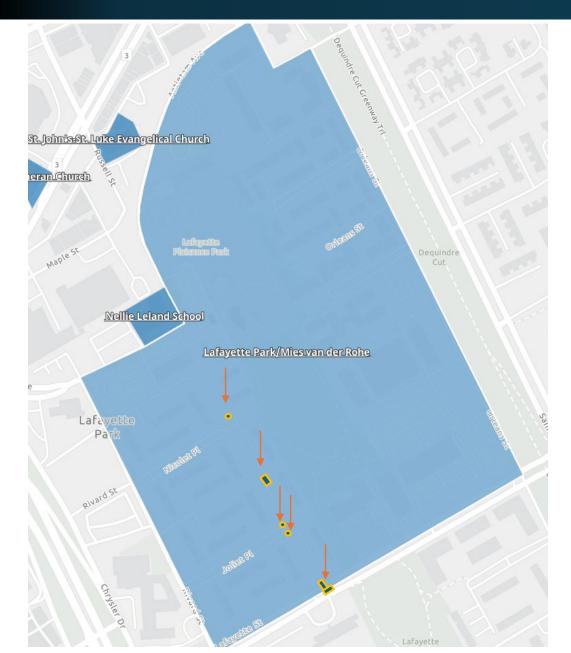
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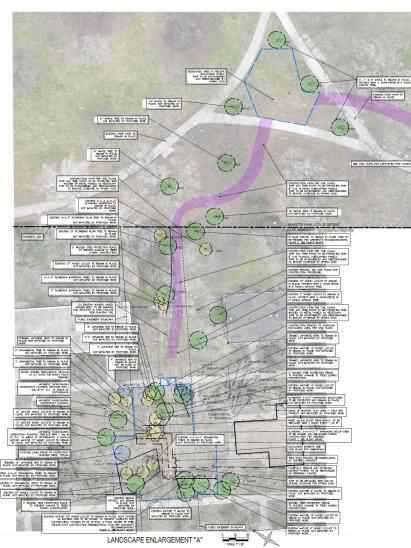
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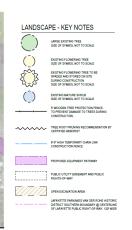


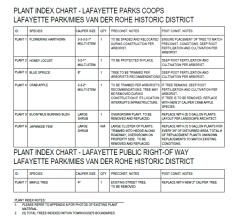
- The Lafayette Park/Mies van der Rohe Historic District is 46 acres which encompass 13 acres of greenery which contain tens of thousands of plants.
- The red arrows point to the areas of construction in the Lafayette Park Historic District to provide heat to 600 residents in 1300 East Lafayette.
- The construction area will impact up to 7 wooded plants within the Lafayette Park/Mies van der Rohe Historic District.

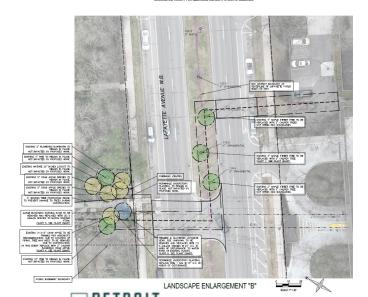


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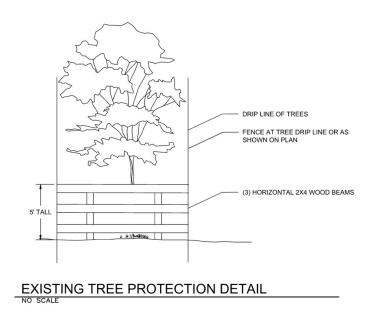


Detroit Thermal has surveyed the site with their professional land surveyor, landscape architect and certified arborist. All plant material adjacent to the proposed excavations, along the access routes and at the layout down area have been located and memorialized on the provided plan set.



#### II. Information about possible steps that could be taken to protect the landscape.

- a. Temporary 4'x8' plywood ground protection will be installed a key locations of the access route adjacent to tree roots within their drip line. This is a light weight, low impact solution to disperse construction equipment loading on the soil and reduce compaction.
- b. A combination of snow fence and wooden tree protection fencing will be installed to keep construction equipment away from plant material adjacent to the exaction sites. These specific locations are identified on the plans set.







#### III. Clearer definition of what landscape might be impacted and steps to mitigate impact.

#### PLANT INDEX CHART - LAFAYETTE PARKS COOPS LAFAYETTE PARK/MIES VAN DER ROHE HISTORIC DISTRICT

ID:	SPECIES:	CALIPER SIZE	QTY	PRECONST. NOTES	POST CONST. NOTES
PLANT 1	FLOWERING HAWTHORN	3-3-3-2-1" MULTI-STEM	1	TO BE SPADED AND RELOCATED DURING CONSTRUCTION PER ARBORIST.	ENSURE PLACEMENT OF TREE TO MATCH PRECONST. CONDITIONS. DEEP ROOT FERTILIZATION AND CULTIVATION PER ARBORIST.
PLANT 2	HONEY LOCUST	3-2-1" MULTI-STEM	1	TO BE PROTECTED IN PLACE.	DEEP ROOT FERTILIZATION AND CULTIVATION PER ARBORIST.
PLANT 3	BLUE SPRUCE	8"	1	TREE TO BE TRIMMED PER ARBORIST'S RECOMMENDATIONS	DEEP ROOT FERTILIZATION AND CULTIVATION PER ARBORIST.
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PLANT 5	EUONYMUS BURNING BUSH	LARGE SHRUB	1	OVERGROWN PLANT. TO BE REMOVED AND REPLACED.	REPLACE WITH (5) 5 GALLON PLANTS. LAYOUT PER LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT.
PLANT 6	JAPANESE YEW	LARGE SHRUB	N/A	LARGE CLUSTER OF PLANTS. TRIMMED INTO HEDGE ALONG ROADWAY, OVERGROWN ON PROPERTY SIDE. TO BE REMOVED AND REPLACED.	REPLACE WITH (1) 5 GALLON PLANTS FOR EVERY 24" OF DISTURBED AREA. TOTAL # OF REPLACEMENT PLANTS UNKNOWN. REPLACEMENTS TO MATCH EXISTING CONDITIONS.

