I. <u>Environmental Impacts of the HDD Method (Backyard Alignment)</u>

The WSSC design team reviewed the Environmental Impacts of the proposed Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) construction method. The HDD method would replace the existing sewer main in the backyard location from addresses 6617 through 6761 Eastern Avenue. Homeowners will be required to grant WSSC 20-foot-wide easements at the rear of their properties. Homeowners at the ends of the blocks will also be required to grant WSSC temporary construction easements for the excavation of drilling and pipe-receiving pits. Using the backyard HDD method anticipates the removal of 18 trees versus 39 trees that WSSC would anticipate removing using the open cut method. (Appendix A) Sketches of the anticipated tree removals for both the open cut and HDD construction methods will be available on the public website prior to the next public meeting.

WSSC reviewed a previously shared hydrology report from September 2016 discussing the anticipated impacts to storm water due to the clear-cutting of trees within the proposed 20-footwide permanent easement along the backyards of homes on Eastern Avenue. The hydrology report includes a report of existing soil conditions in the project area, and it is available on the project webpage. The report identifies removal of 39 trees by the open cut construction method for a backyard gravity sewer alignment. An in-depth hydrology study could not be completed for a project area due to the size of the impacted area. However, in the report, the hydrology engineer references the recently-completed geotechnical investigation for the project area in his final determination that tree removal along the project area would not cause significant impact to soil erosion and storm water volume in this location.

With the HDD construction method, WSSC expects to significantly reduce the number of tree removals from 39 to approximately 18 trees. Therefore, there is no change to the design team's deduction that storm water will not be significantly impacted by construction in the backyard location. WSSC has invited the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection to review the results of the hydrology report. If the agency provides comments for the report's revision, the design team will provide any report updates through email and on the project webpage.

II. Consideration of Front Yard Gravity Sewer Alignment

The design team looked at two options for connecting homes to a front yard gravity sewer main alignment: Option #1- installing gravity sewer laterals from the existing exit points at the rear of homes and wrapping the sewer laterals around the sides of homes; and Option #2- installing new sewer service exit points at the front of homes. (Appendix B)

A. Front Alignment Option #1: New Gravity Sewer Laterals around the Sides of Homes (Determined to be Infeasible)

Under this alignment option, the WSSC contractor would install new gravity sewer laterals around the sides of homes, and connect them to the existing sewer exit point in the rear of the home. Laterals installed between homes require deep trenches, and an expanded trench width to prevent the trench from collapsing inward during the construction process. The list of specific trench depths necessary to install gravity laterals between specific homes can be found in Appendix C.

This alignment produces a risk to a home's foundation and is determined infeasible according to the *International Plumbing Code (2012)*. The Code indicates in Section 307, Part 5 that

"Trenches installed parallel to footings shall not extend below the 45-degree (0.79 rad) bearing plane of the footing or wall." For many homes along the 6600 and 6700 blocks of Eastern Avenue, the needed installation depths to maintain gravity laterals between the homes are below the bearing plane of home foundations. The bearing plane is also known as the "zone of influence" of the footer.

The "zone of influence" encompasses the horizontal and downward-vertical distances at which the foundation is releasing the force of the home's weight into the earth. In other words, the soil surrounding the footer braces and stabilizes the foundation of the home. If soil is disturbed within the "zone of influence," such as when soil is removed to construct a wide and deep trench, the home's foundation will shift because there is no longer an equal force pushing against the home from the soil. As a result, disturbance within a home's "zone of influence" can significantly compromise the foundation and cause substantial structural damage, including the collapse of the home's foundation. Many of the homes in this neighborhood were built in the first quarter of the 20th century, and have simple supporting structures that will be compromised with this type of construction method. (Appendix D)

The attached drawings (Appendix E) include plan and section views of the homes and proposed gravity sewer laterals. The "zone of influence" for all footers is shown at 45 degrees from the foundation edge per the standards set forth by the *International Plumbing Code (2012)*. The drawings show that open trench installation of the proposed laterals is expected to impact many of the home foundations' "zone of influence."

B. Front Alignment Option #2: New Gravity Sewer Connections at the Front of Homes

This alignment option requires installation of new gravity sewer service exit points at the front of the homes along Eastern Avenue. A new sewer exit point at the front removes the need to dig trenches around the sides of the homes. The new exit points would empty into a roadway gravity sewer main.

1. Feasibility of Installing New Exit Points at the Front of Homes

On March 13, 2017, WSSC conducted plumbing assessments at the homes 6713 Eastern Avenue and 6753 Eastern Avenue. The inspection revealed that new gravity sewer connections are feasible at the front of these homes; however, each home will require varying extents of interior remodeling to make such a connection feasible.

The type of interior renovations necessary and associated costs depend on: the number and location of interior load-bearing walls, which will require new plumbing to be rerouted around them; the presence of finished rooms on the basement level, which will need to be torn open and rebuilt; and the presence of plumbing fixtures at the rear of the basement, which will require new piping to redirect wastewater from the back to the front of the home at a constant, decreasing slope. As referenced in Appendix D, the age of the home could also impact costs as older homes may require additional structural protection as renovation work is completed.

In addition, the majority of homes along the 6600 and 6700 blocks of Eastern Avenue will require ejector pumps to move wastewater from the basement level of their homes to the street level. An ejector pump is a smaller version of a grinder pump system that would be only responsible for "pushing" basement-level wastewater towards the exit point. Using a small amount of electricity, the ejector pump will propel wastewater from basement-level bathrooms and utility sinks to the ground level, where it will meet with wastewater from the rest of the

house and leave the house at the new exit point. Like the grinder pump solution previously offered, homeowners will be responsible for the long-term maintenance of ejector pumps.

2. Requirements from Homeowners to Construct Front Alignment Option #2

All interior renovation work must be completed by a private plumber and contractor. WSSC estimates that homeowners would be responsible for renovation costs of between \$35,000 and \$50,000 per home for the reconfiguration of sewer plumbing to exit the homes at the front of the properties.

In addition, each impacted homeowner must grant WSSC an approved Right-of-Entry to install new sewer service laterals at the new sewer exit point at the front of the home to the new gravity sewer line in Little Eastern Avenue. WSSC's Land Unit will contact homeowners directly to discuss easement appraisals. We anticipate easements to value approximately \$21,000 per property. Please note that easement appraisal values will vary based on actual lot size and the presence of mature trees and structures on the property.

III. Maintenance Impacts of the Front Yard Gravity Sewer Alignment (Option #2)

Following the contractor installation warranty of two (2) years, all maintenance activity for the sewer lateral on private property is the financial responsibility of the homeowner. Sewer service laterals require full replacement approximately every 20 years. Homeowners must annually clear the inside of their sewer lateral lines to remove tree roots, rust and scale deposits, and grease buildup. Without regular clearing maintenance, the service lateral is susceptible to backups as wastewater cannot move freely through the pipe. Clearing maintenance would be completed through "cleanouts" which are installed on the lateral. Cleanouts are points of access to the lateral from the ground level, which can be seen as vertical pipes sticking out of the ground. (Appendix F)

Appendices

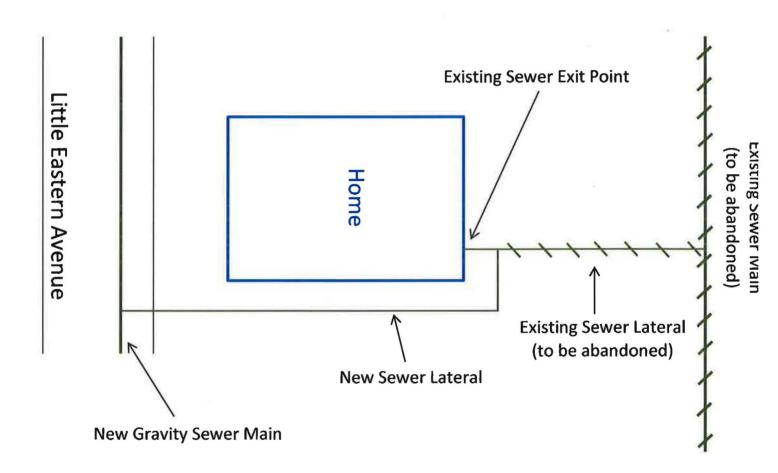
- A. Tree Removal Impacts by Construction Method
- **B.** Sketches of Front Yard Gravity Sewer Alignment
- C. Depths of Trenches Needed to Install Proposed Gravity Sewer Laterals between Homes on Eastern Avenue
- D. Construction Age of Homes along Eastern Avenue
- E. Plan Drawings for Gravity Sewer Main in Little Eastern Avenue
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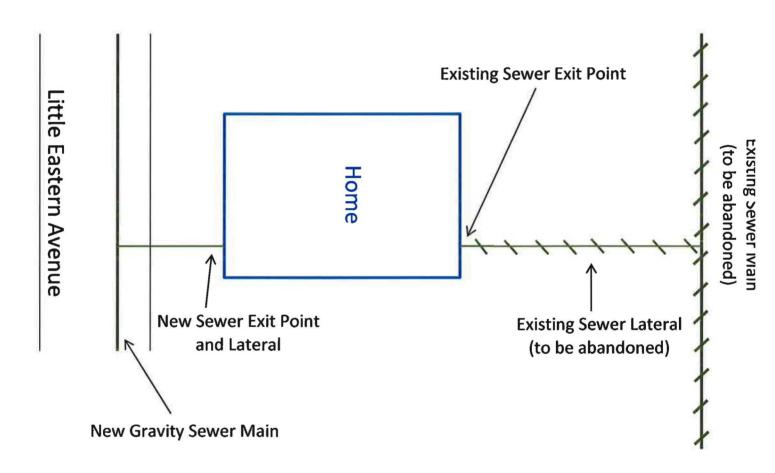
Appendix A: Tree Removal Impacts by Construction Method

