

# Historic Preservation Commission

February 11, 2021

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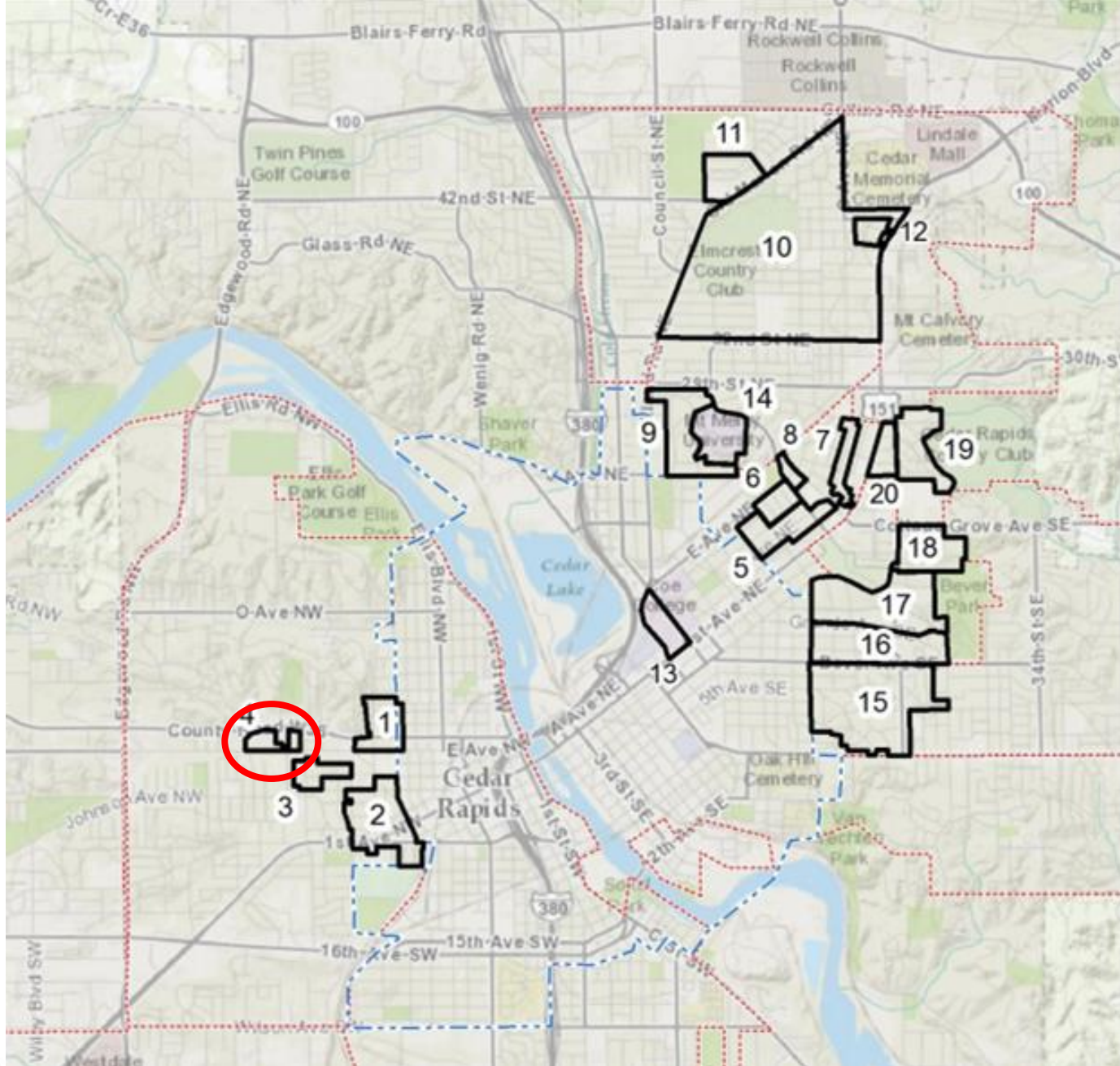
# Intensive Survey Area Review – Rapids Township