#### PLANT INDEX CHART - LAFAYETTE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF WAY LAFAYETTE PARK/MIES VAN DER ROHE HISTORIC DISTRICT

ID:	SPECIES:	CALIPER SIZE	QTY	PRECONST. NOTES	POST CONST. NOTES
PLANT 7	MAPLE TREE	4"	1	EXISTING STREET TREE. TO BE REMOVED.	REPLACE WITH NEW 2" CALIPER TREE

#### DI ANT INDEX NOTES:

All seven (7) of the woody plants to be impacted is identified on the plan set, each is given a number designation. Each plant is then further described along with the landscape architect and arborist's recommended preconstruction and post construction activities.

Impacted ground cover, other than standard turf grass, is identified on the plans and replacement direction is provided if impacted by the construction.



PLEASE REFER TO APPENDIX A FOR PHOTOS OF EXISTING PLANT
 MATERIAL

 <sup>(5)</sup> TOTAL TREES INDEXED WITHIN TOWNHOUSE'S BOUNDARIES.
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CÁLIPER REFERS TO MEASUREMENT OF A TREE'S TRUNK AT A
 DESIGNATED HEIGHT PER AMERICAN NURSERY STOCK STANDARDS

#### IV. Steps about what can be done to remediate landscape damage.

- a. The best way to reduce the impacts to the landscape material is to complete the protection measures and controlled preconstruction pruning from the previous sections.
- b. Follow the construction and restoration, the certified arborist will inspect the relocated and pruned trees and perform deep root fertilization. This feeding will support recovery and promote healthy regrowth. This will occur this fall, post construction and next fall in 2026 to ensure continued recovery, health and long-term resilience.







#### **Excavation techniques.**

Mini Excavator





The excavation within the landscaped easement area of the vacated Russel and Macomb will be completed with the small equipment, using a mini excavator, skid steer, backhoe, concrete buggy and pick-up trucks.











#### VI. Details on how trees will be protected.

- a. As described in Section II, Protection measures will be provided for the trees and the soil.
- b. Plant material that is to remain but could be impacted by the excavation or access to sites will be pruned to provide controlled arborist led impacts to the trees. This includes above grade limb pruning and below grade root pruning both identified, specifically in the plans. Below are some advantages of root pruning.
  - 1. Healthy Root System: Root pruning stimulates the development of a compact and robust root system. By trimming unnecessary or circling roots, the tree focuses on cultivating healthier roots that provide enhanced anchorage, water, and nutrient access.
  - 2. Reduced Tree Stress: During transplantation or construction activities, root pruning alleviates stress on the tree, increasing its chances of survival and successful establishment.

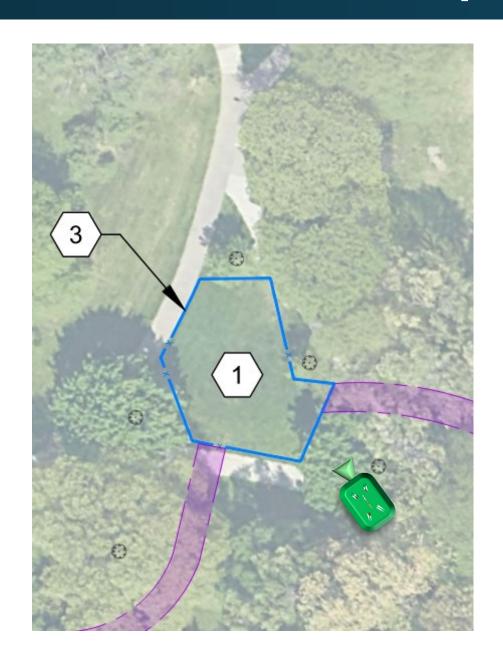


#### VII. Proposed equipment staging locations and approach.

- a. The area of the vacated Macomb and Russell Streets, north of the play area, will be accessed via the Lafayette Plaisance Park off Lafayette Ave., see callout 2.
- b. The area for staging, laydown and the stockpiling of material will also be in the park, see call out 1, and will be secured with a 6ft. tall construction fence, see callout 3.







#### VIII. Environmental impacts of steam on tree canopy.

- a. The Nicolet Public Right-of-Way parking area stack has been removed from the proposed plan in response to residents' aesthetic concerns. A standard, on grade, Detroit Thermal cast iron manhole frame and cover are proposed for the existing manhole structure 1254.
- b. The Joliet Public Right-of-Way parking area stack has been removed from the proposed plan in response to residents' aesthetic concerns. A standard, on grade, Detroit Thermal cast iron manhole frame and cover are proposed for the existing manhole structure 1268.