Sewer Main Alignment and Construction Method	Anticipated Number of Tree Impacts
Backyard via Open Cut	39
Backyard via HDD	18
Front Yard Gravity with Laterals around the Side via open cut	20
Front Yard Gravity with Laterals around the Side via HDD	Tree impacts for excavating drilling pits and creating a construction vehicle access pathway will vary by property.
Front Yard Gravity with New Connections at the Front of House	0
Front Yard Pressure Sewer with Grinder Pumps	0

Appendix B: Sketches of Front Yard Gravity Sewer Alignments

Option #1 - New Gravity Lateral Around the Side of Home





<u>Appendix C: Depths of Trenches Needed to Install Proposed Gravity Sewer</u> <u>Laterals between Homes on Eastern Avenue</u>

Address	Estimated Trench Depth at Front Corner of House
6603 Eastern Avenue	(feet) 13.3
6609 Eastern Avenue	14.6
6613 Eastern Avenue	6.7
6617 Eastern Avenue	12.3
6621 Eastern Avenue	8.1
6625 Eastern Avenue	12.7
6631 Eastern Avenue	12.2
6633 Eastern Avenue	13.3
6705 Eastern Avenue	17.9
6711 Eastern Avenue	17.1
6713 Eastern Avenue	12.1
6717 Eastern Avenue	13.6
6721 Eastern Avenue	12.4
6725 Eastern Avenue	12.7
6729 Eastern Avenue	13.6
6733 Eastern Avenue	12.0
6737 Eastern Avenue	14.4
6741 Eastern Avenue	10.9
6745 Eastern Avenue	10.6
6749 Eastern Avenue	11.2
6753 Eastern Avenue	13.6
6757 Eastern Avenue	16.6
6761 Eastern Avenue	17.4

Appendix D: Construction Age of Homes along Eastern Avenue

Address	Primary Structure Built
6601 Eastern Avenue	1905
6603 Eastern Avenue	1989
6609 Eastern Avenue	1928
6613 Eastern Avenue	1923
6617 Eastern Avenue	1928
6621 Eastern Avenue	1923
6625 Eastern Avenue	1923
6631 Eastern Avenue	1917
6633 Eastern Avenue	1918
6637 Eastern Avenue	1918
6701 Eastern Avenue	1918
6705 Eastern Avenue	1918
6711 Eastern Avenue	1916
6713 Eastern Avenue	1953
6717 Eastern Avenue	1918
6721 Eastern Avenue	1918
6725 Eastern Avenue	1923
6729 Eastern Avenue	1925
6733 Eastern Avenue	1923
6737 Eastern Avenue	1923
6741 Eastern Avenue	1928
6745 Eastern Avenue	1918
6749 Eastern Avenue	1923
6753 Eastern Avenue	1923
6757 Eastern Avenue	1923
6761 Eastern Avenue	1991

<u>Appendix E: Plan Drawings for Gravity Sewer Main in Little Eastern Avenue</u> (Front Yard Gravity Option #1: Laterals around the Sides of Homes)

Please see the plans attached to the end of the appendices.

Plans for Front Yard Gravity Option #2 have not been developed. This alignment assumes a gravity sewer main between 6 and 10 feet deep in Little Eastern Avenue. The final design would depend on the elevation of new front yard sewer exit points for all homes in the 6600 and 6700 blocks of Eastern Avenue.

Appendix F: Picture Example of Sewer Cleanout



Reference: http://www.aacounty.org/services-and-programs/sewer-cleanouts

Appendix E: Plan Drawings for Gravity Sewer Main in Little Eastern Avenue (Front Yard Gravity Option #1: Laterals around the Sides of Homes)

TAKOMA PARK WATER AND SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENTS/RELOCATIONS EASTERN AVENUE BETWEEN WALNUT AVENUE AND 5TH AVENUE

