



**MANAGER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 12, 2014
GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESPONSES TO MAYOR & COMMISSIONER REQUESTS**

Places to be this Week...

Village Council Meeting - The next Village Council meeting will be held on **December 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers** at Village Hall.

Future Calendar Reminders...

Village Hall will be closed on December 25 and December 26, 2014.

Natural Areas Maintenance

The Village's contractor, HLR, plans to begin work on two Village owned properties at the corner of 55th Street and Grand, and a property at Hill and Grand next week. The parcels are heavily wooded and the work will include chipping all but the largest logs and cutting and stacking the larger logs for removal later. Residents in the area have been notified of the work and several have contacted the contractor and are making arrangements for similar work on their properties. The benefit of this work is that it will remove dead trees and other debris that can create logjams during storm events.

Clyde Estates Plan Design Update

A staff report highlighting the status of the design work and the resident input for this project are attached, along with exhibits showing proposed changes to the street system in this neighborhood.

Sign Ordinance Compliance

Staff continues to facilitate compliance with the sign ordinance regulations. This week the compliance rate reached the 97% mark.

	Number	Percentage
Properties Complying	2172	97%
Properties Not Complying		
With Approved Sign Permits, Sign Not Yet Installed	44	
Sign Permit Application Pending	13	
No Attempt to Comply with Regulations	21	
Active Citations	8	
Sub-Total	78	3%
Total Number of Properties with Signs	2250	100%

ATTACHMENTS

Clyde Estates Report



**Village of Downers Grove
Public Works
Memo**

To: Nan Newlon

From: Tom Topor

Date: 12/11/14

Subject: Clyde Country Estates Homeowner Engagement Progress Report

Public Works staff and Christopher B. Burke Engineering have been working on the design of proposed infrastructure improvements in the Clyde Country Estates neighborhood which will be constructed in 2015. The project will include the reconstruction of roadways, improved drainage and new sidewalk installation. In May of this year, an initial project notification letter was sent out to residents informing them of the project's general scope and of the selected design firm. The work commenced shortly thereafter with a field survey, geotechnical investigation and preliminary design work.

The first neighborhood meeting for the project was held on August 13, 2014 and the meeting was attended by 32 residents. Staff gave a presentation describing the scope and schedule of the project, and took input from many homeowners. Paper copies of the existing conditions drawings were laid out for residents to mark-up with comments or questions. Due to an administrative error, seven residences within the project limits did not receive notification of this meeting. After the error was discovered staff followed up with each of those seven residences either by phone and/or personal visit. In all, 14 residents provided written input to staff. Subsequent to the meeting, staff met individually in the field with several residents to further review the existing conditions and answer questions.

A second neighborhood meeting was held on November 19, 2014 after the improvement plans had been prepared up to a 90% level. This meeting was attended by 30 residents. Staff presented the proposed improvement plans and provided an opportunity for additional resident questions and input. Printed copies of the 90% plans were available for residents to mark up with comments. In addition to the two formally scheduled meetings, staff has met with individual homeowners in the PW office, in the field and in their homes. Where possible, the proposed improvements have been modified to take into consideration the input received from residents. In large part, most of the resident concerns will be addressed by this project.

The following is a summary of the issues being addressed by these proposed improvements.

Pavement Reconstruction

Using the same method that was used this past year in the Downers Grove Estates subdivision, the existing streets throughout Clyde Estates will be recycled in place, and overlaid with a new layer of asphalt. This is a very cost-effective method for reconstructing existing roads, and also has the added benefit of significantly reducing impacts to residents during construction.

Traffic Calming

Many residents expressed concern with speeding and cut-through traffic, which is due in part to long wait times at the traffic signal at Main and 59th Street, and is facilitated by the current roadway layout within the subdivision. As a result, the intersections of Webster/Washington/60th and Clyde/Washington/60th will be reconfigured to help reduce speeding and decrease cut-through traffic volumes. Most of the residents who have either attended the meetings, or otherwise provided staff with input, have expressed that they are strongly in favor of the proposed improvements. Attached are exhibits showing the existing and proposed intersection alignments.

An added benefit of the southern realignment is the creation of a large open space, which will be used for stormwater management and planted with native plantings to help with stormwater run-off and pollution reduction. This area will be maintained by the Village through its native landscape maintenance program, similar to the 2nd and Cumnor Stormwater Facility, Grove Street bio-swales, and Washington Street Bio-Retention Facility.