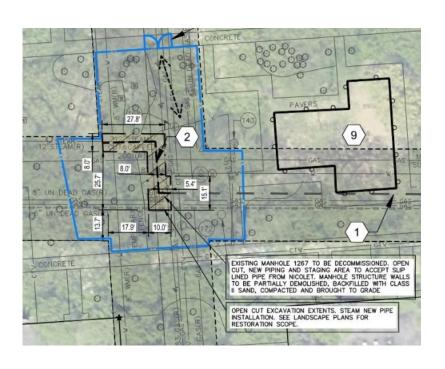
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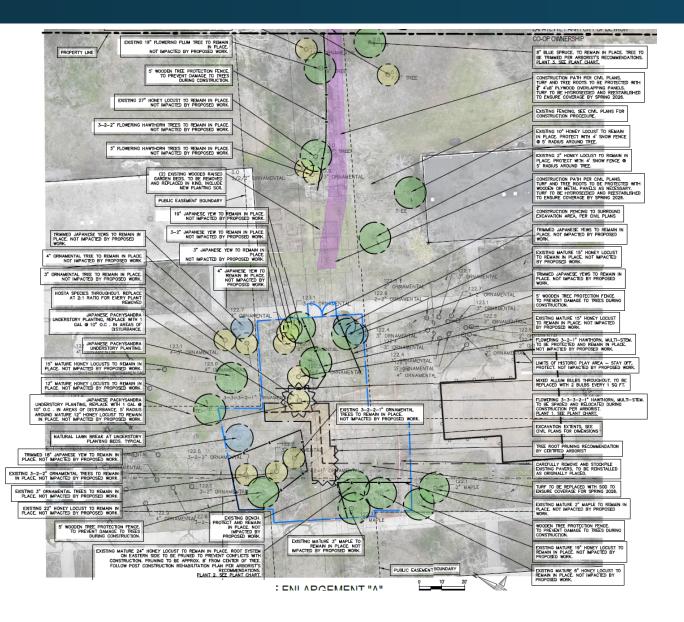


An ISA Certified Arborist, Dave Scherer, has been brought on for the project to support and provide the incorporated comprehensive tree protection and mitigation plan aimed to minimize impacts and promote the long-term health to the adjacent trees and woody plants. See the provided letter dated June 11, 2025.

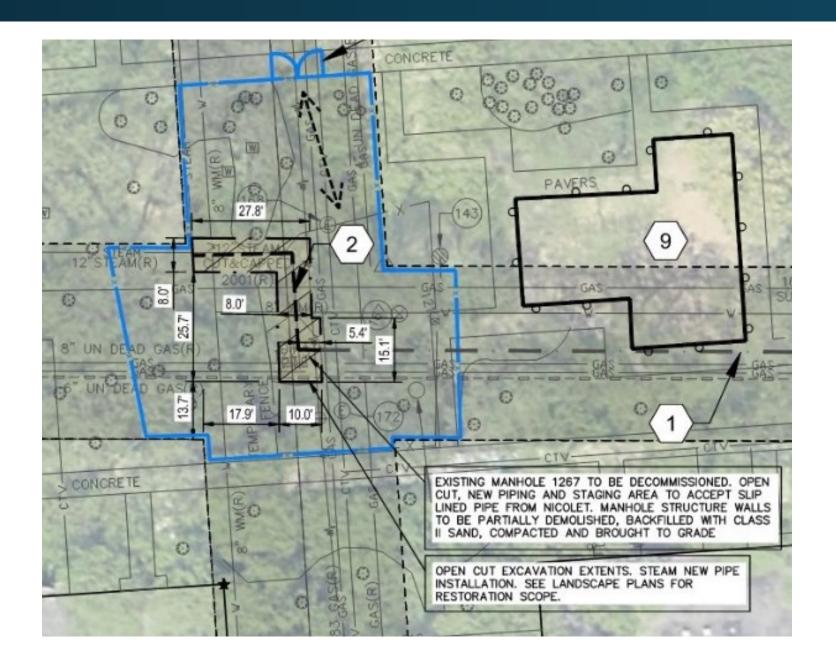
There exists many utilities within the formerly vacated Rights-of-Way, now public utility easements. The original layout of the townhouses was coordinated very closely with the existing utilities and vacated Rights-of-Way, see adjacent plan. The existing utilities include Detroit Thermal, DTE electric and gas, DWSD combined sewer and water main, and data/communications. With this proposed construction completed, Detroit Thermal does not anticipate additional excavation within the easement in the foreseeable future.