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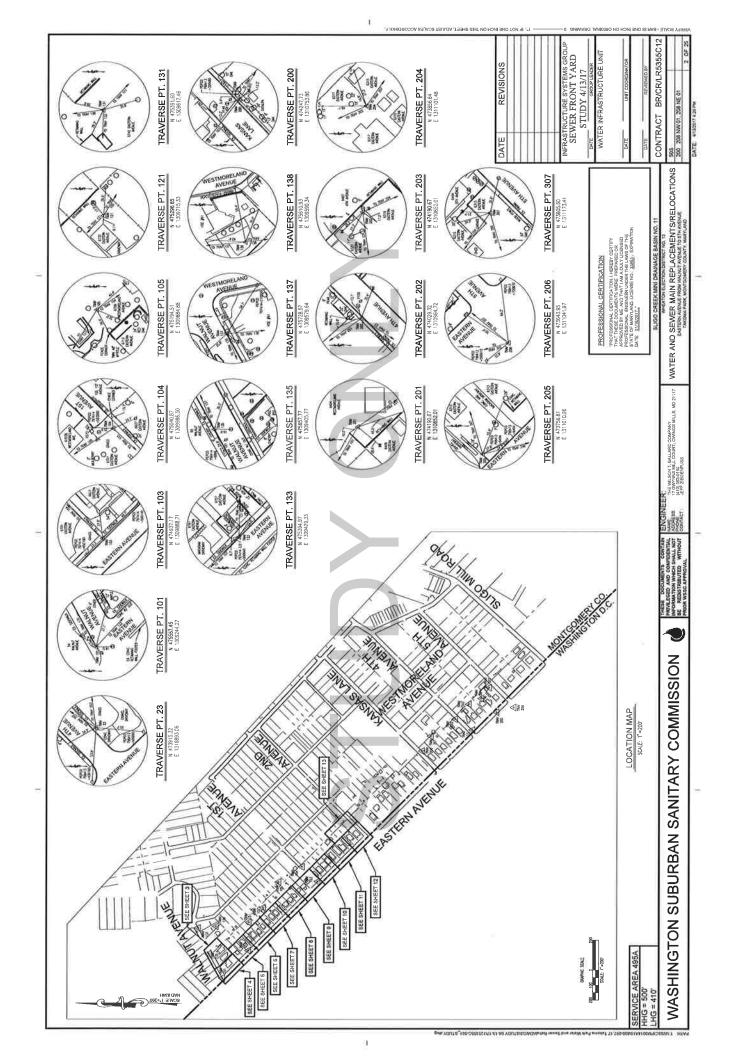
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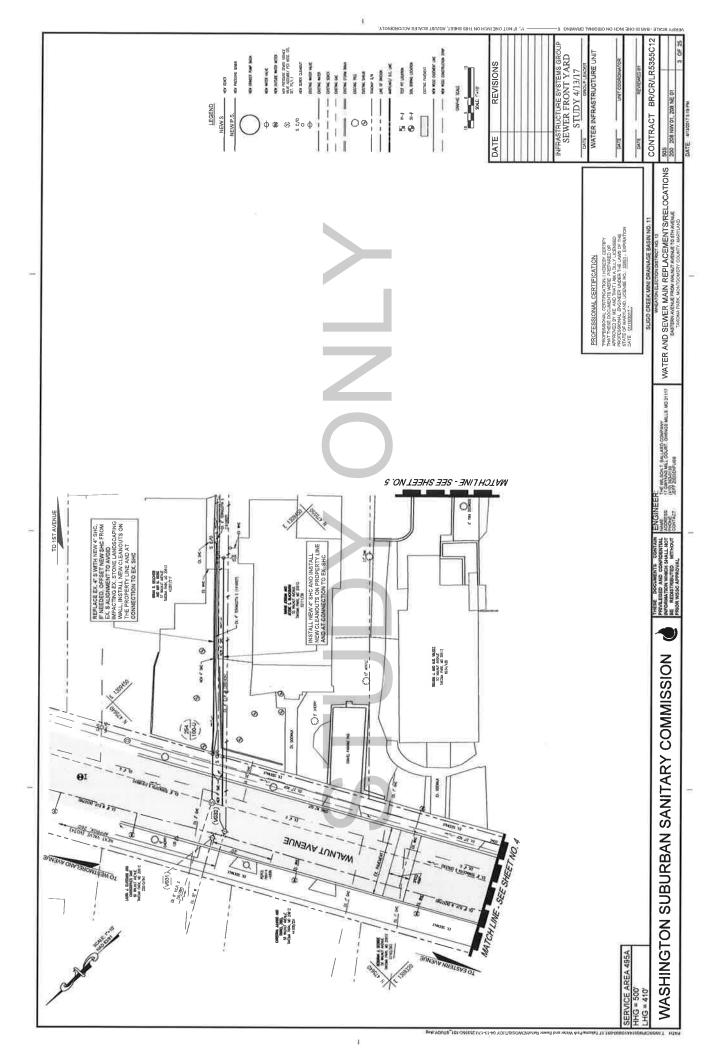
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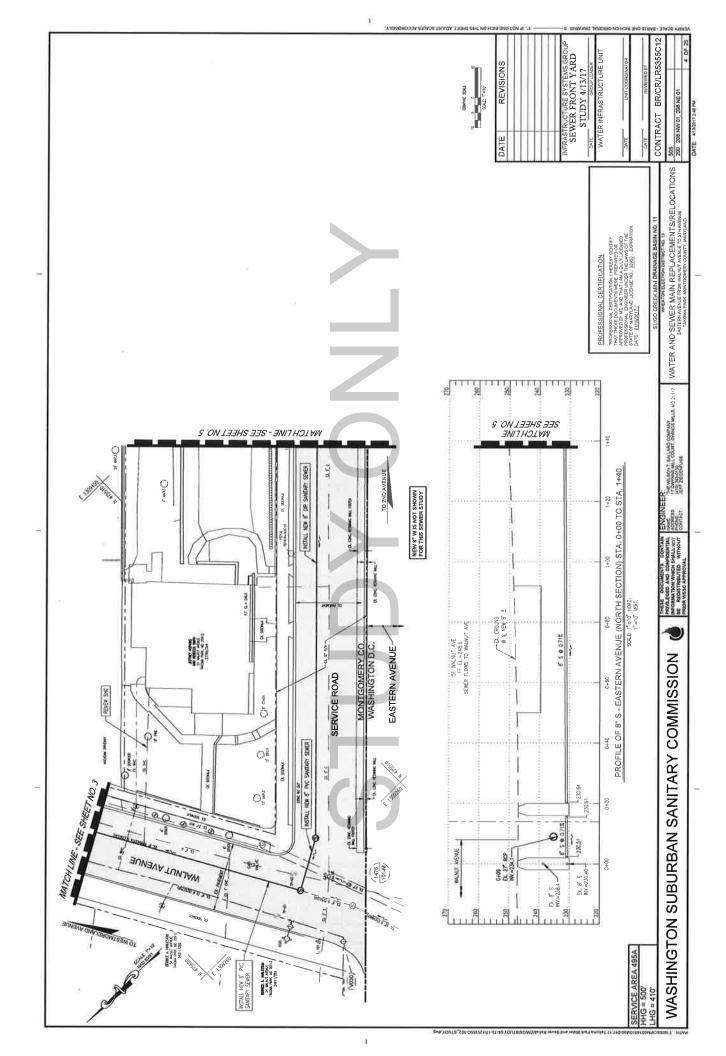
