

# CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

PLANNING DEPARTMENT – Development Review Services



October 7, 2016

Fred Arfman, P.E.  
**Isaacson & Arfman, P.A.**  
128 Monroe Street N.E.  
Albuquerque, NM 87108

Richard J. Berry, Mayor

RE: **Albuquerque Biopark Zoo Penguin Exhibit (File: K13D034G)**  
**Grading & Drainage Plan, Engineer's Stamp Date 9-15-2016**  
**Supplemental Information, Engineer's Stamp Date 10-5-2016**

Dear Mr. Arfman:

Based upon the information provided in your submittal received 10-6-2016, the above referenced plan is approved for Building Permit with the following condition:

1. The WUA must accept drainage from the trench drains into the sanitary sewer. Verify with Jane Rael (505-289-3439).

PO Box 1293  
New Mexico 87103

Prior to Certificate of Occupancy release, Engineer Certification per the DPM checklist will be required.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at 924-3695.

Albuquerque

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rita T. H."

Rita Harmon, P.E.  
Senior Engineer, Planning Dept.  
Development Review Services

Orig: Drainage file



October 5, 2016

Rita Harmon, P.E.  
Senior Engineer, Hydrology  
COA, Planning Department

**RE: ALBUQUERQUE BIOPARK ZOO PENGUIN EXHIBIT  
RESPONSE TO REVIEW COMMENTS DATED September 30, 2016**

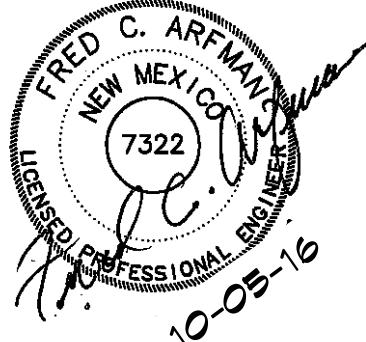
Dear Ms. Harmon,

Included with this letter is a revised Grading and Drainage resubmittal with associated supplemental information which addresses your review comments dated September 30, 2016. Our comments below correspond directly to the numbered comments you provided.

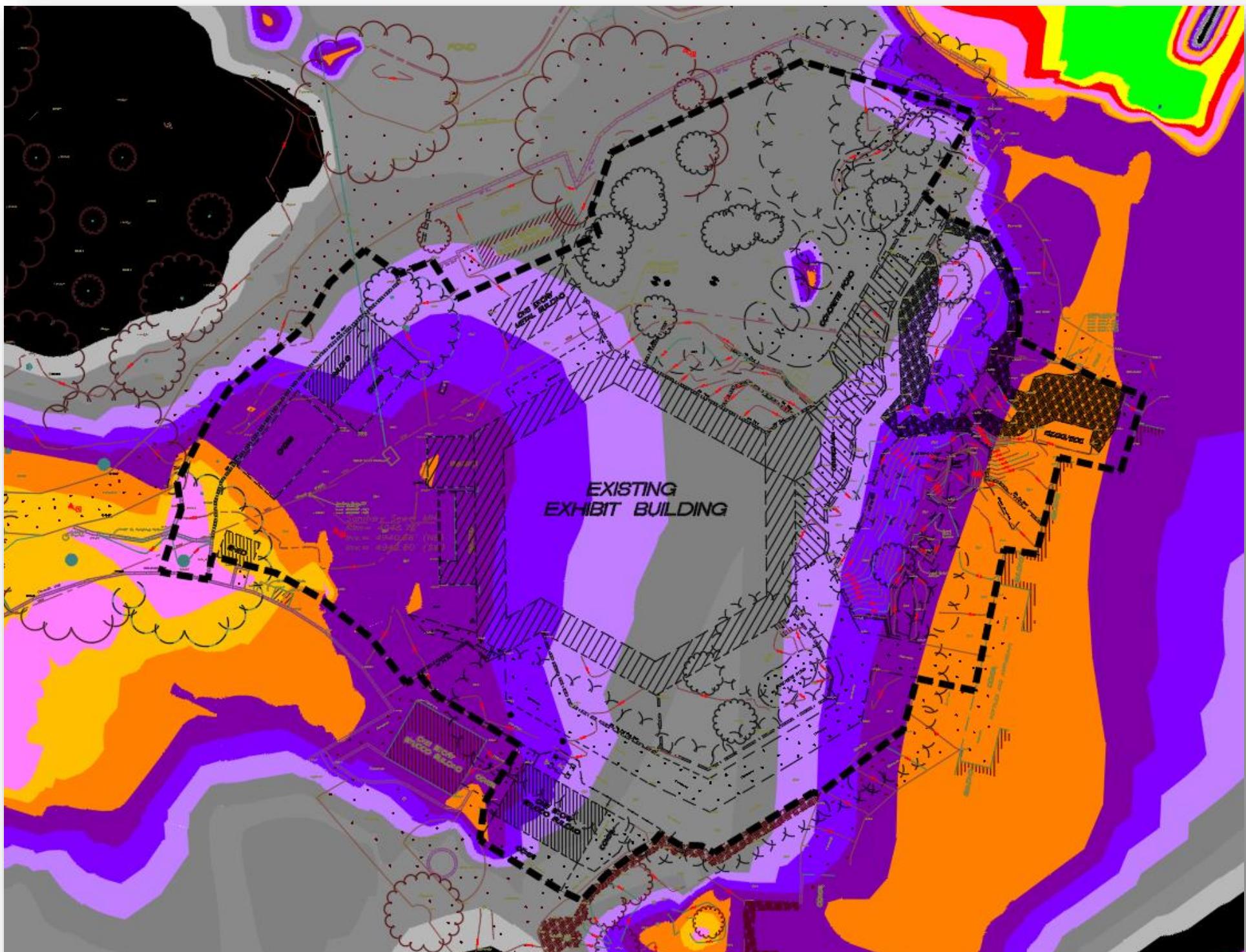
1. Aerial image showing the location of the proposed development within the zoo is provided. We have also included portions of our in-house elevation analysis which was used to set the proposed building grades (using the Bernalillo County contour files). The existing low elevations to the north and south (shown black) are 4947.0 to 4947.5. Any excess stormwater will continue to pass north and south. The grading concept for both existing and proposed conditions utilizes landscaping for water harvesting with overflow to adjacent landscaping and ultimately to the lowest portions of the zoo property. There is no significant difference between pre and post development impervious area which would adversely impact the existing conditions.
2. Regarding a maximum water surface elevation, the localized water harvesting basins will equalize via overflow elevations of 4947.5. Stormwater will continue to be retained to infiltrate into the ground until the site overflows at the historic low points (4948.4). Without a Master Drainage Study of the overall zoo drainage basins, land treatments, storm drain infrastructure and retention pond areas, a maximum water surface elevation for the main park area cannot be determined. Per conversations with Ray Johnson, Zoo Maintenance Director, they have never experienced any extensive ponding from storms.
3. Elevations and keyed notes are provided on the plans to clarify the high side and low side grades of all site retaining walls. Per the architect, "*the exposed site retaining walls*