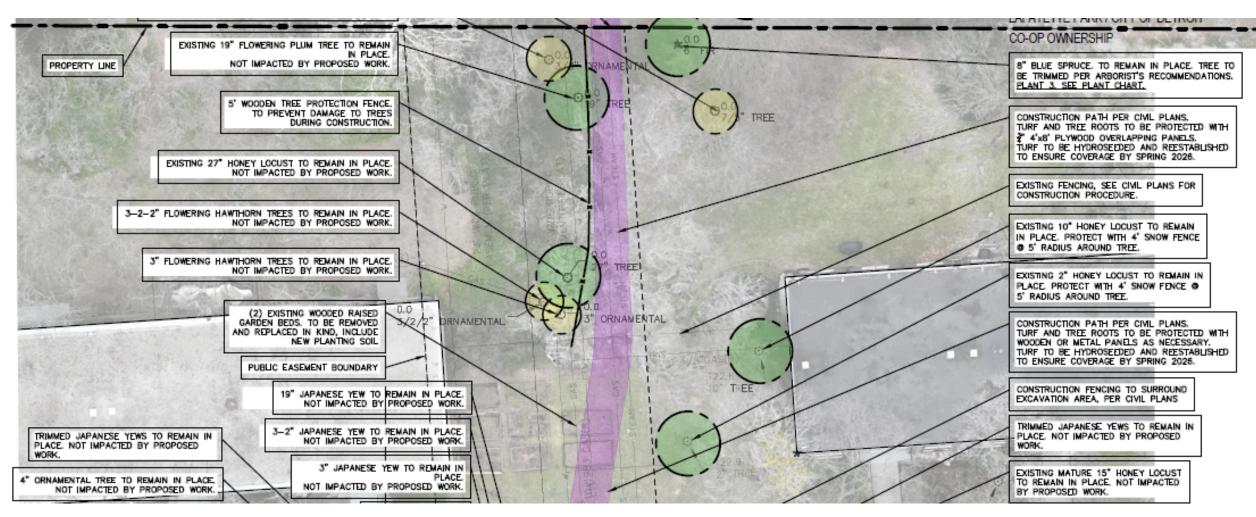


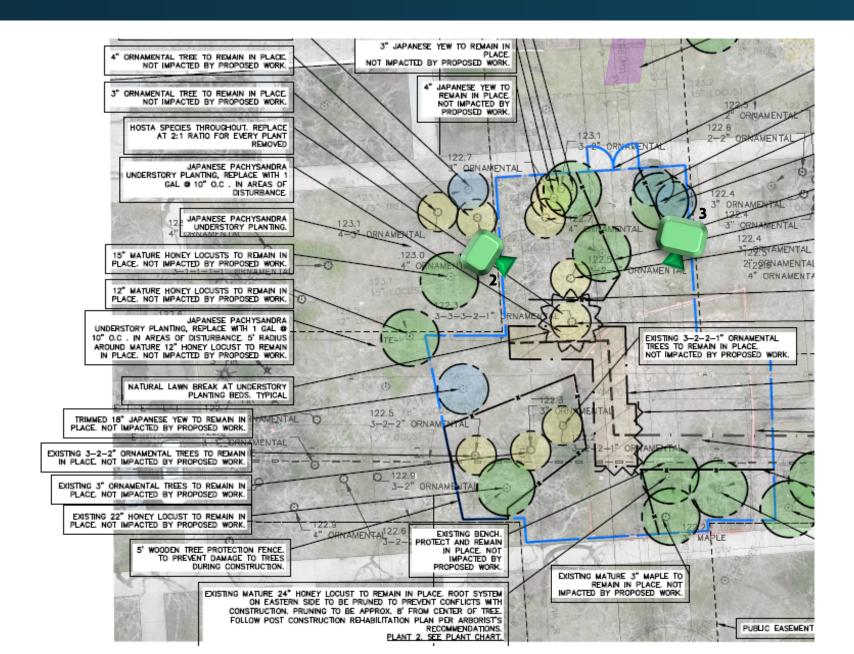




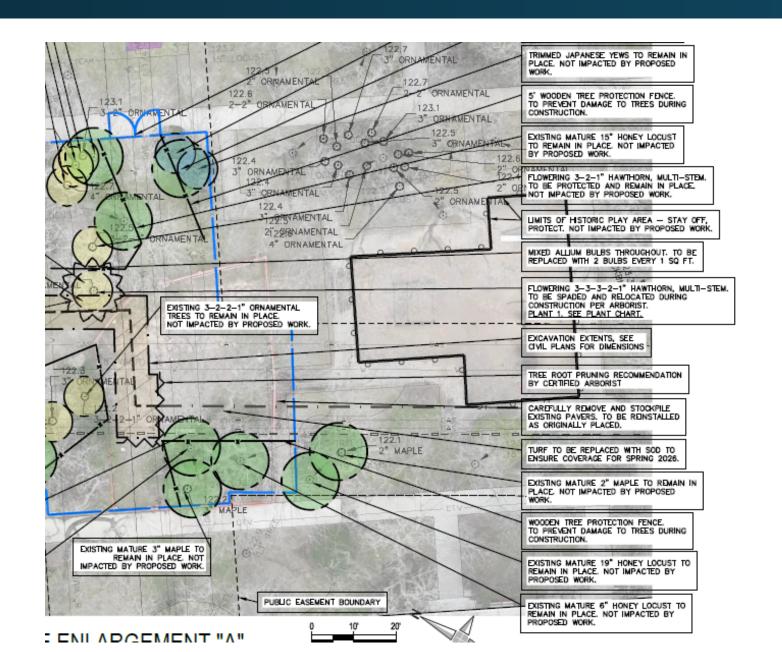




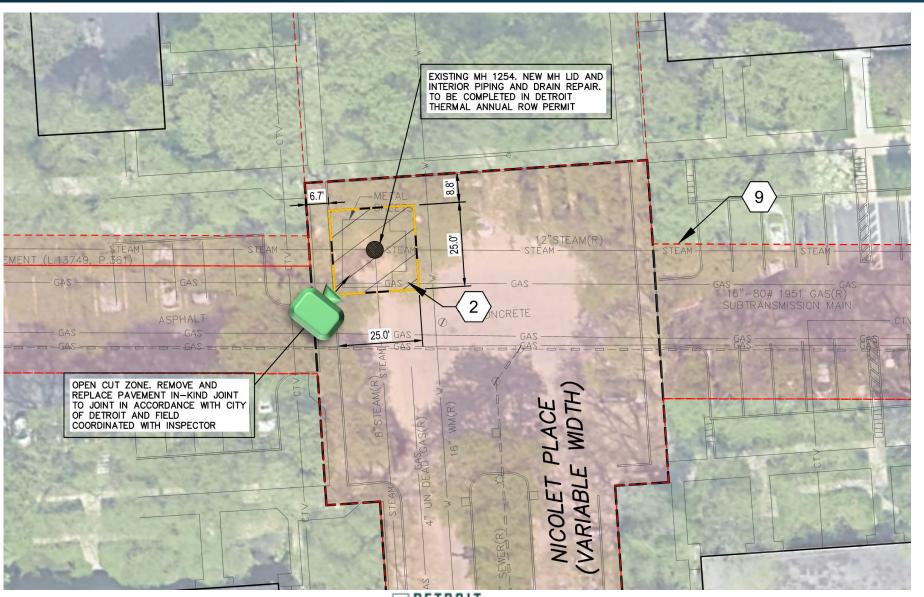




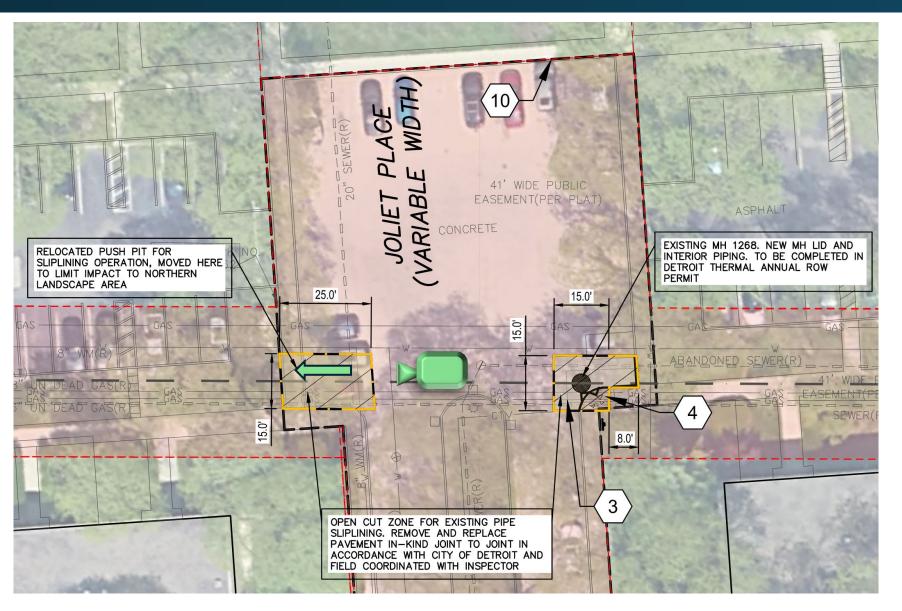




