



AGENDA
ATHENS SHADE TREE COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19th, 2026 AT 6:00PM

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1. Establish Quorum

2. Disposition of Minutes

- May 10th, 2026
- July 15th, 2026

3. Title 33: Tree Permit, Right of Way Issues, Public Land

- Johnny Appleseed Park
 - Updates?

4. Title 37: Landscape Ordinance Issues

- Planned Unit Development special meeting

5. Maintenance of the Tree Canopy

- Dead linden on Court St, again!

6. New Business

- 2050 Comprehensive plan
 - 10 goals and 10 action items
 - Hoping to discuss during September meeting
- Backlog of stumps to be removed in the city
 - Reach out to previous removal requests? City socials outreach?
- Columbus Rd Plantings
- Bike path planting numbers and map
- Oxford City STC Outreach
- Caring for Athens Input

7. Old Business

- Subcommittees
 - Overhaul of recommended tree list
 - Highlighted trees to remove

8. Announcements & Other Business

- Next meeting: September 16th, 2026

9. Adjournment

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1. Establish Quorum

Tristan Kinnison, Issam Khoury, Megan Almeida – Council Liaison, Tom Pyle – Mayor's Designee

No quorum

2. Disposition of Minutes

- No quorum, minutes not accepted

3. Title 33: Tree Permit, Right of Way Issues, Public Land

- Carpenter St tree list
 - **Plans back from Gillian, species selection submitted to Gillian**
 - **Tree pits planned and sprayed for final installation**
 - **Discussed size of pits and pedestrian accommodation with depth**
- Johnny Appleseed Park
 - Updates?
 - **Awaiting response from EPW on details on future plans**
 - **Likely restored in early spring**

4. Title 37: Landscape Ordinance Issues

5. Maintenance of the Tree Canopy

- Stimson Bike Path Planting Replacements
 - Updates from Menards?
 - **Menards will replace, need to plan timing for delivery and replacement**
 - **Hoping to replace at same time as new planting**
- 6 S College St limb
 - **Limb fell, was removed by city, reviewed tree health, looks fine as is**
- Rise & Grind Tree request
 - **Young oak that cannot be pruned to improve sign visibility until it is older**
- 17 Euclid Tree Removal
 - **Silver maple dying back, recommended removal**
 - **New policy is for stumps to be removed at same time as dead tree removal**
 - **Check back with older removal requests to see if we can batch stump removals**

- Uptown Limb Removal during Boogie
 - **Rogue removal of limb by event operators, should be improved with full cut but no major issues as is**

6. New Business

- Fall Plantings and Arbor Day Event
 - Westside plantings? Where, when, how many?
 - **Rough date of November 7th, will wait to hear back from rest of commission**
 - OU Soccer field
 - Working on maps
 - **Hoping to schedule at the same time as other plantings**
 - **Still finalizing map and species selection**
 - Coordinating with Stimson replacements
- Chris Hedges application for appointment
 - **Mayor plans to approve and appoint by next meeting**
- East Elementary tree request
 - **Magnolia or redbud for the East Elementary sign**

7. Old Business

- Subcommittees
 - Overhaul of recommended tree list
 - Highlighted trees to remove
 - **Needs more work, no progress**

8. Announcements & Other Business

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T5	Basswood	Tilia americana	
T6	Black gum	Nyssa sylvatica	
T7	White oak	Quercus alba	
T8	'Purple robe' Black locust	Robinia pseudoacacia 'Purple robe'	
T9	Sugar Maple	Acer saccharum	
T10	American Plum	Prunus americana	
T11	New Harmony Elm	Ulmus americana 'New Harmony'	
T12	New Harmony Elm		
T13	New Harmony Elm		
T14	Catalpa	Catalpa speciosa	
T15			