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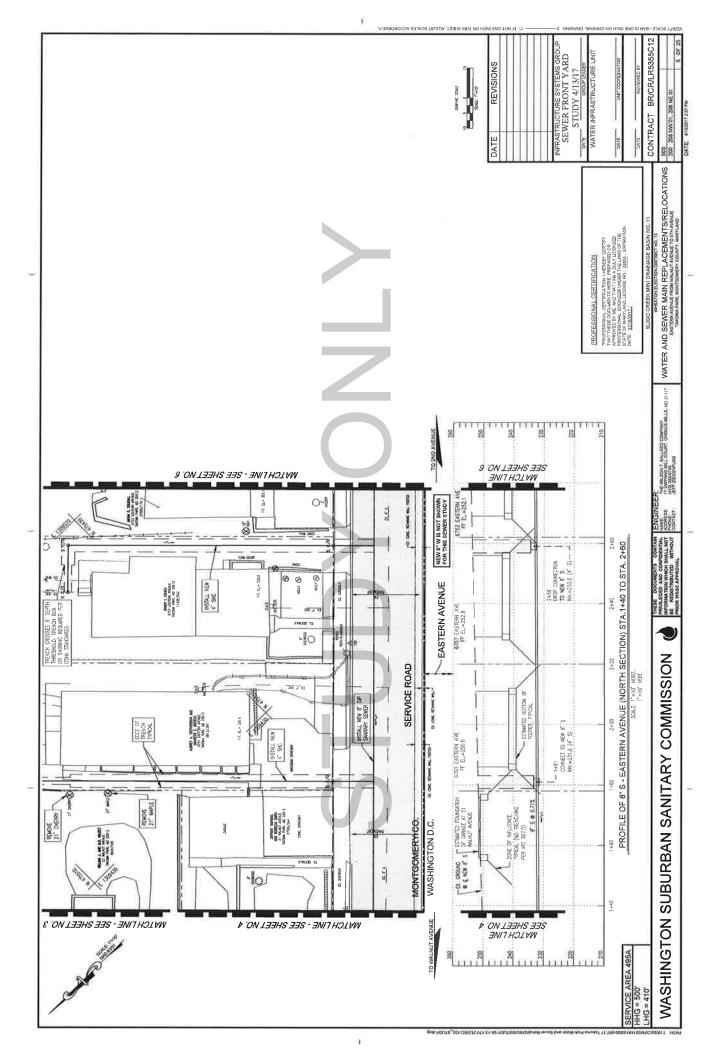
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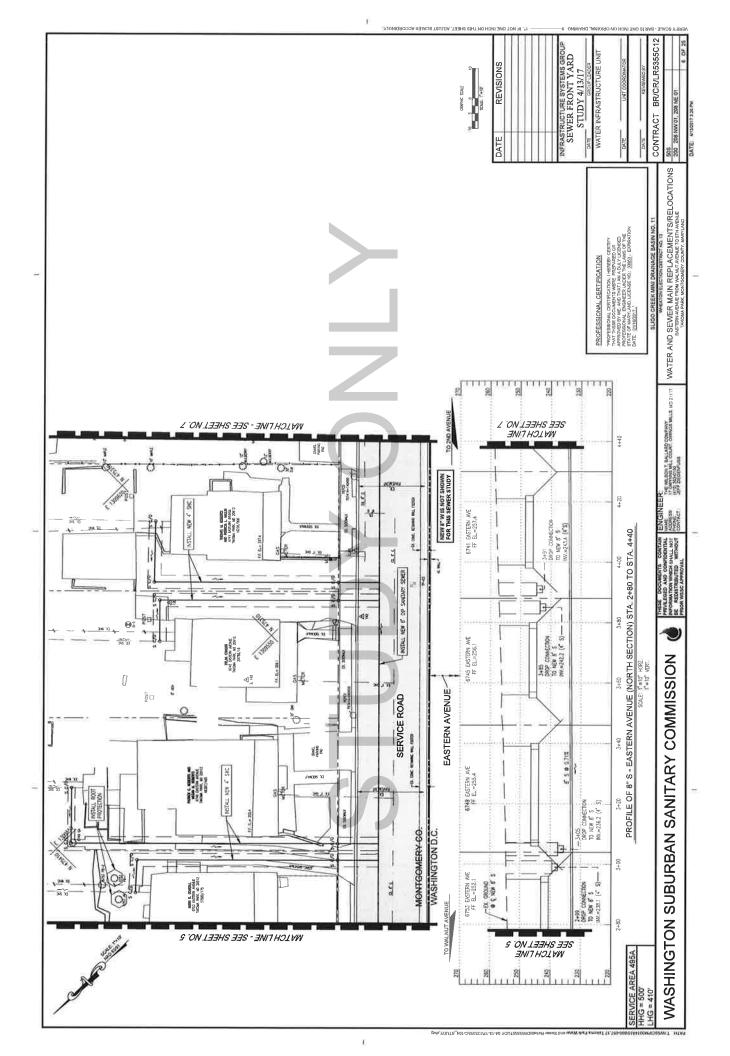
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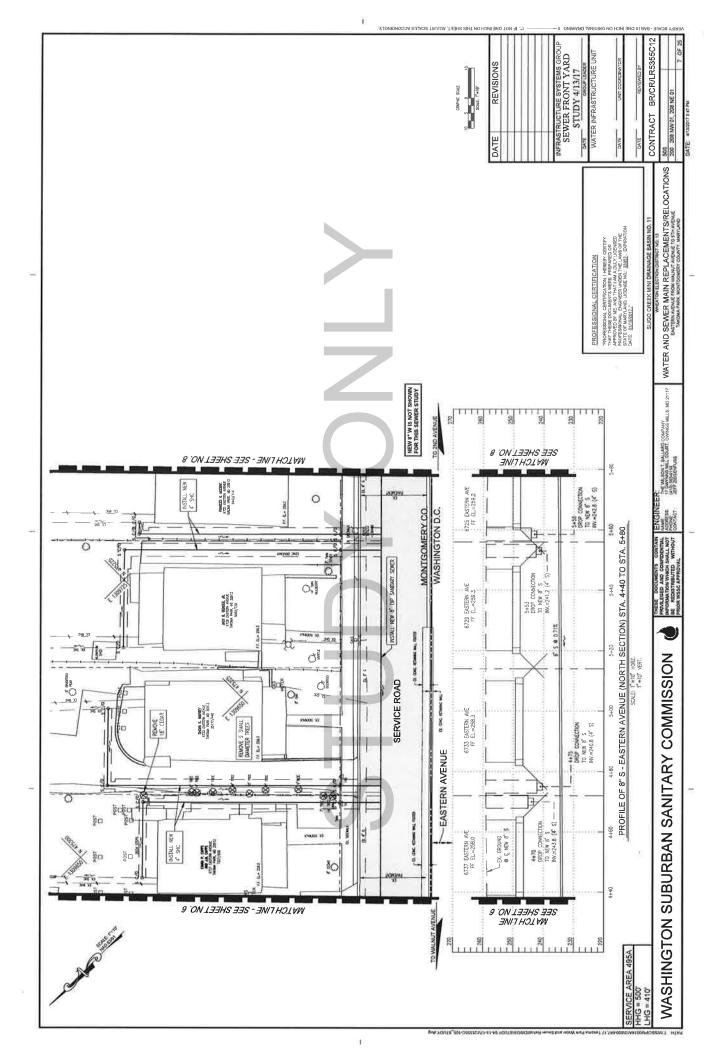