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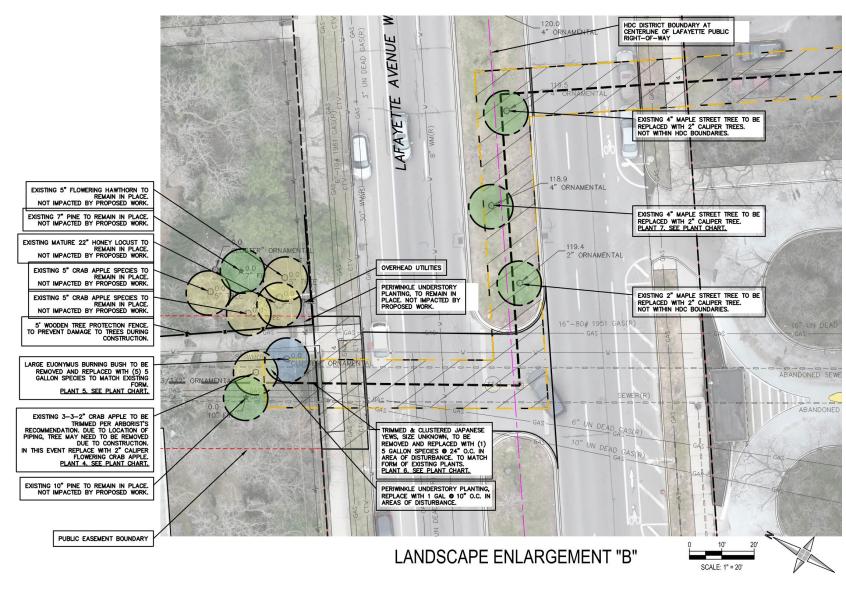
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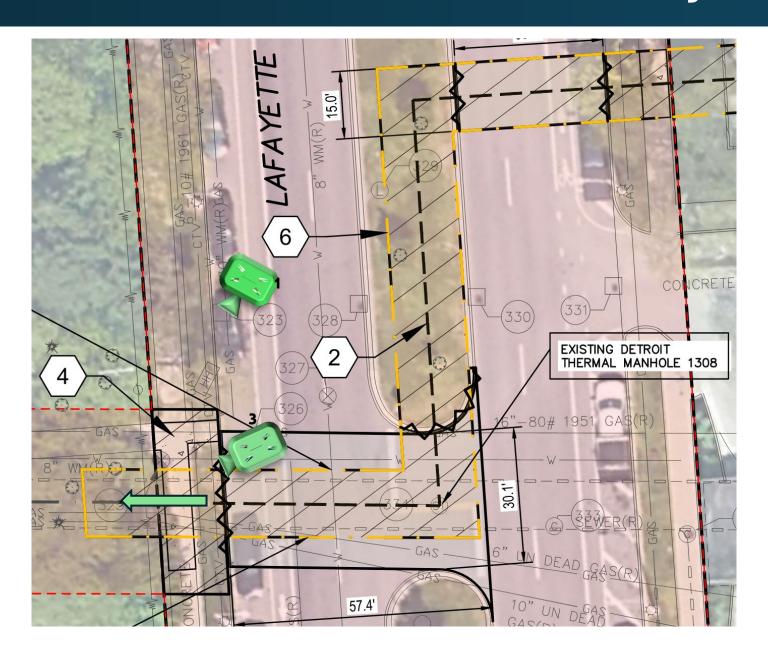
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