= TREE PIT AREA

SITE FURNISHINGS SCHEDULE

CODE	DESCRIPTION
S-101	TRASH RECEPTACLE, VICTOR STANLEY, S-42, COLOR: GREEN/HERITAGE GREEN; CONTRACTOR TO MATCH W. UNION STREET FURNISHINGS; 1. TO MATCH FURNISHINGS ON W. UNION ST. LOCATE AS INDICATED, SURFACE MOUNT PER MANUFACTURERS RECOMMENDATION.
S-102	PLANTER, CRP-VIS, BELSON OUTDOORS CARNIVAL COLLECTION, STEEL, ROUND PLANTER, WITH TOP RING, COLOR: GREEN/FOREST GREEN/EMERALD GREEN; CONTRACTOR TO MATCH W. UNION STREET FURNISHINGS; 1. TO MATCH FURNISHINGS ON W. UNION ST. LOCATE AS INDICATED, SURFACE MOUNT PER MANUFACTURERS RECOMMENDATION.
S-103	CURVED BENCH, PCS-72-180, BELSON OUTDOORS PREMIER STYLE CIRCULAR TREE BENCH WITH BACK, COLOR: MOSS GREEN; CONTRACTOR TO MATCH FURNISHINGS ON W. UNION ST. LOCATE AS INDICATED, SURFACE MOUNT PER MANUFACTURERS RECOMMENDATION.
S-104	STRAIGHT BENCH, MF2201, BELSON OUTDOORS METAL ARMOR COATED STEEL, PARK BENCH, CURVED BACK, WITHOUT CENTER ARM, COLOR: GREEN/EMERALD; CONTRACTOR TO MATCH W. UNION STREET FURNISHINGS; 1. TO MATCH FURNISHINGS ON W. UNION ST. LOCATE AS INDICATED, SURFACE MOUNT PER MANUFACTURERS RECOMMENDATION.
S-105	BIKE RACK, VICTOR STANLEY, BINS-301, CYCLE SENTRY COLLECTION, COLOR: GREEN; CONTRACTOR TO MATCH W. UNION STREET FURNISHINGS; 1. TO MATCH FURNISHINGS ON W. UNION ST. LOCATE AS INDICATED, SURFACE MOUNT PER MANUFACTURERS RECOMMENDATION. SEE DETAIL #2, SHEET L-4.