*will be engineered interlocking stacked masonry systems. Engineering and final detailing will be performed by the manufacturer and installer. This is specified in Section 04 22 33."*

4. Regarding the drainage from the upper plaza over the retaining wall, the architect responds "*The zoo is aware that the water from the Plaza will drain over the edge and down the retaining wall masonry. The masonry units specified are designed for retention... The units have integral protection to resist staining and are made of 3000 PSI concrete.*"
5. A basin exhibit for the project is included.
6. The plumbing plan will be provided as soon as I receive it. This plan calls out the ramp trench drain connection to the SAS system and is currently under review as part of the electronic submittal. In addition, the small floor drain in the concrete landing on the north side (at the bottom of the stairs) will also tie to the SAS system. The reason for this is that the door / landing in this area is below grade and must be sealed to prevent groundwater from rising up into the space. Therefore, the only drain options are sump pump (200 sf with 100-year Q=0.02 cfs) or tie to SAS.
7. The architectural sections showing how the building relates to the site are included. The sections include the open mechanical area on the east side.
8. A copy of the architectural site plan is provided. This plan clarifies the hard surface areas and the gravel area in the mechanical yard on the east side. Final landscaping is not included in this project. All unpaved areas will be seeded with natural grasses until landscaping is designed / installed under separate contract.
9. Per the architect, the triple lines on the south side indicated standard curb and gutter. The architect has eliminated this C&G from the site base.
10. As noted above, the flat grading design in both the existing and proposed condition consists of localized landscaped areas (water harvesting) which overflowed to adjacent landscaped areas and ultimately overflowed to the historic lower areas to the north and south. The depressions shown on our plan noted as temporary stormwater retention ponds have been relabeled water harvesting / sediment control basins (varying depths from 0.5' to 2.5') with a general note on CG-100 "The proposed development will utilize water harvesting landscaped areas for infiltration. Excess stormwater will continue to the historic low points within the property. The final landscaping will be designed as part of a separate project."







Per the colored elevation banding study shown with the existing exhibit building which will be demolished to make room for this project, the orange/pink reflects higher grades to the east and west (4949 to 4951) with the center gray/lavender at 4947.75 to 4948.50 sloping to lower grades to the north (the zoo park area) and south.

Using this information, we established a design grade of 4948.7 as the control elevation for the building.

The lower level grade of 4946.2 is depressed below this control grade but all openings to the building lower than 4948.7 are enclosed.