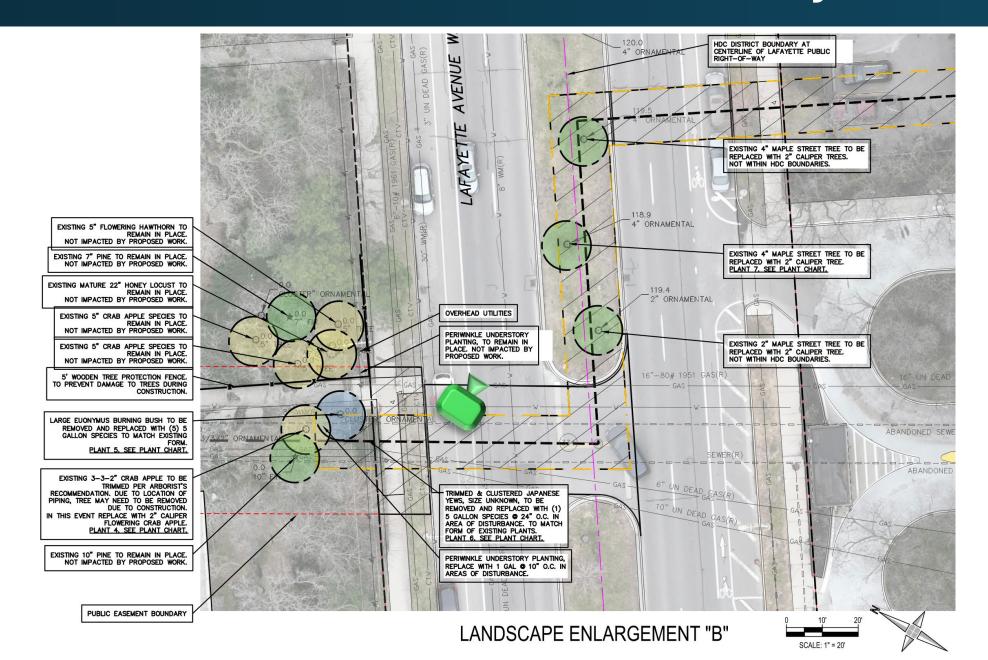


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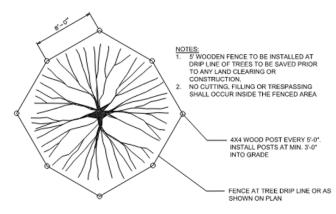
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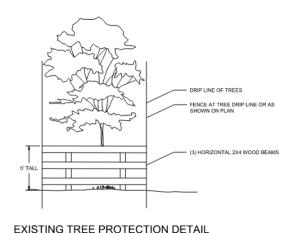