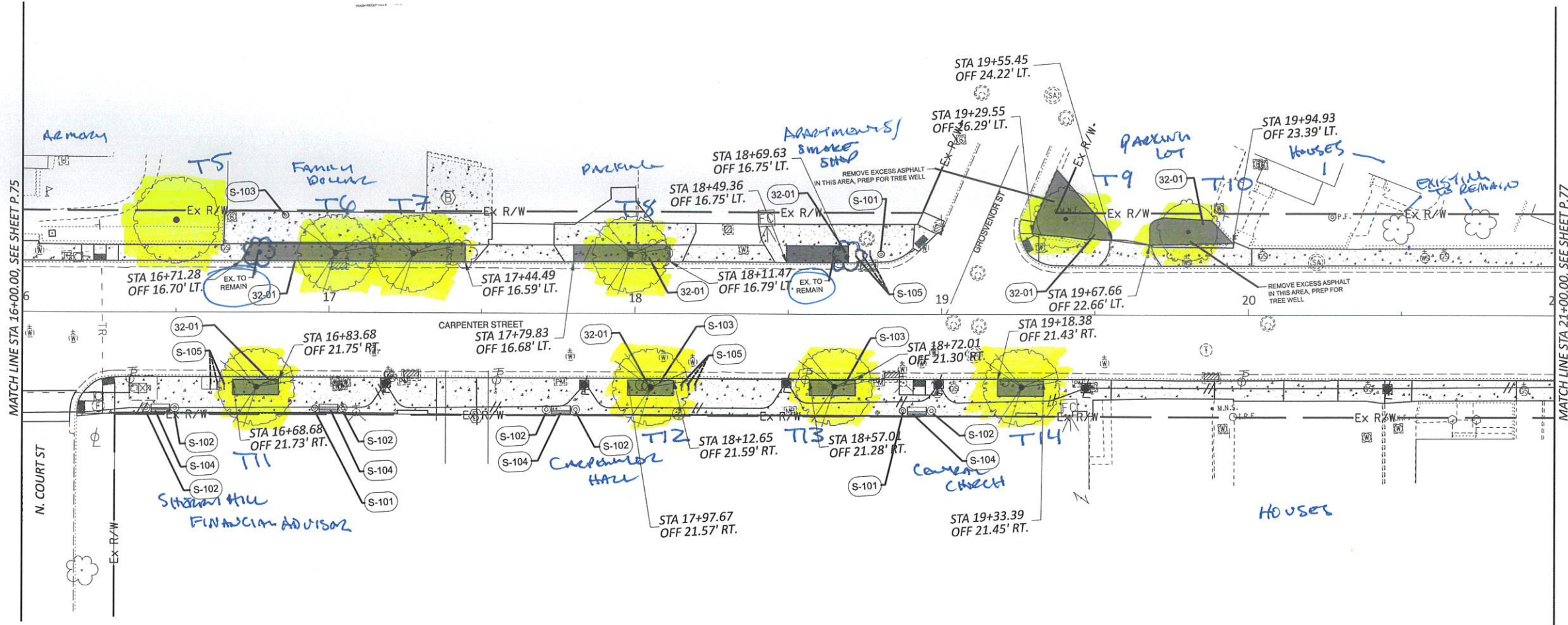
REFERENCE NOTES

- Contractor to verify all utility locations in the field prior to beginning work and to report any changes to utility locations to the utility owner and/or engineering agency as required to satisfaction of the utility owner and/or engineering agency.
- In case of discrepancies between the plan and the field, the plan shall prevail. The contractor shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and for obtaining all necessary approvals from the utility owner and/or engineering agency.
- For installation of plant material, the contractor shall follow the instructions in the planting schedule and shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and for obtaining all necessary approvals from the utility owner and/or engineering agency.
- All installed plant material shall be protected and maintained as shown on the plan. The contractor shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and for obtaining all necessary approvals from the utility owner and/or engineering agency.
- Under no circumstances shall the contractor be allowed to remove or alter any existing underground utilities or structures without the written approval of the utility owner and/or engineering agency.

!! CAUTION !!

THE LOCATIONS OF ALL EXISTING UNDERGROUND UTILITIES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN ARE BASED ON ABOVE GROUND EVIDENCE. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING THE LOCATION OF ALL EXISTING UNDERGROUND UTILITIES PRIOR TO ANY AND ALL CONSTRUCTION. THE EXACT LOCATIONS OF SAID EXISTING UNDERGROUND UTILITIES SHALL BE VERIFIED BY THE CONTRACTOR PRIOR TO ANY AND ALL CONSTRUCTION.

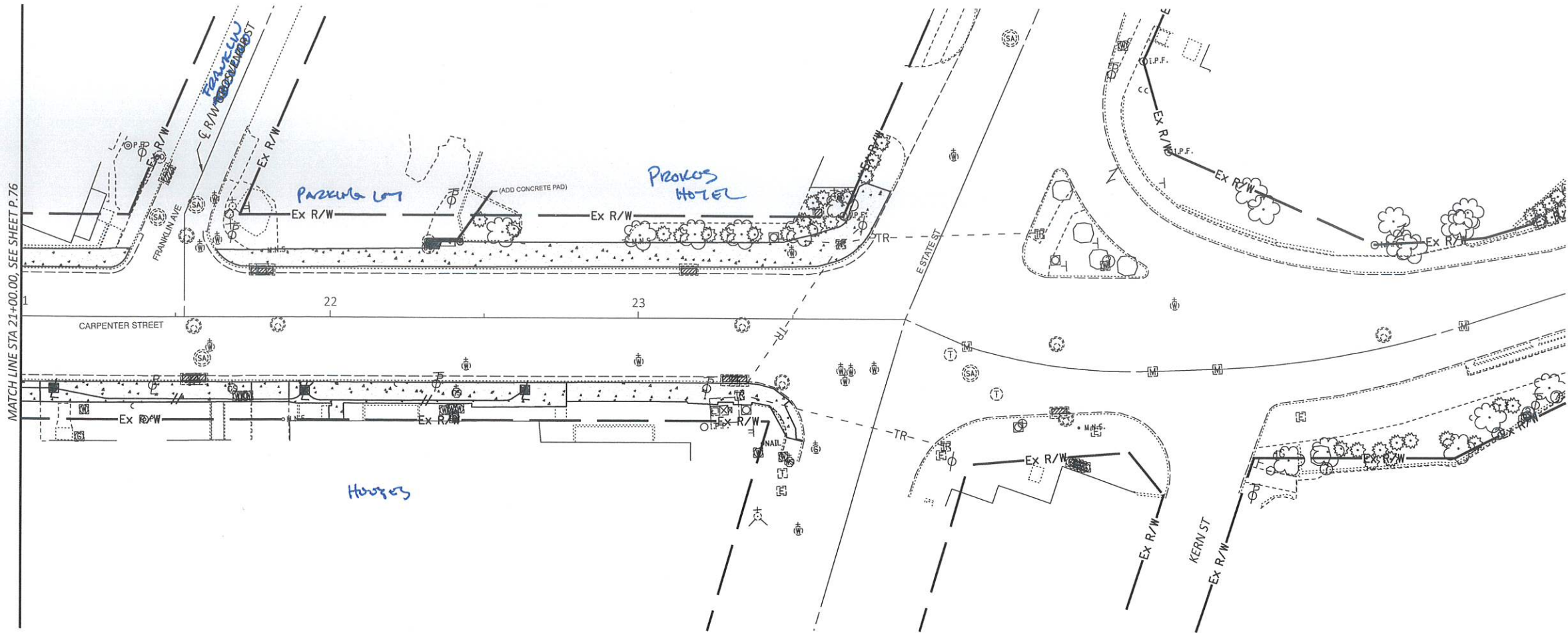
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LANDSCAPING PLAN
CARPENTER STREET