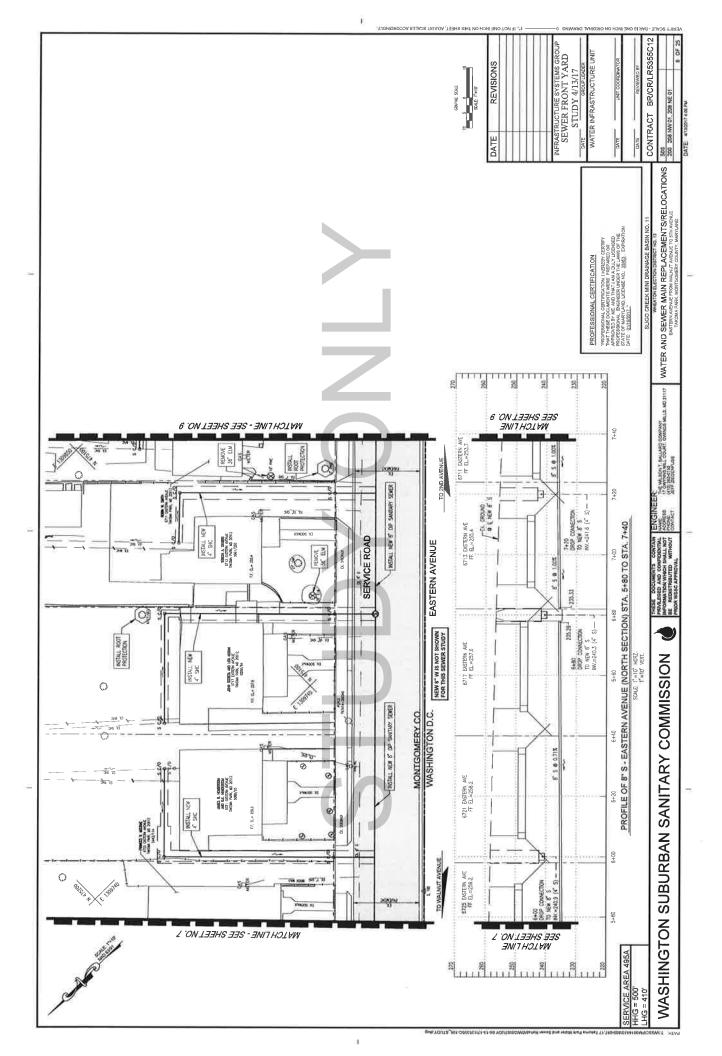


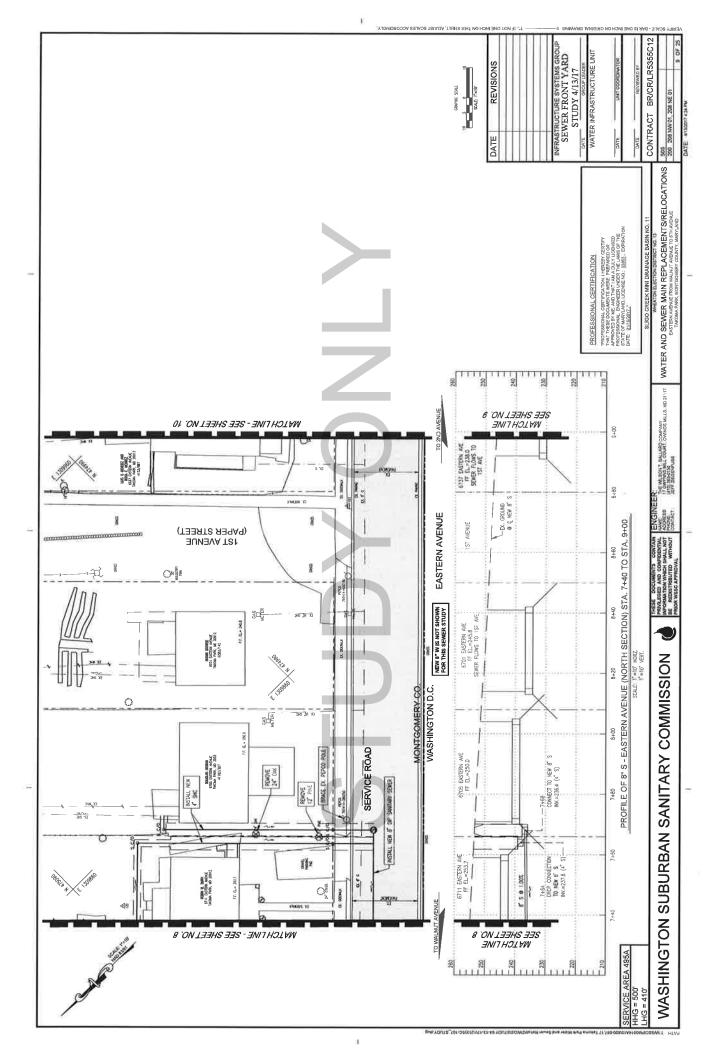


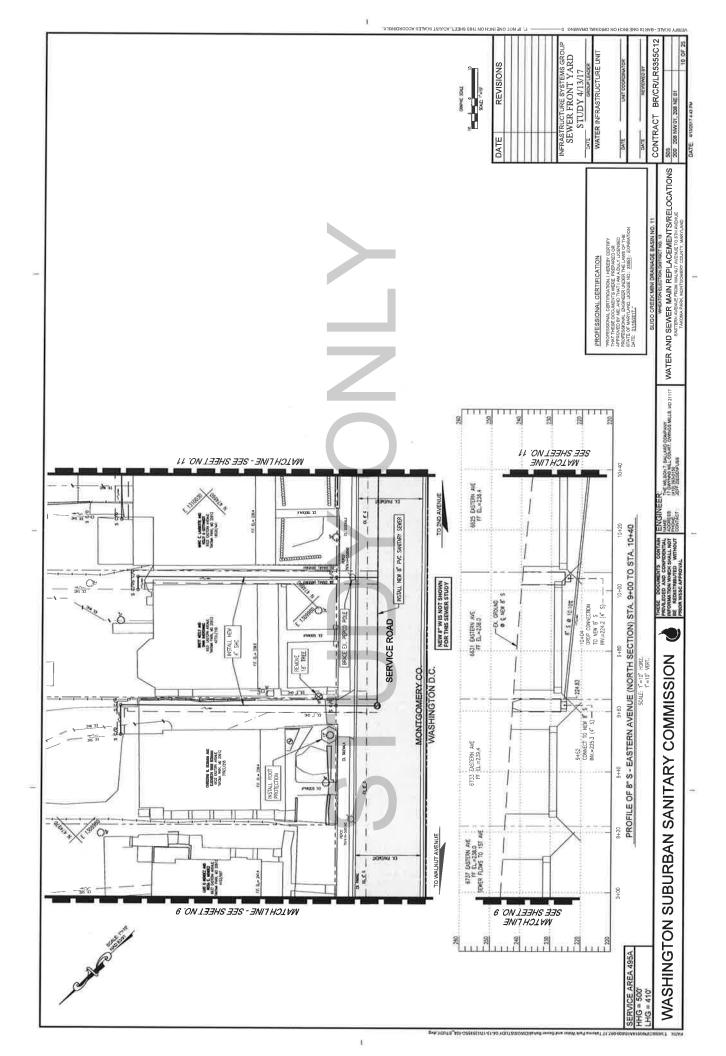


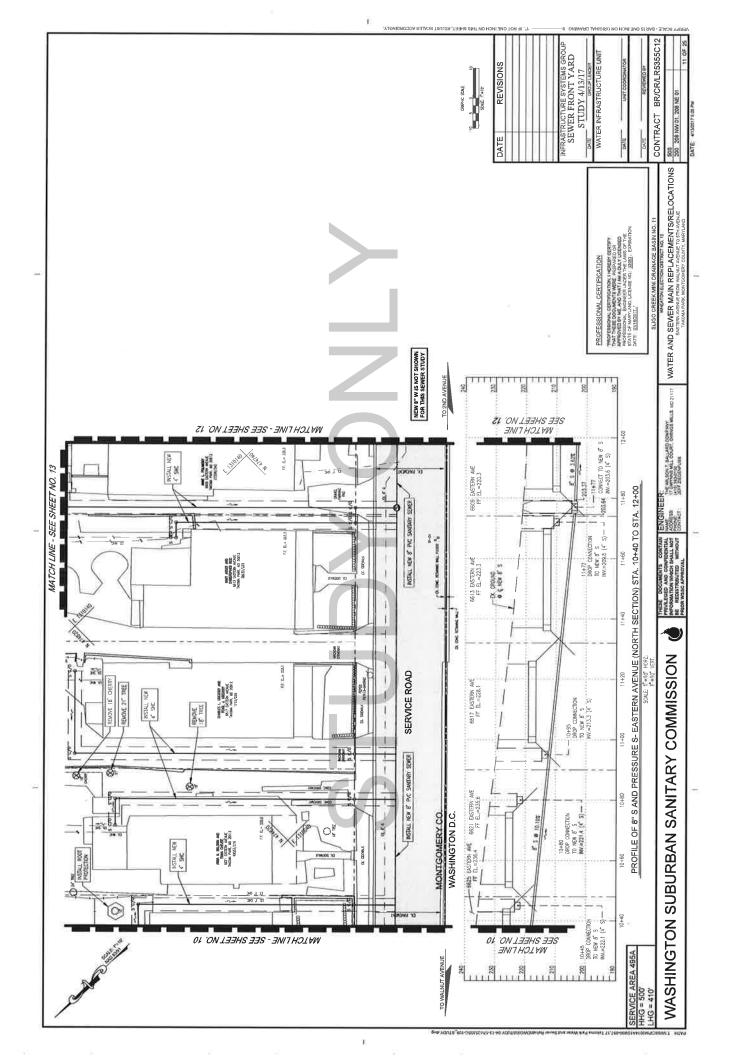