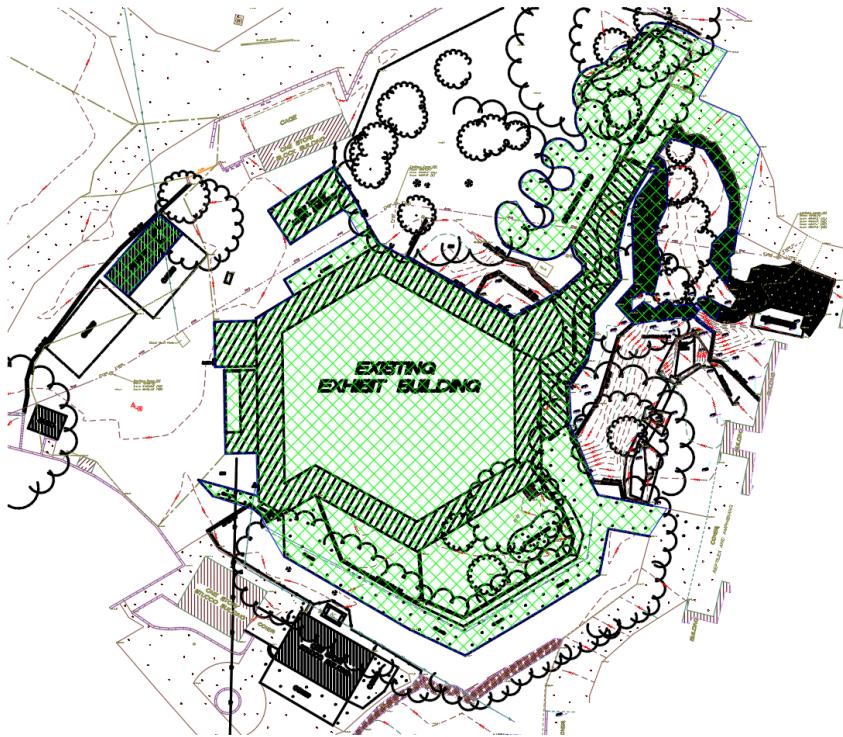
In the existing condition, stormwater discharge is accepted into the flat site grading concept

The center of the park area and the south low area (shown black) represent the low elevation in the area 4947.0 to which accepts any overflow from the project boundary.

Elevations Table

Minimum Elevation	Maximum Elevation	Color
4947.75	4948.00	■
4948.00	4948.25	■
4948.25	4948.50	■
4948.50	4948.75	■
4948.75	4949.00	■
4949.00	4949.50	■
4949.50	4950.00	■
4950.00	4951.00	■

EXISTING –VS- PROPOSED IMPERVIOUS AREA



Proposed Condition: Treatment 'D' (impervious) =  $23600 \pm$  sf

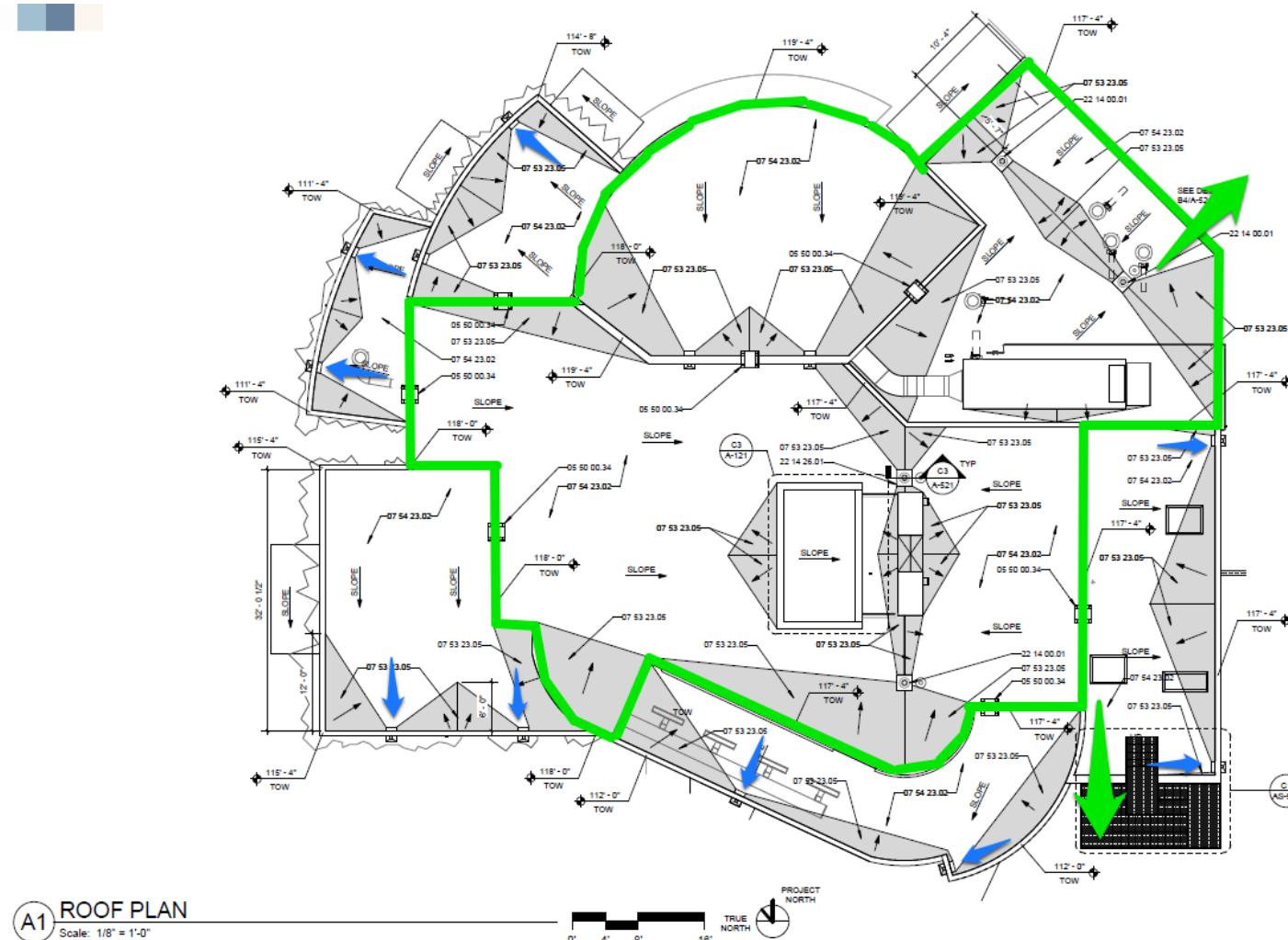
The proposed development will include a small ( $1200 \pm$  sf) increase in impervious area.