DESIGN AGENCY	STRUCTUREPOINT
DESIGNER	BK
REVIEWER	KA
PROJECT ID	2024.01100
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BENCH



CURVED BENCH



TRASH RECEPTACLE



BIKE RACK



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S-102	PLANTER, CRP-VS, BELSON OUTDOORS CARNIVAL COLLECTION STEEL ROUND PLANTER, WITH TOP RING, COLOR: GREEN FOREST GREEN/EMERALD GREEN; CONTRACTOR TO MATCH W. UNION STREET FURNISHINGS; TO MATCH FURNISHINGS ON W. UNION ST. LOCATE AS INDICATED. SURFACE MOUNT PER MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATION.
S-103	CURVED BENCH, PCS-72-18, BELSON OUTDOORS PREMIER STYLE CIRCULAR TREE BENCH WITH BENCH, COLOR: MOSS GREEN; CONTRACTOR TO MATCH FURNISHINGS ON W. UNION ST. LOCATE AS INDICATED. SURFACE MOUNT PER MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATION.
S-104	STRAIGHT BENCH, MF201, BELSON OUTDOORS METAL ARMOR COATED STEEL PARK BENCH, CURVED BACK, WITHOUT CENTER ARM, COLOR: GREEN/EMERALD; CONTRACTOR TO MATCH W. UNION STREET FURNISHINGS; TO MATCH FURNISHINGS ON W. UNION ST. LOCATE AS INDICATED. SURFACE MOUNT PER MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATION.
S-105	BIKE RACK, VICTOR STANLEY, BRNS-301, CYCLE SENTRY COLLECTION, COLOR: GREEN; CONTRACTOR TO MATCH W. UNION STREET FURNISHINGS; CUSTOM MESSAGE: ATHENS BLOOM; TO MATCH FURNISHINGS ON W. UNION ST. LOCATE AS INDICATED. SURFACE MOUNT PER MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATION. SEE DETAIL #2, SHEET L4.

CODE	DESCRIPTION	DETAIL
S-101	FREE WELL EXCAVATE FULLY AND REMOVE SOIL AND DEBRIS FROM SITE. FILL TREE PITS WITH STRUCTURAL SOIL.	

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- In case of discrepancies between the plan and the field, the plan shall prevail. The contractor shall be responsible for any damage to utilities.
- No excavation or other work shall be performed until all utilities have been located and marked. If a utility is located, it shall be marked with a flag and a tag indicating its depth and location. The contractor shall be responsible for any damage to utilities.
- Refer to section 100.01 for details on utility relocation and protection.
- Refer to the City of Athens (CA) for all applicable rules and regulations.

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T15	Hackberry	Celtis occidentalis	
T16	'Autumn Brilliance' Serviceberry	Amelanchier x grandifolia	