Drainage improvements and stormwater cost share program

The existing subdivision has very little existing drainage infrastructure. As part of this project, new drainage ditches and storm sewers will be constructed to alleviate much of the standing water and poor drainage within the public right-of-way. Additionally, staff has visited with several residents who have expressed a concern with drainage problems in their back yards and as a result, at least one stormwater cost share project will be facilitated in conjunction with the proposed improvements.

Trees

As with any project of this size and scope, some of the existing trees will need to be removed to facilitate construction. However, staff will continue to work with the residents and designers to adjust the design to save as many existing trees as is practicable. In addition, the project will include replacement trees and other landscaping throughout the neighborhood.

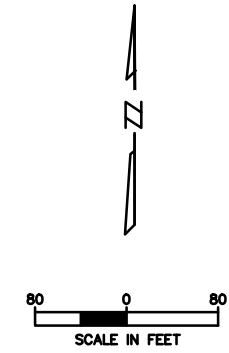
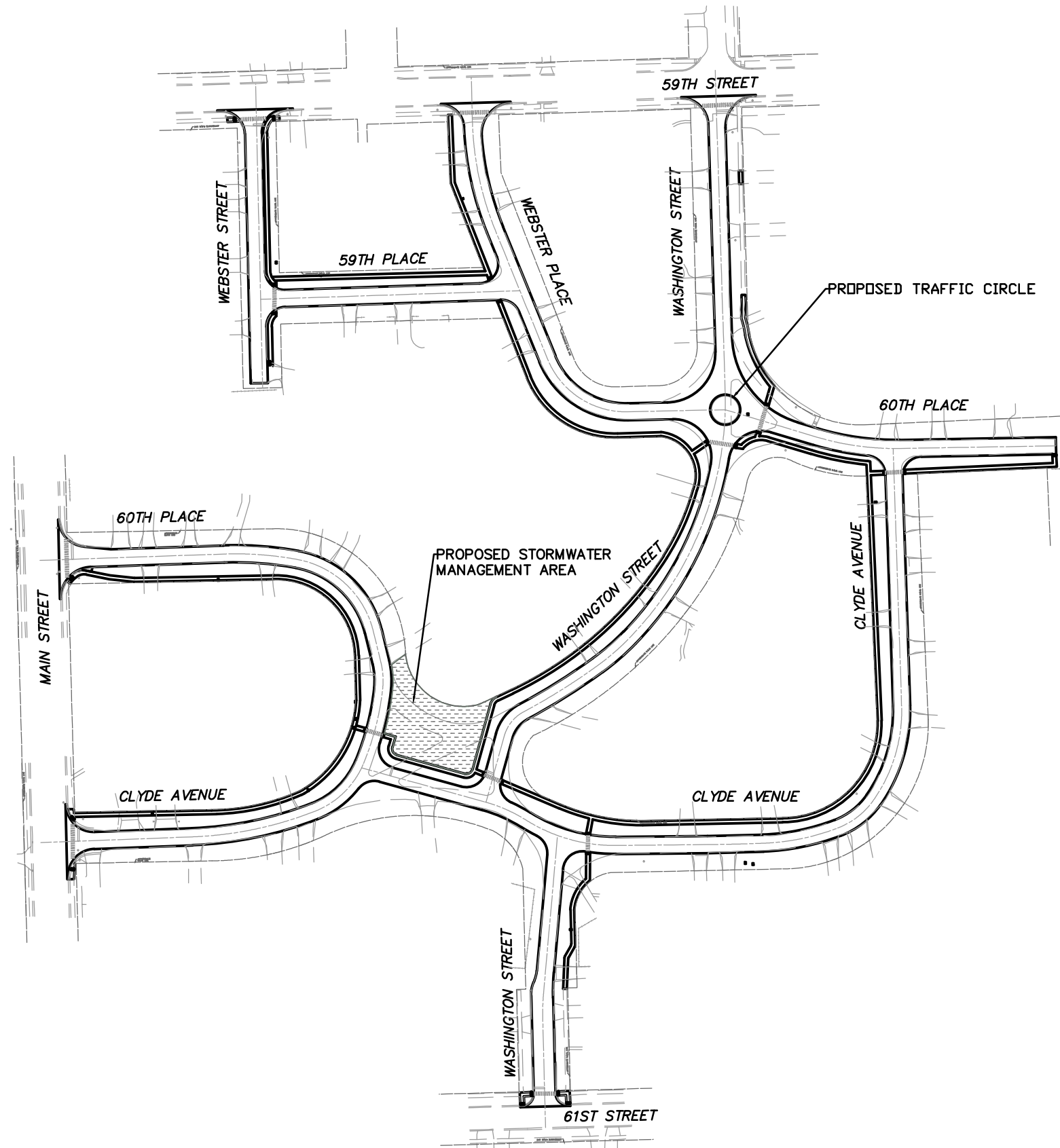
Bio-swales