Proposed Condition: Treatment 'D' (impervious) =  $24800 \pm$  sf

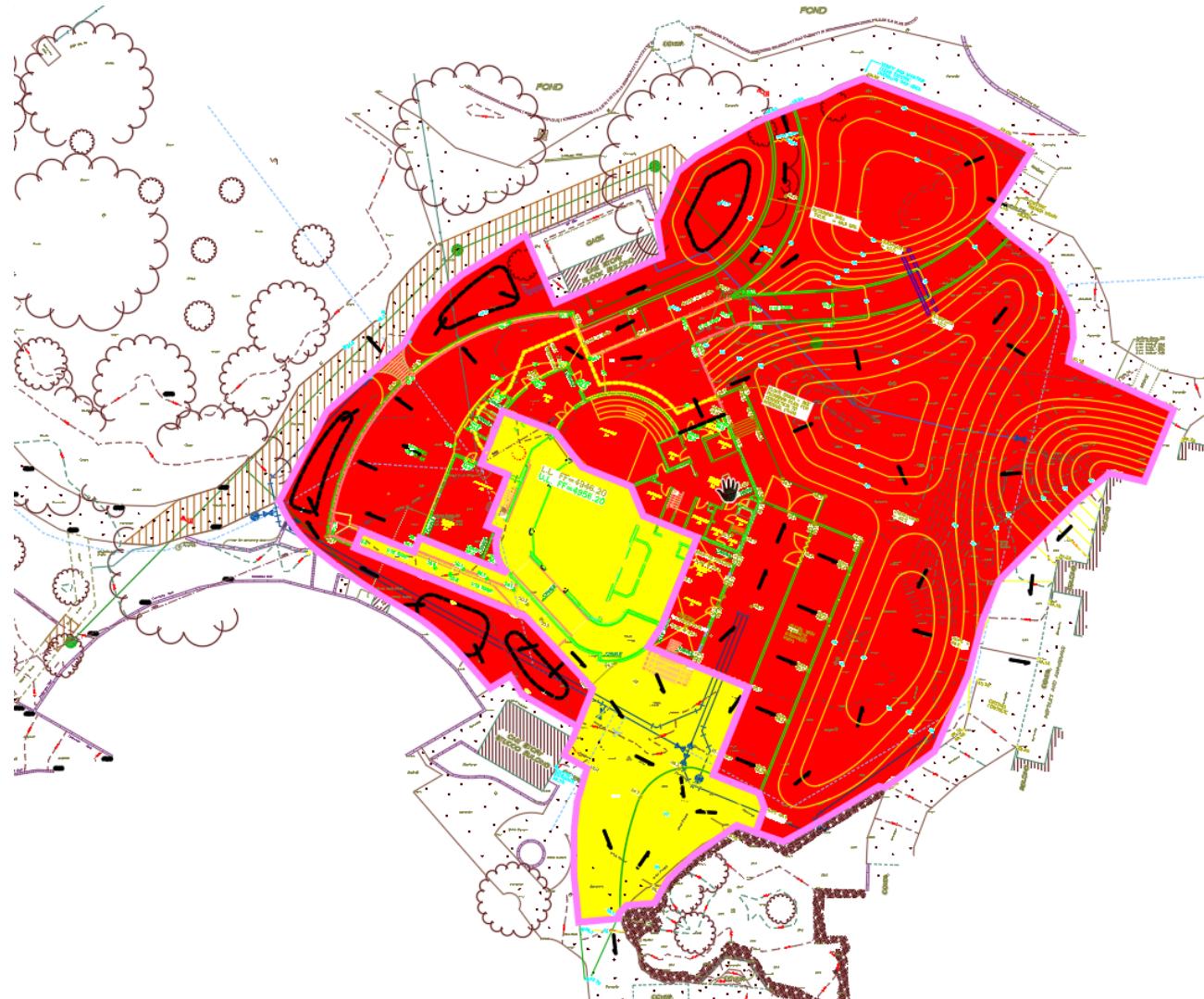
## Roof Discharge

The green outline drains to interior roof drains and discharges at the locations shown (green arrows). The remainder of the small, isolated roof areas drain from canals on all sides of the building (blue arrows).