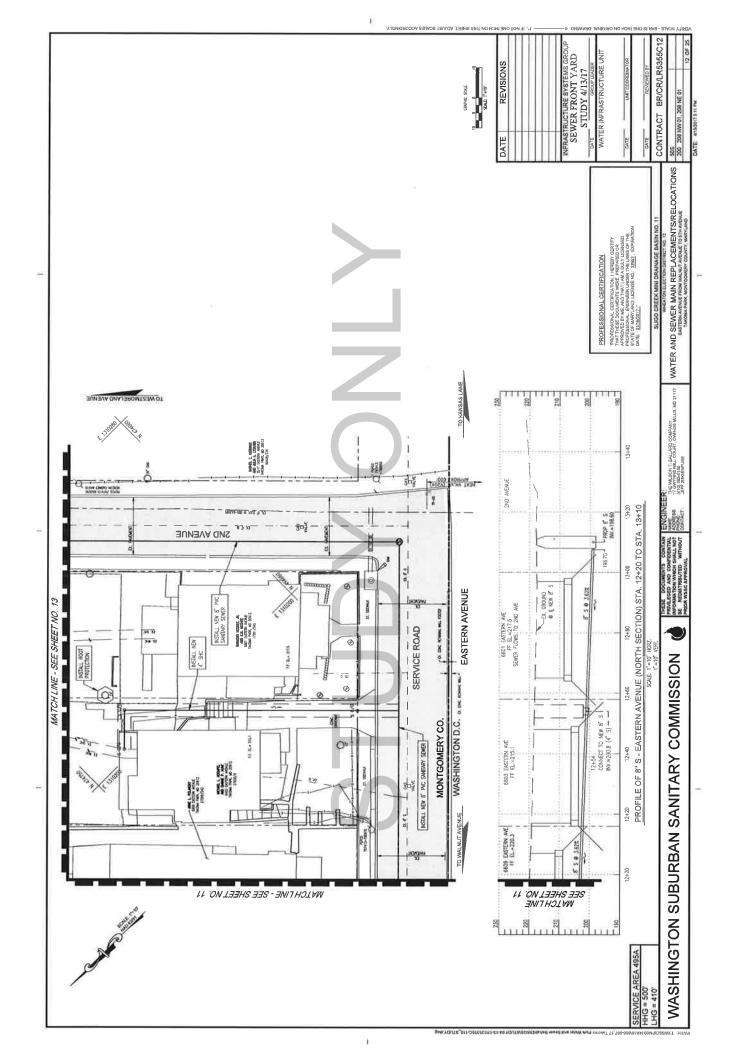


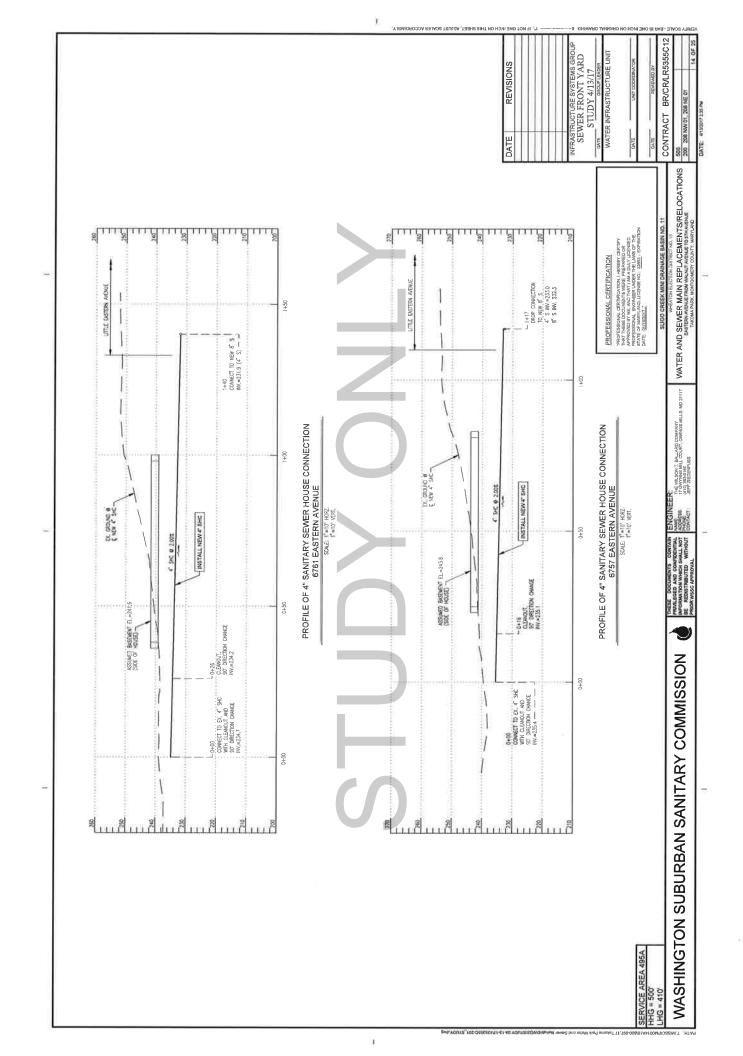


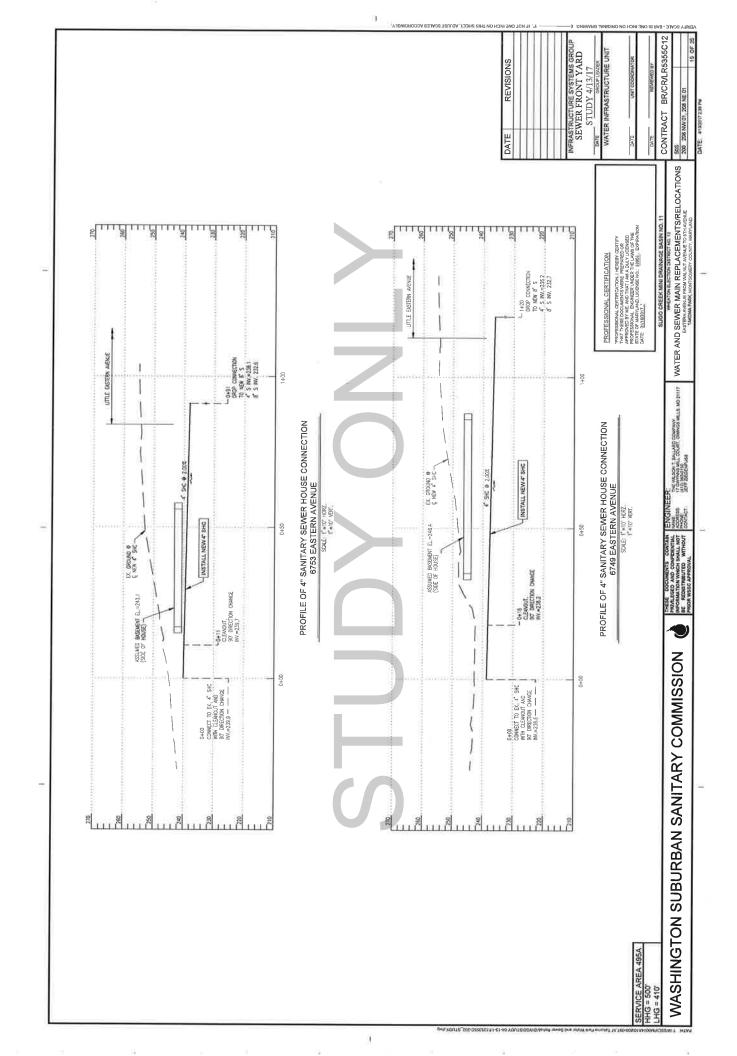


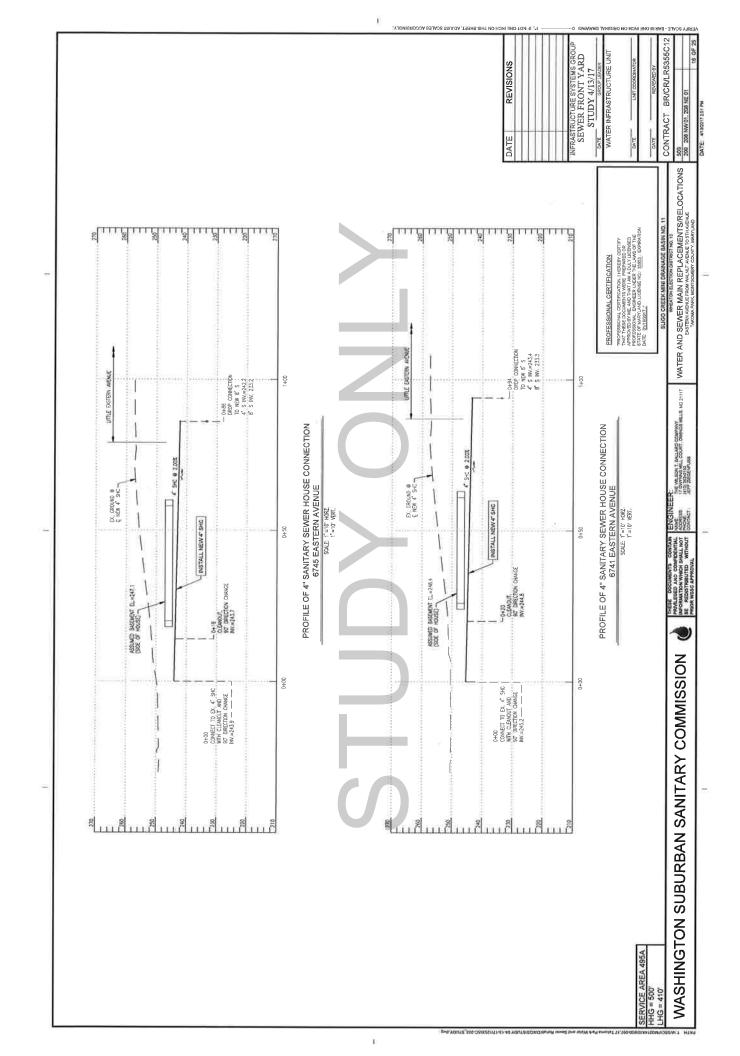


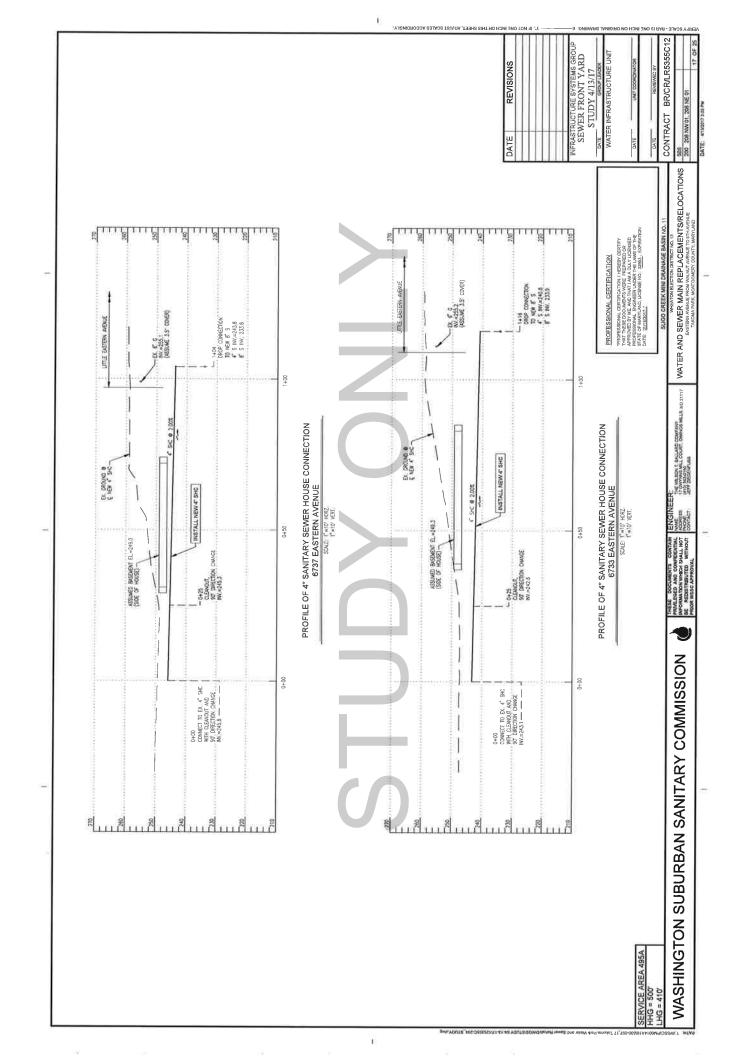