Bio-swales are constructed with special soil designed to infiltrate stormwater, and are planted with deep-rooted native plants to assist with run-off and pollution reduction. Staff has actively approached all homeowners within the project limits to gauge interest in having a bio-swale installed in the ditches in front of their homes. To date 11 residents have expressed an interest. Staff will continue to work with these residents and, as part of this project, will construct bio-swales along their frontage in lieu of the typical grass-lined ditch. Initially these will be established by the Village, but long term maintenance will fall on individual homeowners. Only those residents who express a desire to maintain a bio-swale in front of their home will ultimately receive one. Other residents will receive the standard grass-lined ditch.

Sidewalk alignments

Based on the input received from residents staff is modifying the sidewalk alignment to minimize the impact on trees. As is always the case with our new sidewalk program, staff will continue to work with residents and the contractor right up through the time when the sidewalk is poured to adjust alignments and grades to minimize impact on the neighborhood, and save as many trees as possible.

A third meeting will be held prior to construction to present the final design, introduce the contractor, and to give the residents a preview of what to expect during construction. Construction is expected to start in the spring and should be completed by fall of 2015.



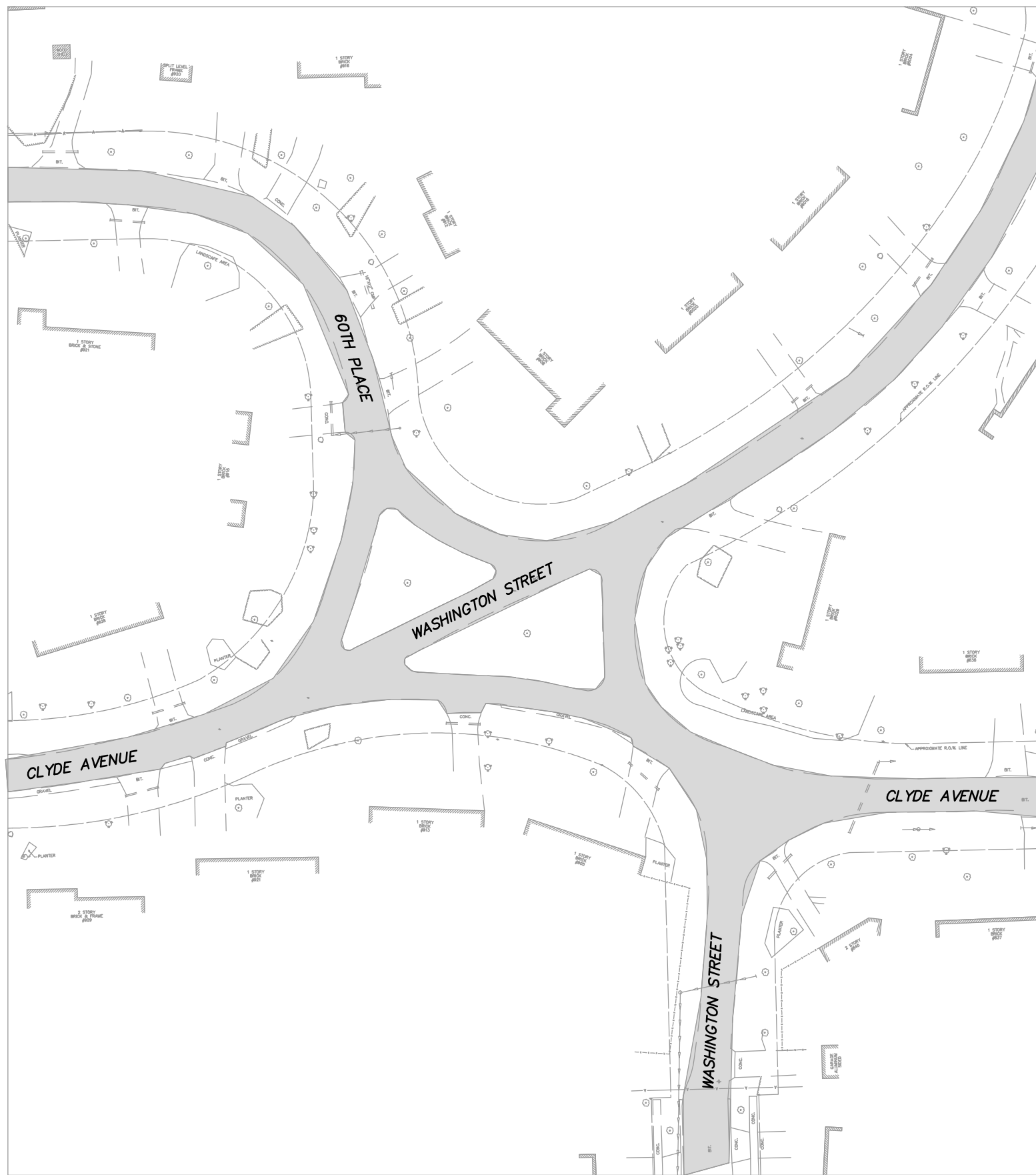
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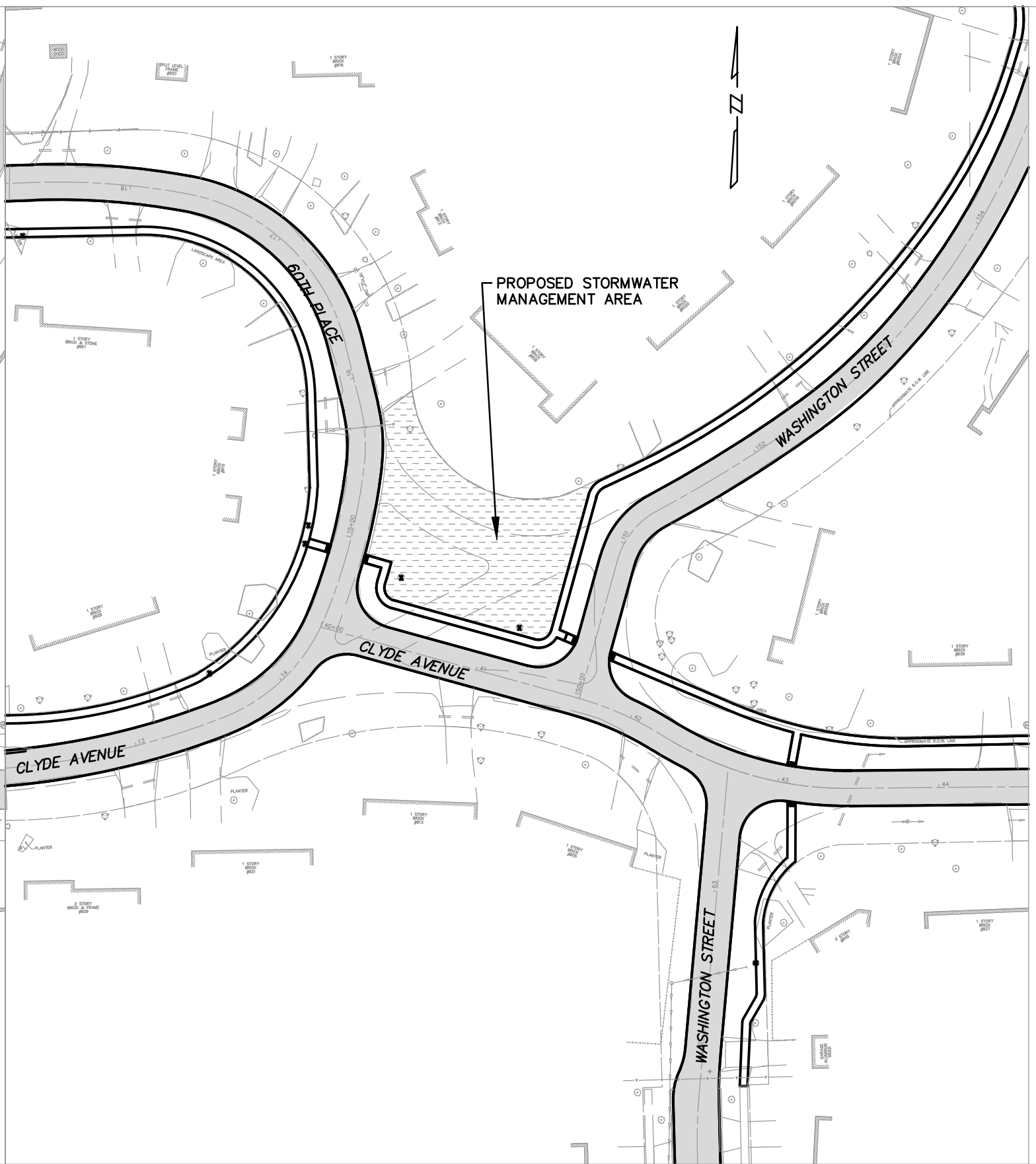
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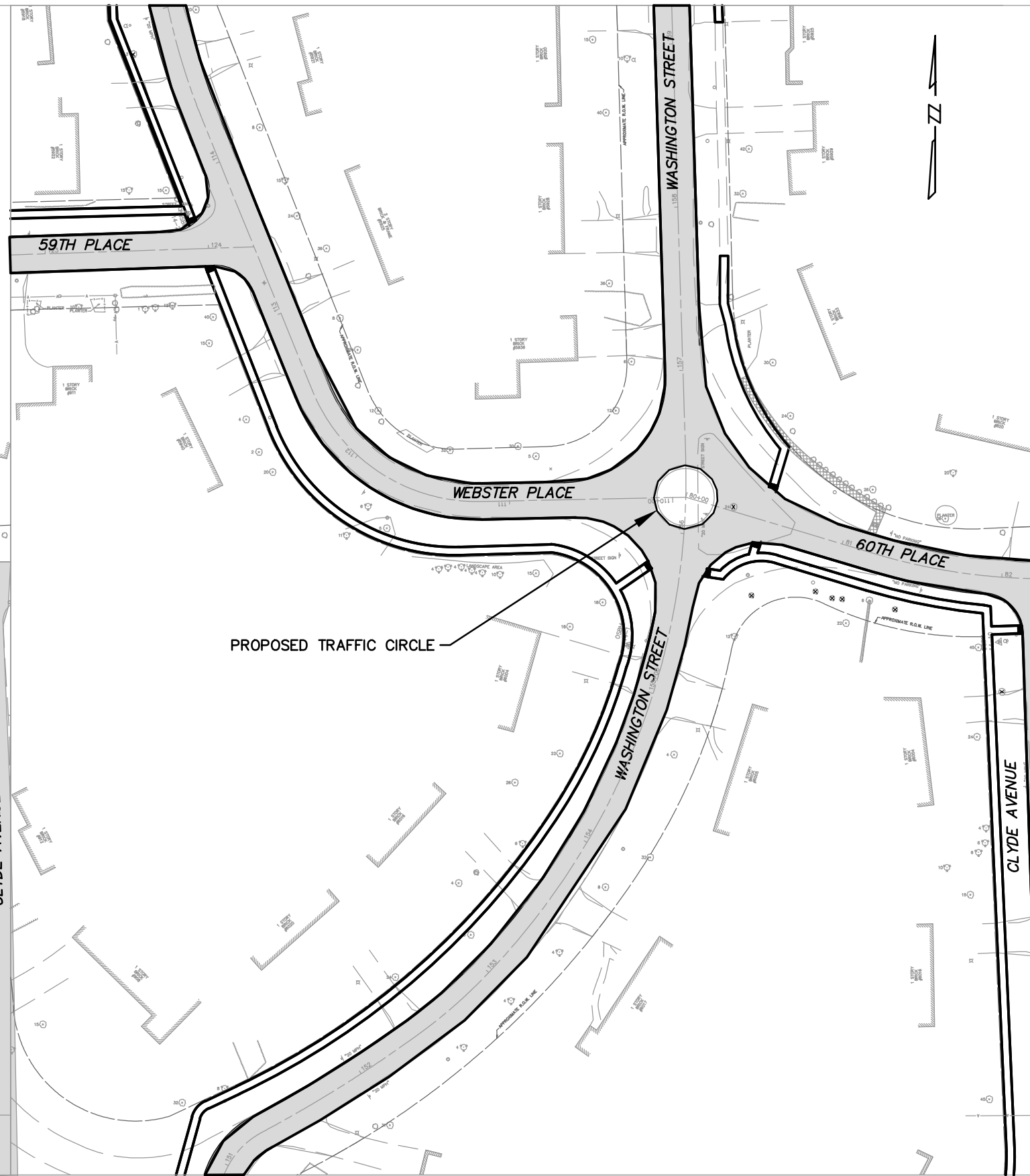
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