## Proposed Drainage Basins

The redeveloped property can be divided into two main drainage basins. Basin 1 (red) which overflows to the north park and Basin 2 (yellow) which overflows to the south.



**CALCULATIONS: COA Rio Grande Zoo - Penguin Enxhibit : Sept. 19, 2016**

Based on Drainage Design Criteria for City of Albuquerque Section 22.2, DPM, Vol 2, dated Jan., 1993

**ON-SITE**

AREA OF SITE:	53014	SF	=	1.2
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100-year, 6-hour

**HISTORIC FLOWS:**

	Treatment SF	% 
Area A	0	0%
Area B	15904.2	30%
Area C	13253.5	25%
Area D	23856.3	45%
Total Area	53014	100%

**DEVELOPED FLOWS:**

	Treatment SF	% 
Area A	0	0%
Area B	18555	35%
Area C	9543	18%
Area D	24917	47%
Total Area	53014	100%

**EXCESS PRECIP:**

Precip. Zone	2
$E_A$	0.53
$E_B$	0.78
$E_C$	1.13
$E_D$	2.12

On-Site Weighted Excess Precipitation (100-Year, 6-Hour Storm)

$$\text{Weighted } E = \frac{E_A A_A + E_B A_B + E_C A_C + E_D A_D}{A_A + A_B + A_C + A_D}$$

Historic E	=	1.47 in.	Developed E	=	1.47 in.
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On-Site Volume of Runoff:  $V_{360} = E * A / 12$

Historic $V_{360}$	=	6496 CF	Developed $V_{360}$	=	6507 CF
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On-Site Peak Discharge Rate:  $Q_p = Q_{pA} A_A + Q_{pB} A_B + Q_{pC} A_C + Q_{pD} A_D / 43,560$

For Precipitation Zone 2

$$Q_{pA} = 1.56 \quad Q_{pC} = 3.14$$

$$Q_{pB} = 2.28 \quad Q_{pD} = 4.70$$

Historic $Q_p$	=	4.4 CFS	Developed $Q_p$	=	4.3 CFS
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BASIN NO.	1	DESCRIPTION	Overflowing to the north park
Area of basin flows =	43423	SF	= 1.0 Ac.
The following calculations are based on Treatment areas as shown in table to the right			
Sub-basin Weighted Excess Precipitation (see formula above)			
Weighted E = 1.40 in.			
Sub-basin Volume of Runoff (see formula above)			
$V_{360} = 5077 \text{ CF}$			
Sub-basin Peak Discharge Rate: (see formula above)			
$Q_p = 3.4 \text{ cfs}$			
504 CF			
BASIN NO.	2	DESCRIPTION	Overflowing to the south
Area of basin flows =	9591	SF	= 0.2 Ac.
The following calculations are based on Treatment areas as shown in table to the right			
Sub-basin Weighted Excess Precipitation (see formula above)			
Weighted E = 1.81 in.			
Sub-basin Volume of Runoff (see formula above)			
$V_{360} = 1449 \text{ CF}$			
Sub-basin Peak Discharge Rate: (see formula above)			
$Q_p = 0.9 \text{ cfs}$			
204 CF			