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3X SIZE OF ROOTBALL

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SHOULD BE 1/3 ABOVE FINISH
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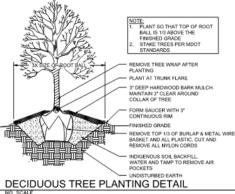
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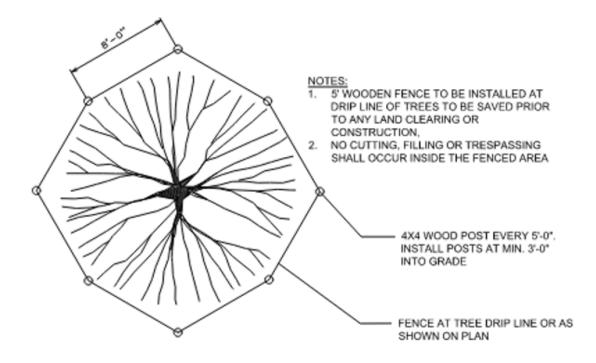
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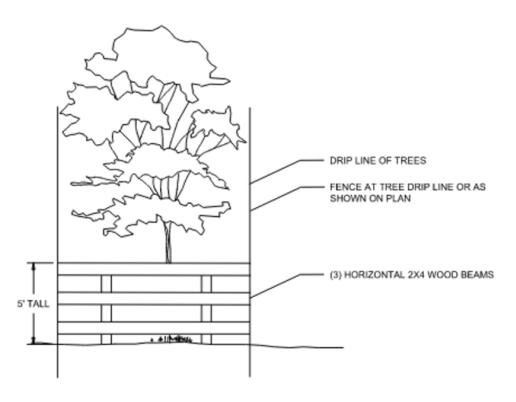
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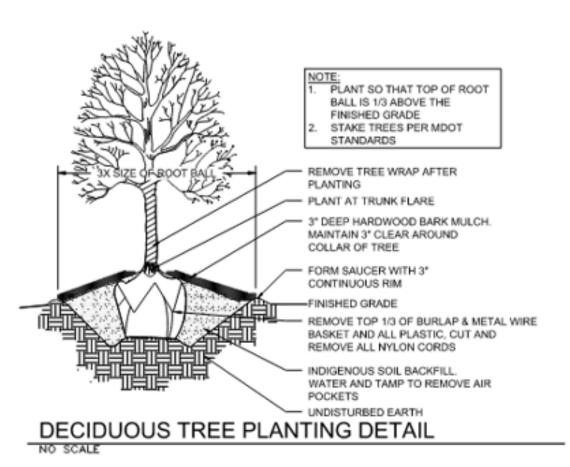
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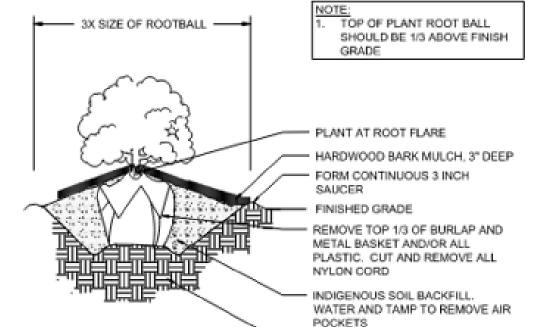
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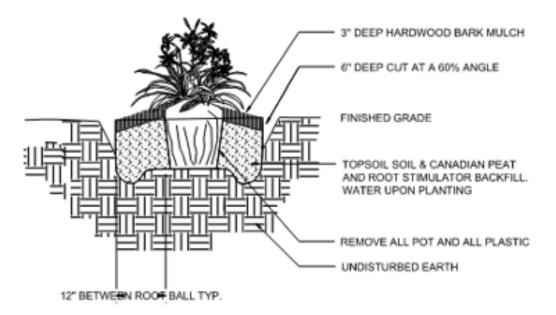


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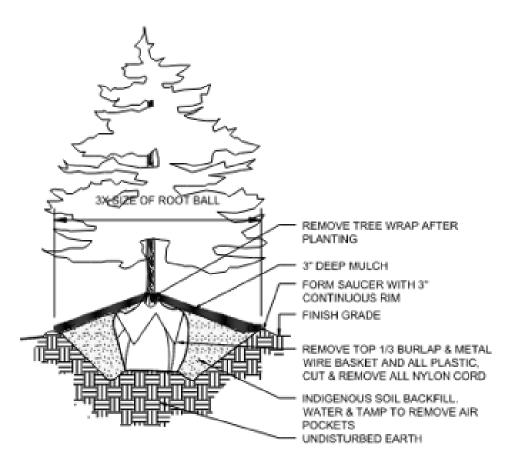
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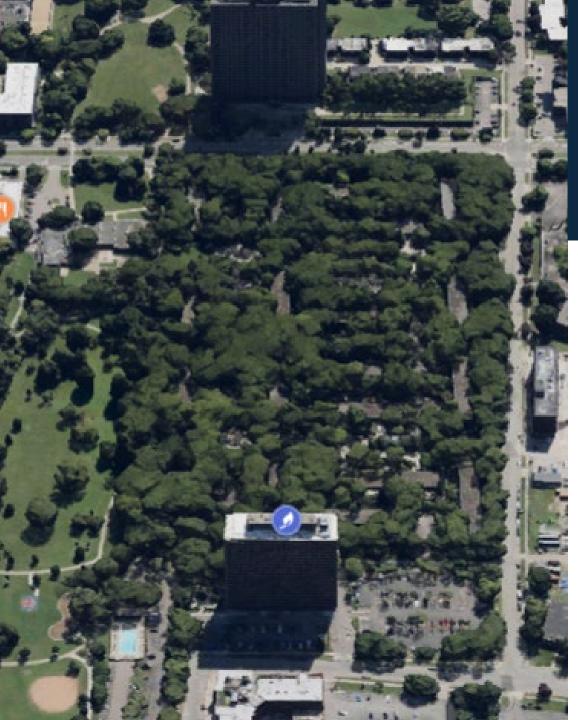