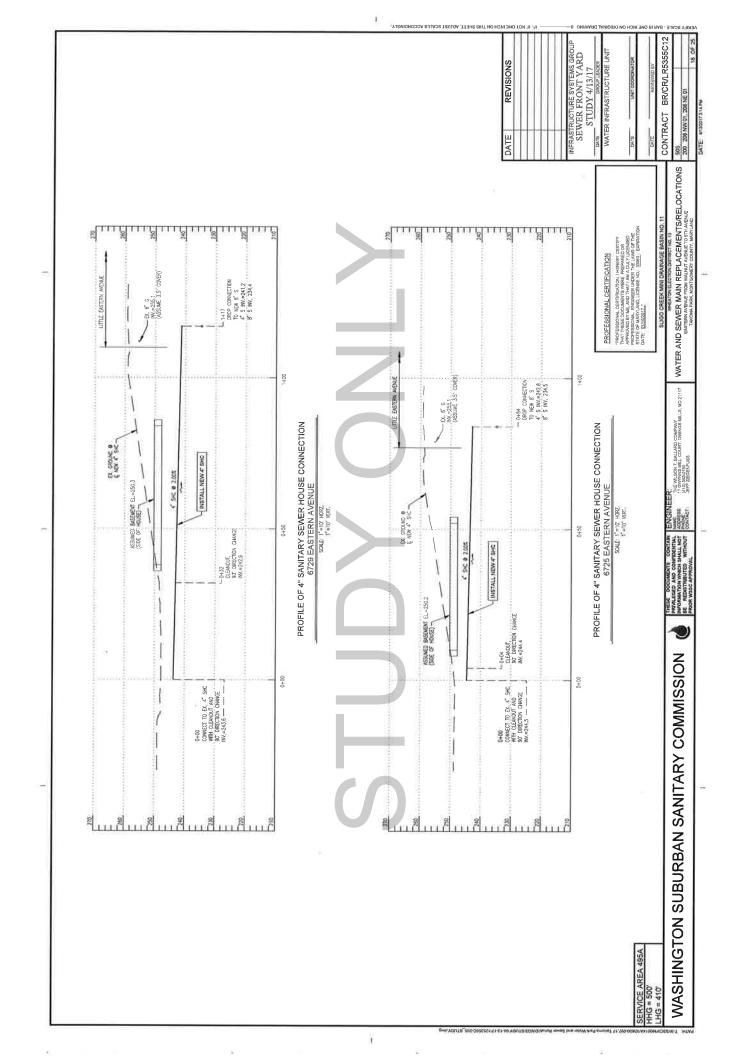


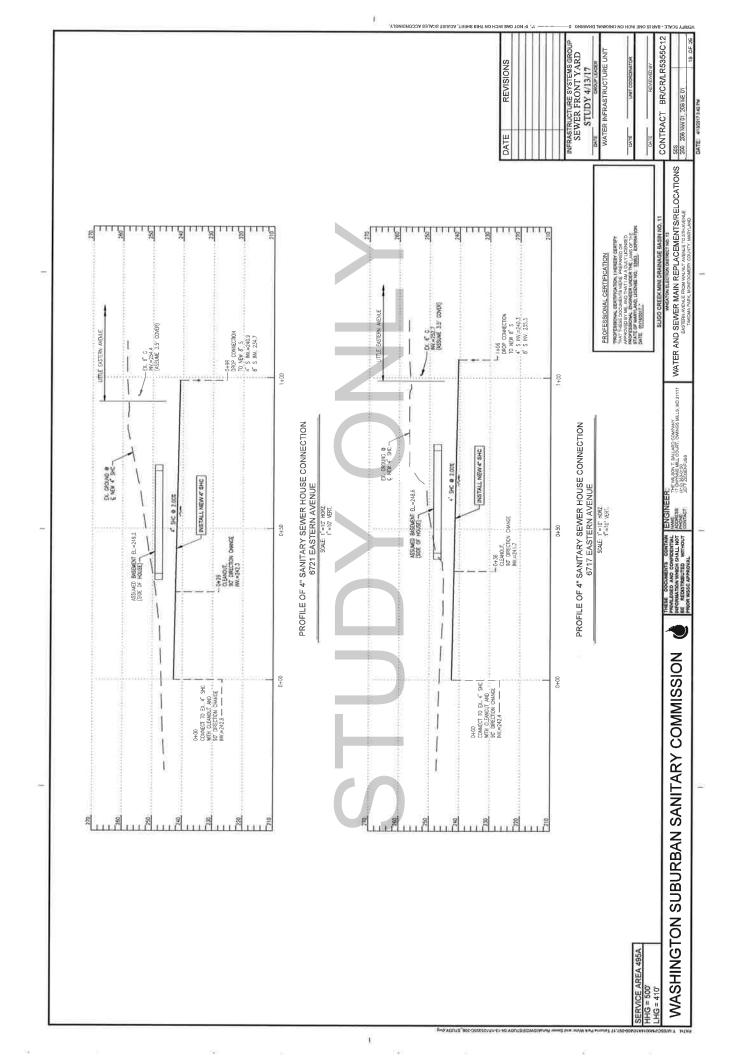


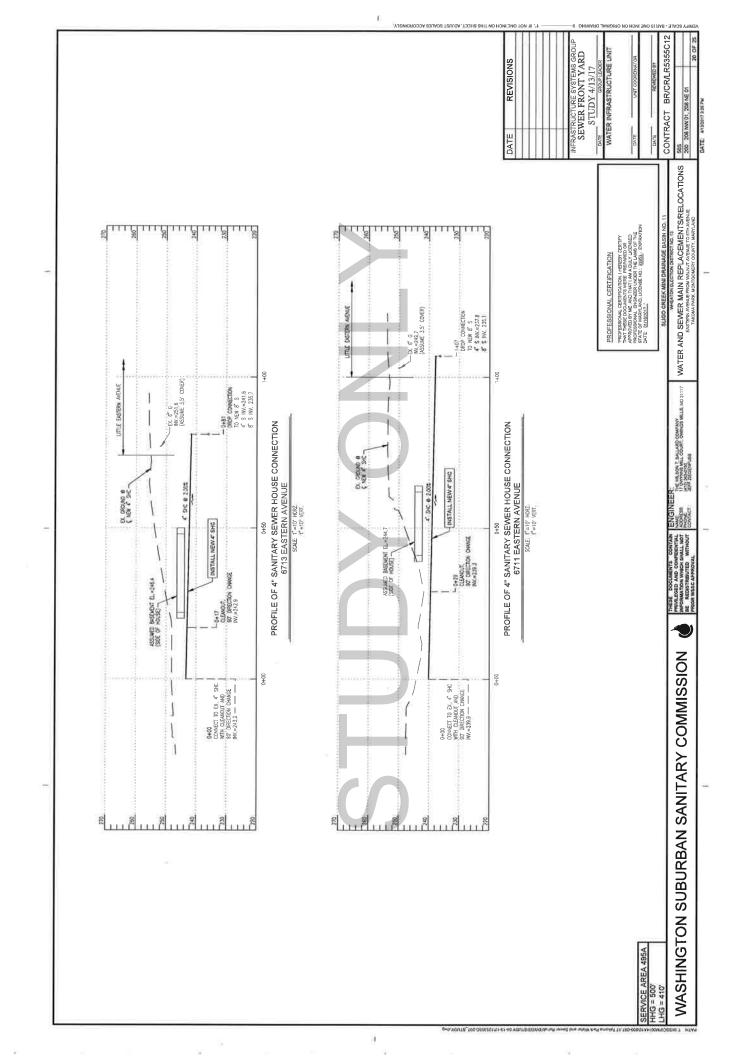


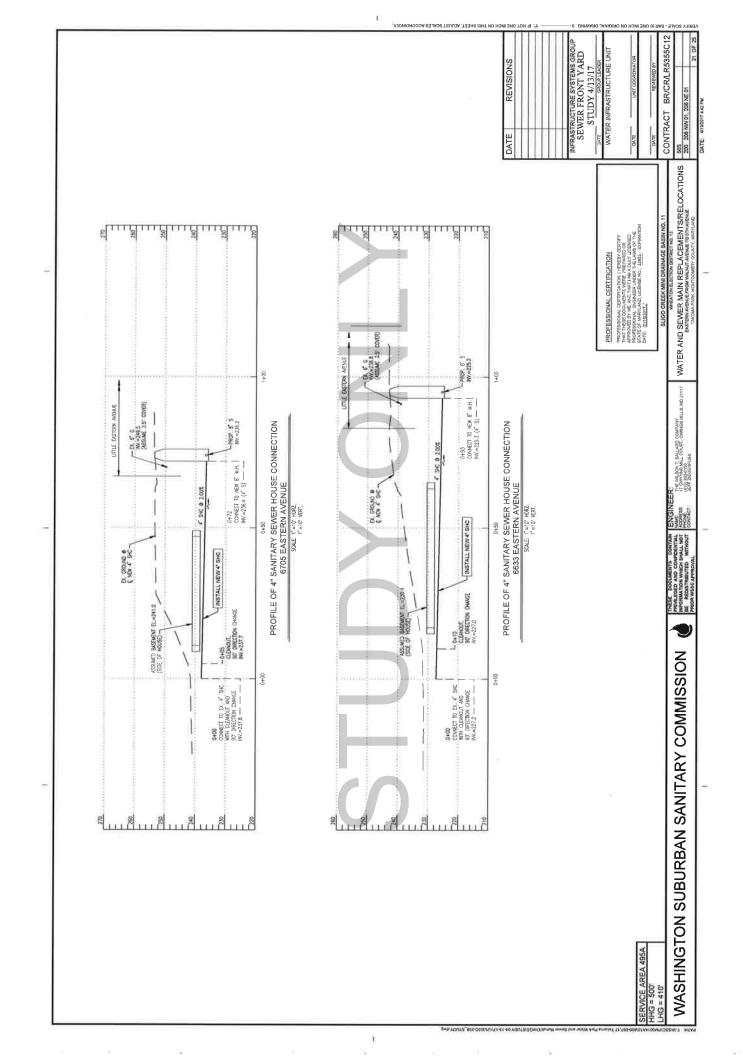