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S-101	TRASH RECEPTACLE VICTOR STANLEY S-42 COLOR: (GREEN HERITAGE GREEN) CONTRACTOR TO MATCH W. UNION STREET FURNISHINGS. TO MATCH FURNISHINGS ON W. UNION ST. LOCATE AS INDICATED. SURFACE MOUNT PER MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATION.
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S-103	CURVED BENCH PCS-72-98 BELSON OUTDOORS PREMIER STYLE CIRCULAR TREE BENCH WITH BACK, (COLOR: MOSS GREEN) CONTRACTOR TO MATCH FURNISHINGS ON W. UNION ST. LOCATE AS INDICATED. SURFACE MOUNT PER MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATION.
S-104	STRAIGHT BENCH MP201 BELSON OUTDOORS METAL ARMOR COATED STEEL PARK BENCH CURVED BACK WITHOUT CENTER ARM, COLOR: (GREEN EMERALD) CONTRACTOR TO MATCH W. UNION STREET FURNISHINGS. TO MATCH FURNISHINGS ON W. UNION ST. LOCATE AS INDICATED. SURFACE MOUNT PER MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATION.
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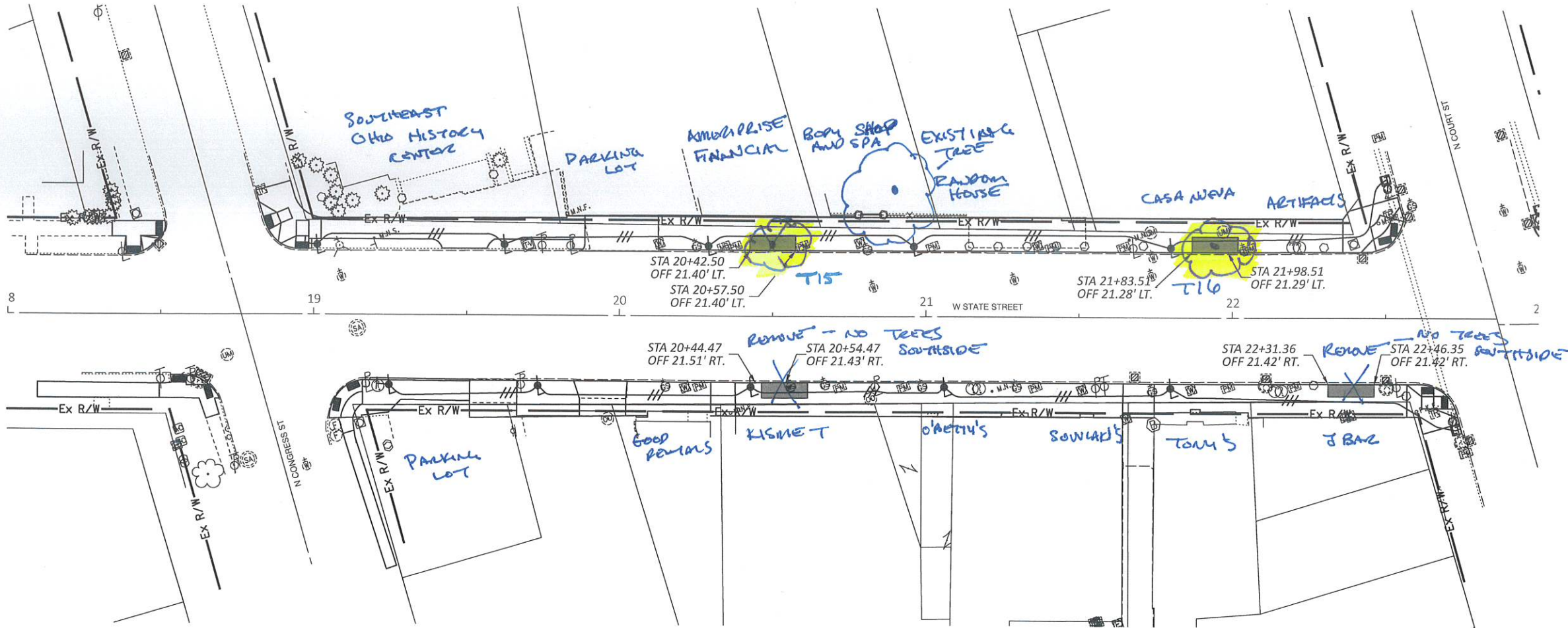
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2. In case of discrepancies between the plan and the field, the plan shall prevail. Discrepancies shall be resolved by the designer.
3. The manufacturer of all site furnishings shall be approved by the designer prior to purchase. The manufacturer shall provide a detailed specification of all site furnishings to the designer for review and approval.
4. All site furnishings shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the designer's specifications.
5. Refer to CHS City Plan (C-1000) for all pertinent standards and specifications.

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STATE STREET

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Shared Life in Athens

An Invitation to Learn About How We Live, Care, and Belong Together

Purpose

This is an invitation to contribute to a better understanding of **shared life in Athens**: the people, organizations, relationships, responsibilities, and everyday choices that shape what it is like to live, learn, work, and belong here.