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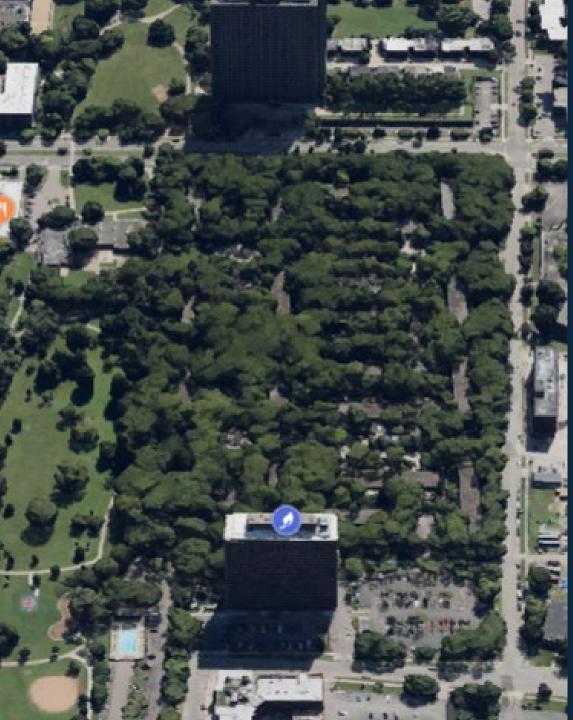




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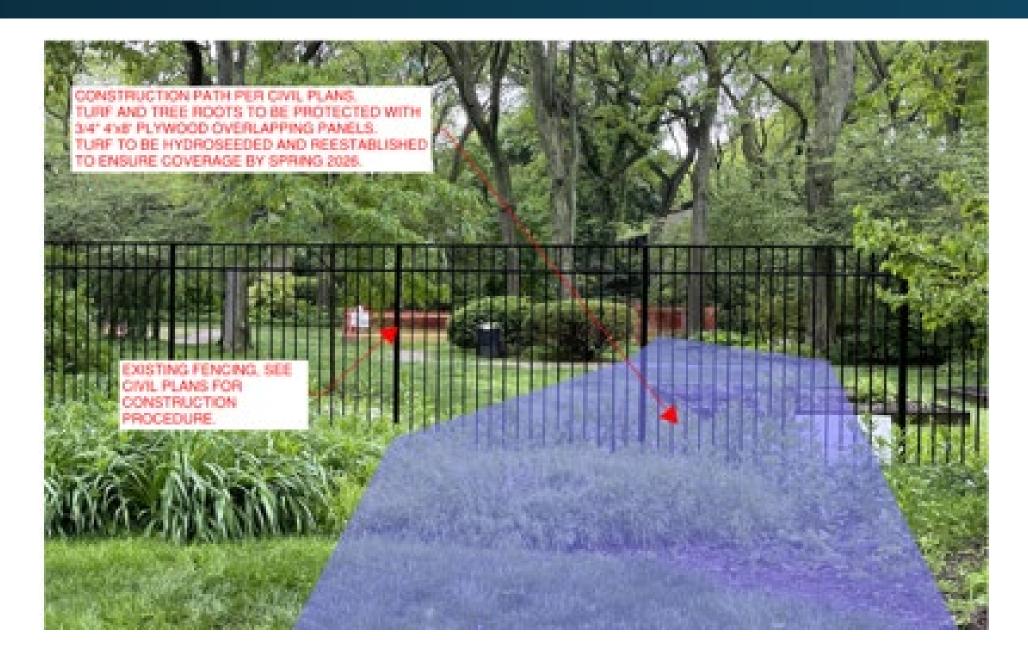




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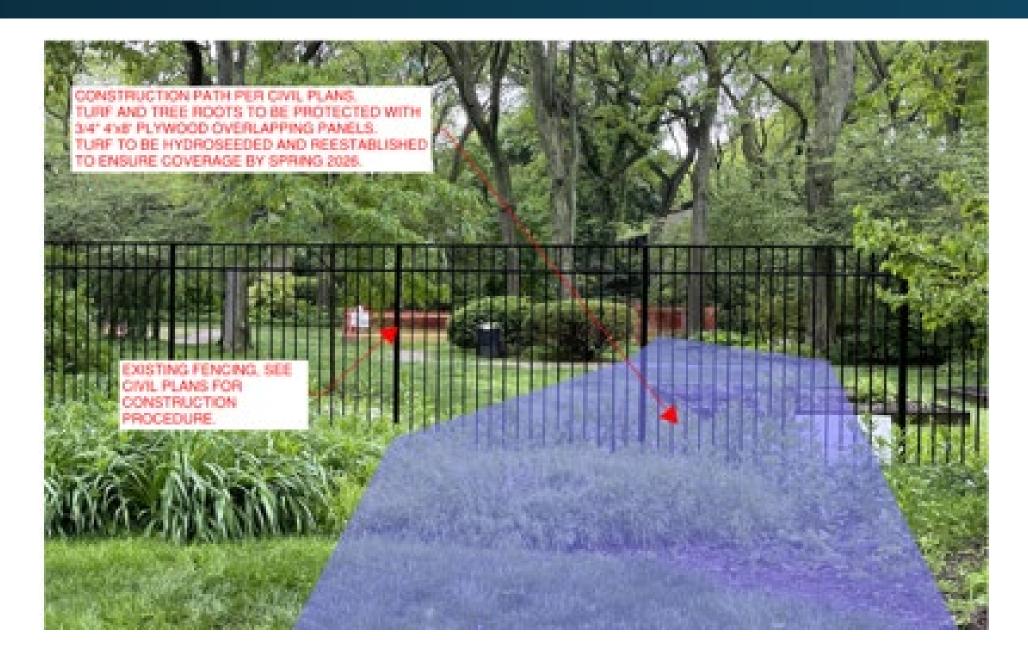




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Detroit Thermal cast iron manhole frame and cover

## **Steam Pipes That Provides Heat**





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