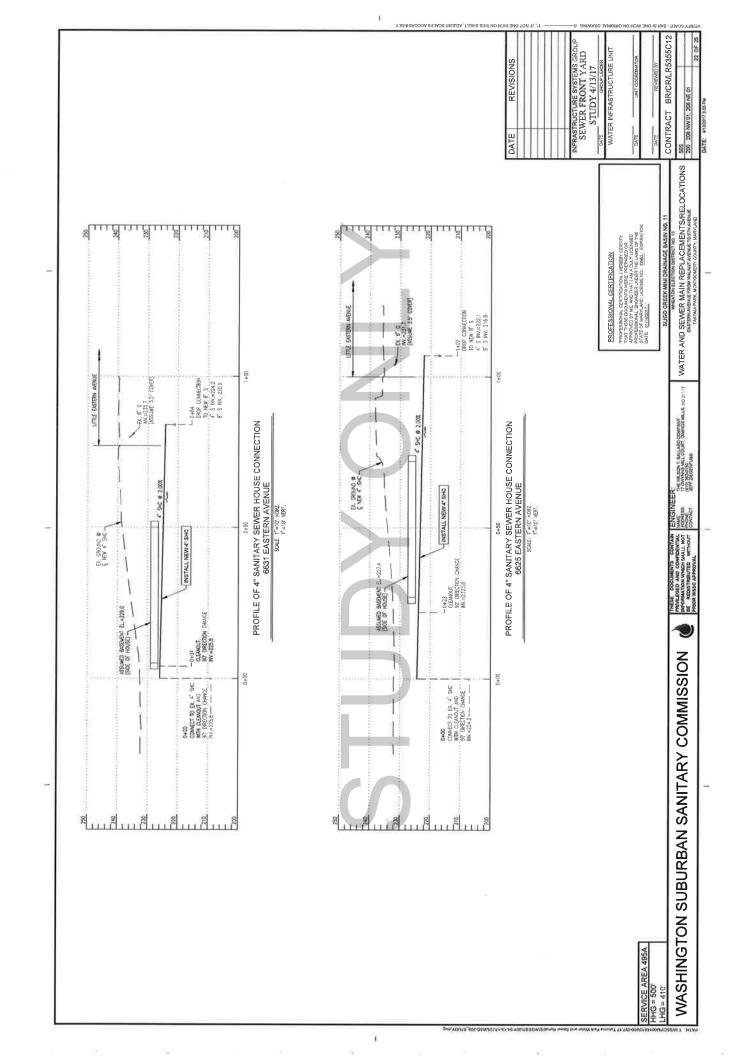


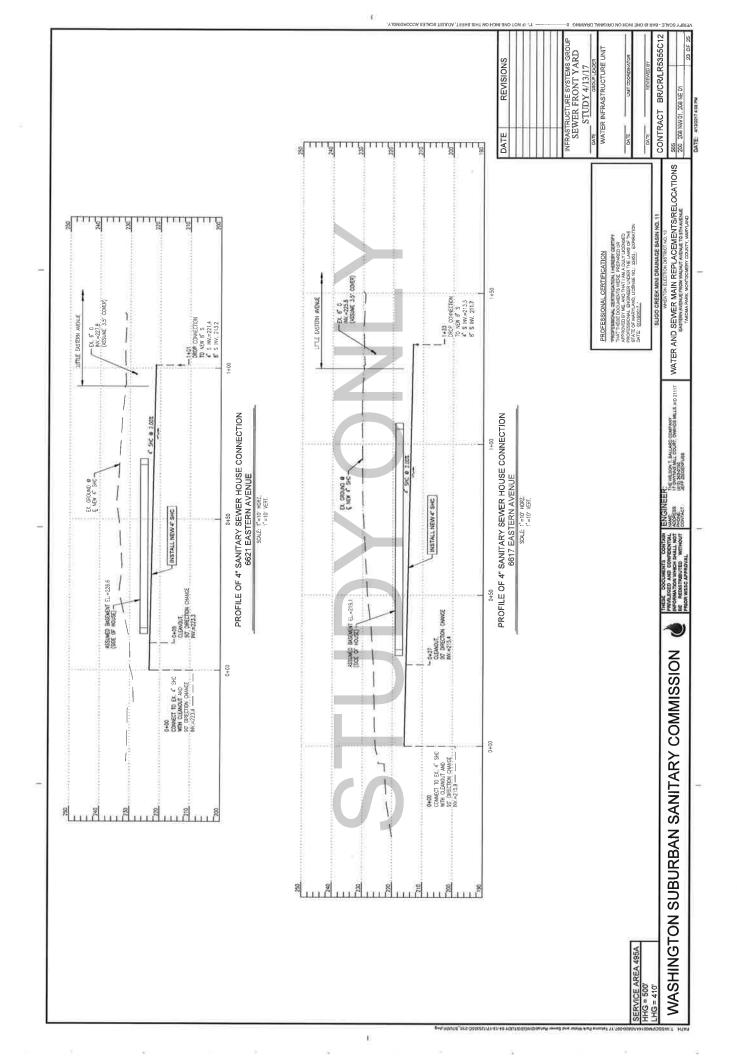


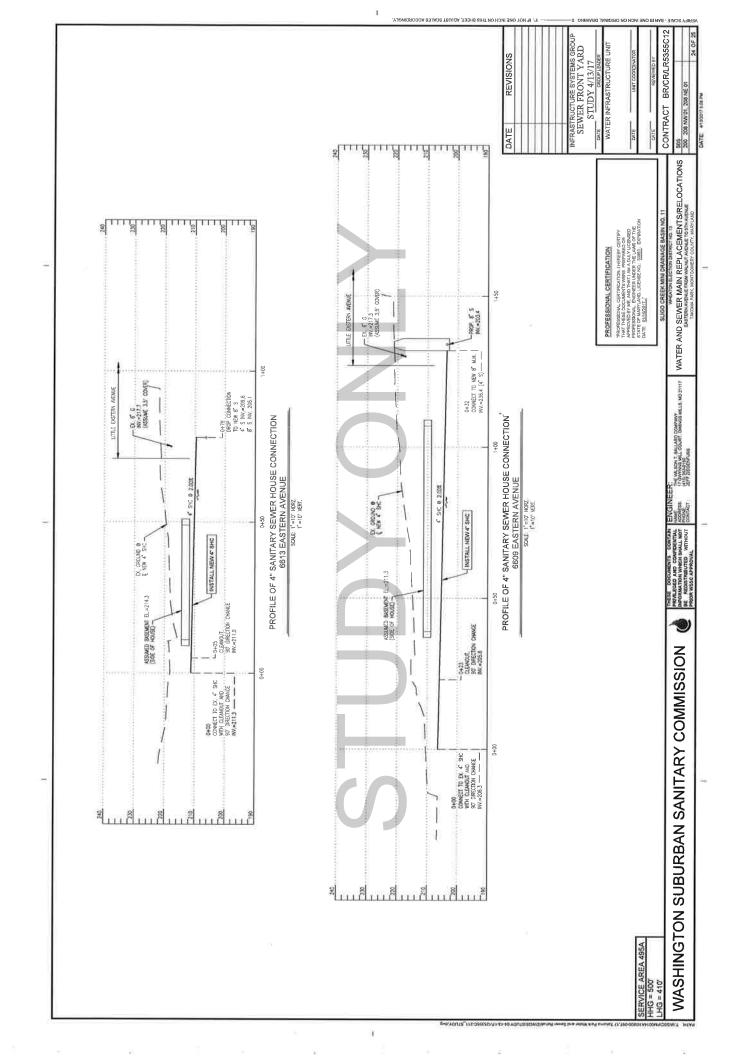












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