**LAND TREATMENT**

$$A = 0\%$$

$$B = 38\%$$

$$C = 21\%$$

$$D = 41\%$$

**FIRST FLUSH VOL.**

504 CF

**LAND TREATMENT**

$$A = 0\%$$

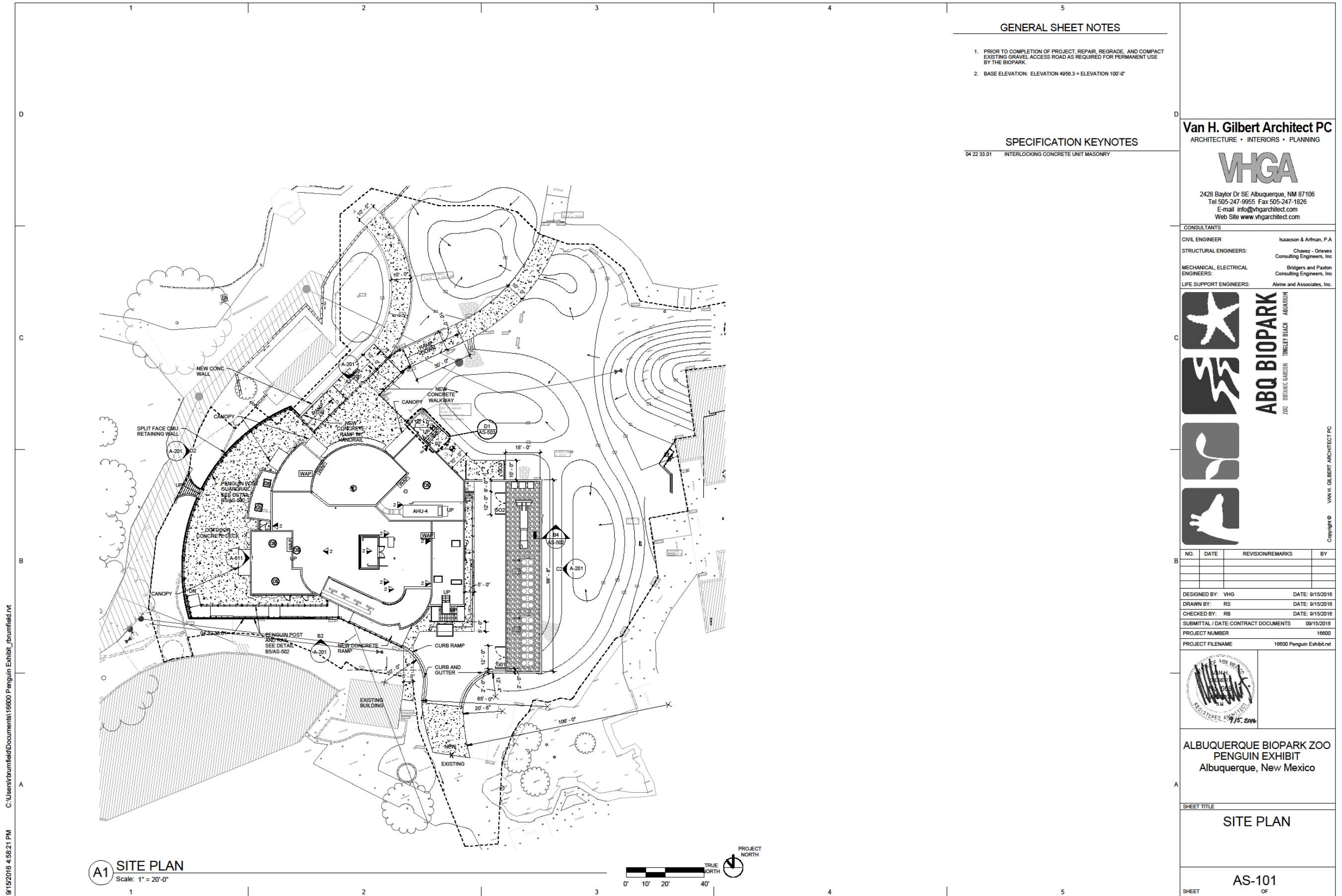
$$B = 17\%$$