Athens is often described in terms of a “town-gown” relationship, but life here is more interconnected than that phrase suggests. Housing affects neighborhoods and student life. Sustainability connects with transportation, infrastructure, accessibility, and public space. Community relations affect how people participate, navigate differences, and experience belonging.

A great deal of work is already happening in these areas. The opportunity is to make that work easier to understand, learn from the people doing it, strengthen connections, and explore where collaboration might be useful. This is not an effort to create another committee or place different organizations under one structure. **It is an invitation to learn from what already exists and from one another.**

Guiding Idea

When we understand the life we share, we can care for it more wisely.

Understanding shared life in Athens starts by asking what already exists, who is doing the work, and how responsibilities connect. From there, we can identify gaps, strengthen relationships, and explore where working together might add value.

Three Ways of Looking at Shared Life in Athens

These are simply three ways of organizing conversations about issues that already overlap.

Living in Athens

Housing, neighborhood life, recreation, and shared spaces

How do people experience home, neighborhood, and daily life in Athens?

This includes affordability, accessibility, aging in place, housing insecurity, rental and student housing, neighbor relations, recreation, and shared spaces.

- Who is working on these issues, and how do their efforts connect?
- Where could stronger relationships or clearer communication help?

Caring for Athens

Sustainability, stewardship, accessibility, resilience, and public responsibility

How do we care for people, place, and the future we share?

This includes climate and energy, mobility, buildings and infrastructure, trees and biodiversity, water and waste, accessibility, food, and community resilience.

- Where are related sustainability efforts already underway?
- What choices and partnerships can strengthen Athens now and for the future?

Belonging in Athens

Respectful community relations, dignity, participation, and civic trust

What helps people feel respected, connected, heard, and able to participate?

This includes belonging, respect across differences, civic participation, accessibility, community trust, conflict and dialogue, and pathways for support.

- What strengthens belonging and connection across our community?
- Where can people turn when they experience conflict, exclusion, or harm?

From Learning to Conversation

A topic exploration can begin with a short background brief containing preliminary information about what is already happening, who is involved, how responsibilities connect, and what questions may be worth exploring. People closest to the work can help correct what is missing, add useful context, and suggest other perspectives to include. Reviewing a brief can be a contribution in itself; participating in later conversations is not required.

A smaller design group may then meet virtually to compare perspectives, strengthen the background materials, and help shape a useful in-person conversation. The people involved may vary at each stage depending on the topic, relevant roles, interests, and perspectives needed. Where an in-person conversation would add value, a broader group can come together with much of the introductory work already behind them and spend their time building relationships, exploring different perspectives, and identifying opportunities. Commission members may contribute their own knowledge and experience without being presumed to speak for or commit the commission as a whole unless the commission chooses to take formal action.

The brief helps us learn. The conversation helps us understand. What we learn, we can share.

1. PREPARE	2. DESIGN	3. CONVERSE	4. SHARE
Background brief Review preliminary information and suggest corrections or missing perspectives.	Small virtual group Compare perspectives, strengthen materials, and shape a useful conversation.	Broader topic session Build relationships, explore perspectives, and identify what is worth carrying forward.	Useful outputs Preserve what we learn in forms that can inform future work and participation.

What Can Come From the Conversations?

Background briefs Make reliable information easier to find and understand.	Ecosystem maps Make organizations, initiatives, roles, resources, and relationships easier to see.
Shared notes Preserve useful ideas, questions, gaps, and opportunities that emerge through conversation.	Practical action guides Translate what we learn into ways people can participate, from Start Here to Go Deeper to Lead or Invest.

Sometimes the most valuable result may simply be that people doing related work know one another and understand each other's roles better.

Connection to Broader City–University Conversations

Because Ohio University is part of daily life in Athens, some of what we learn about housing, sustainability, accessibility, or belonging may also be useful in broader City–University conversations where relevant. Those conversations are one possible place for learning to travel, not the purpose of these topic explorations. The earlier conversations remain valuable in their own right if they deepen understanding, strengthen relationships, and make useful information easier to carry forward.

What Would Make This Worthwhile?

Agreement on every issue is not the measure of success.

This effort will be worthwhile if we better understand what is already happening, who is doing the work, how responsibilities connect, and how people can participate. It will be worthwhile if people doing related work know one another better. Ultimately, the invitation is to understand our community more clearly: how we live together, how we care for the place we share, and how we help people belong.