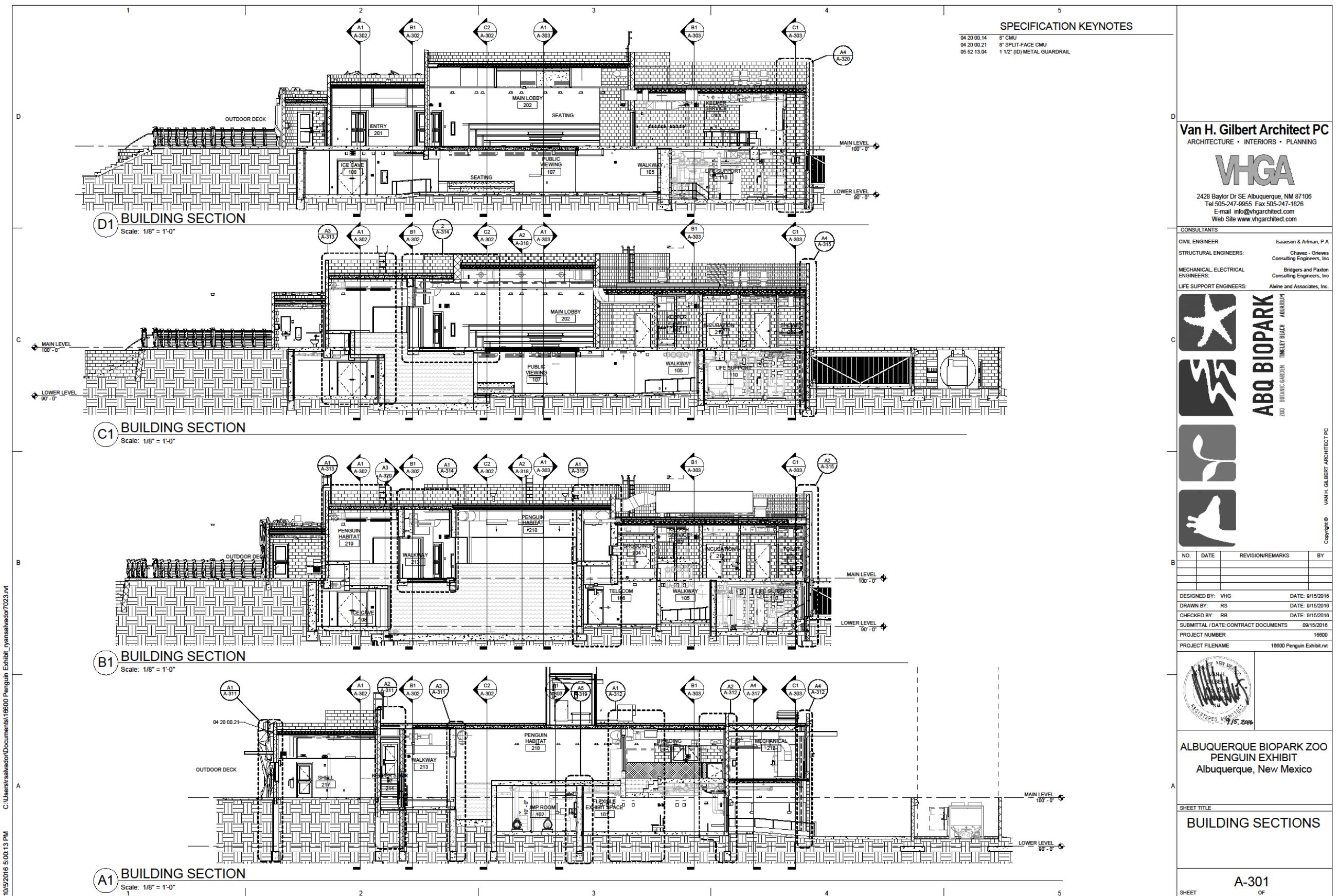
$$C = 8\%$$

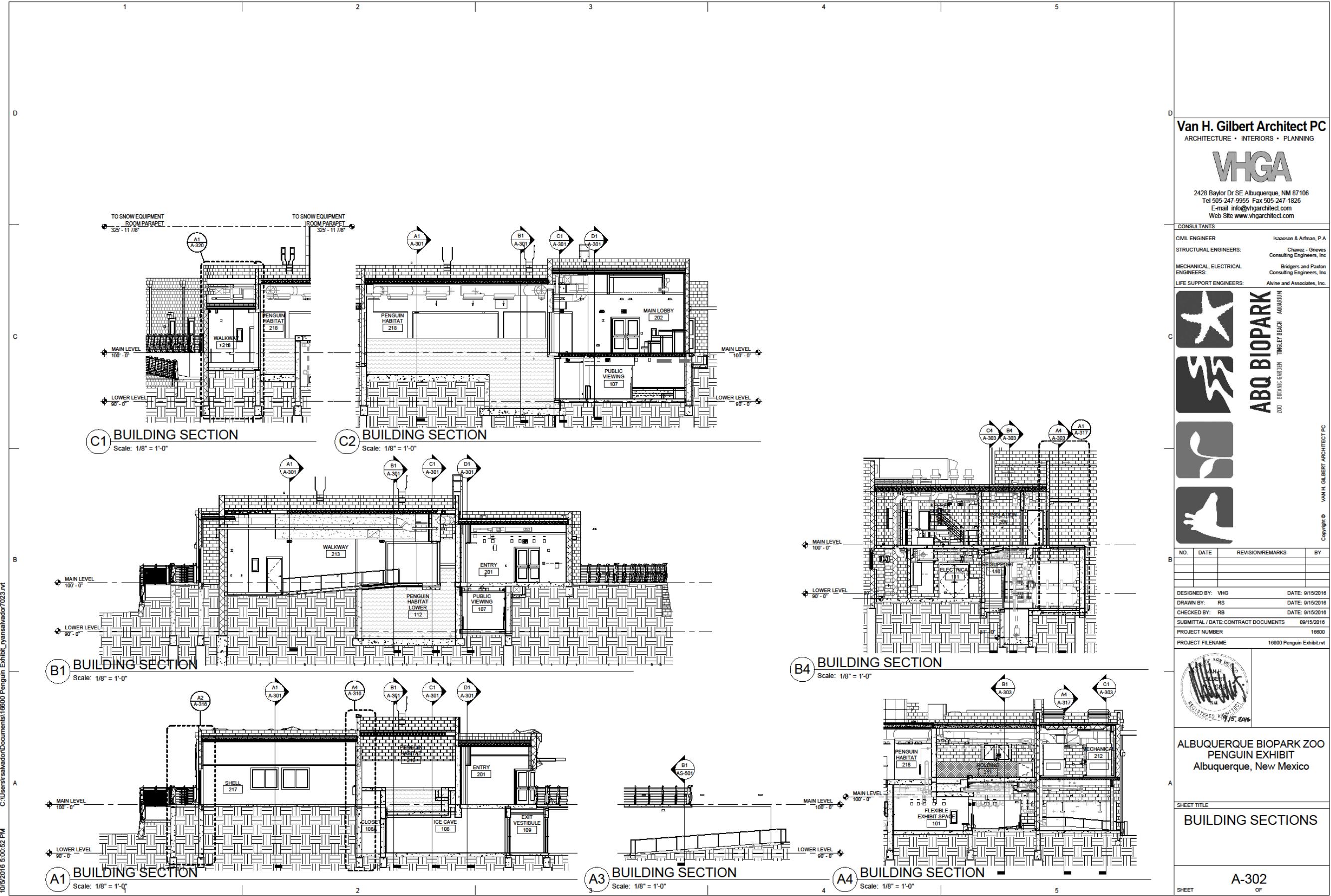
$$D = 75\%$$

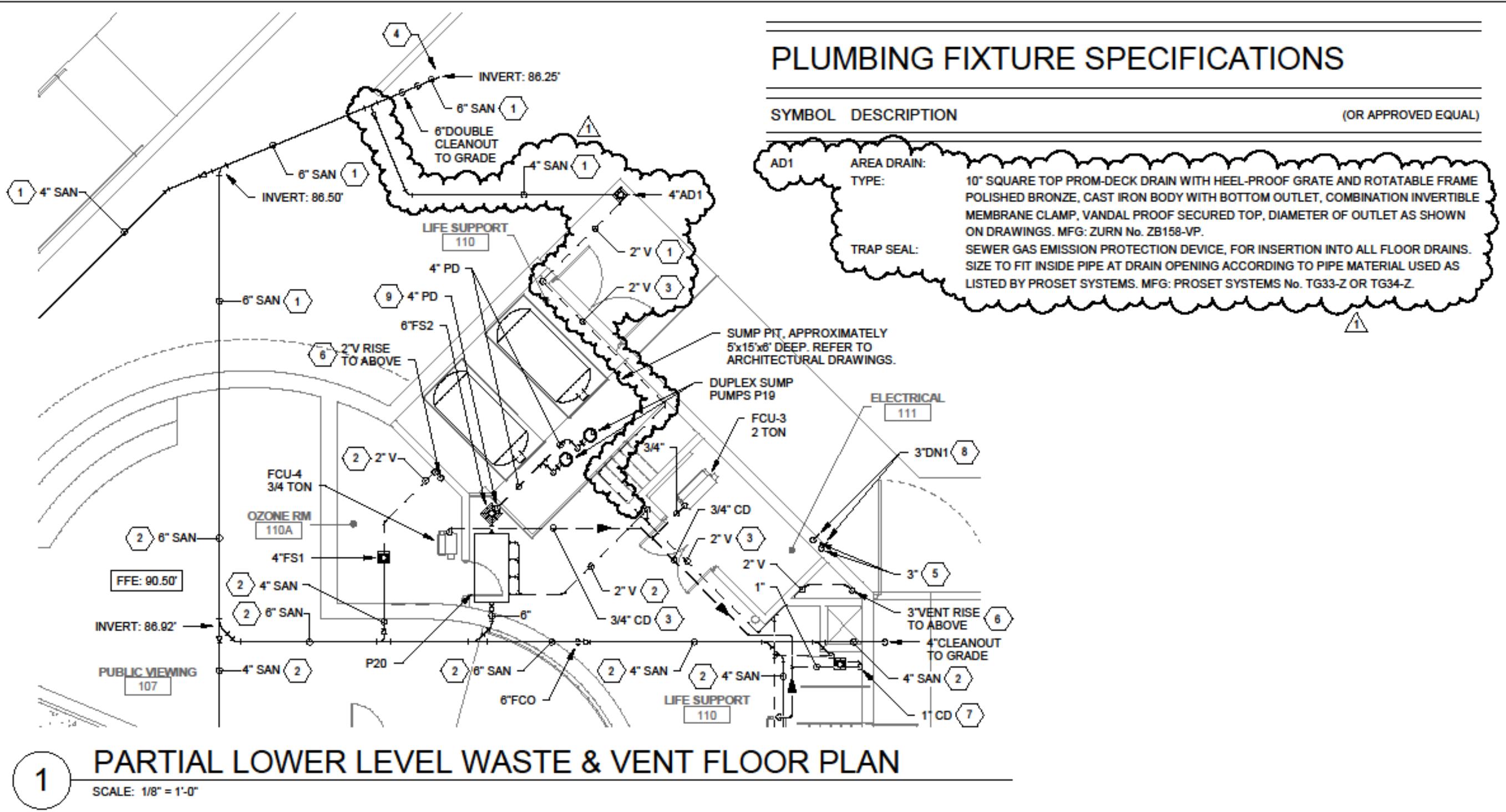
**FIRST FLUSH VOL.**

204 CF









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RIO GRANDE ZOOLOGICAL PARK

THE PENGUIN CHILL HABITAT

No.	Description	Date
1	PERMIT REVIEW	10/10/2016

LOWER LEVEL W&V PLAN

Project number	16800	SKP-001
Date	10/10/2016	
Drawn by	ATD	
Checked by	JSS	