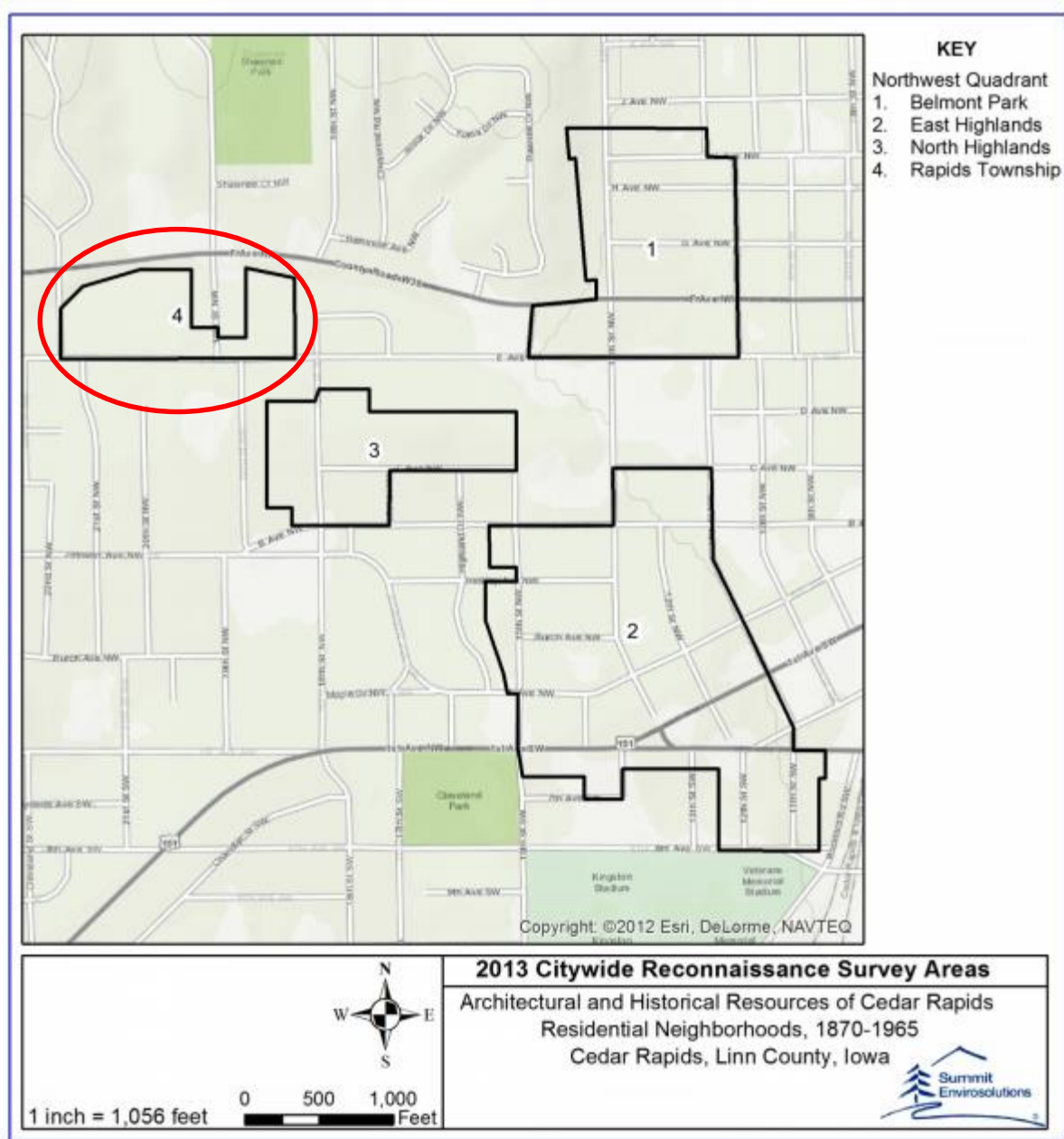
# Historic Preservation Plan

- Adopted September 2015
- Uses the areas recommended for intensive survey in 2014 Citywide Reconnaissance Survey
- **HPP Policy:** Encourage and support the identification of historic properties throughout Cedar Rapids.
- **HPP Initiative:** Prioritize the list of areas that have been identified for intensive surveys in the Cedar Rapids Citywide Historic and Architectural Reconnaissance Survey.









# NW Quadrant

- Area was recommended as the 2nd priority in the NW quadrant, behind the East Highlands neighborhood, from the 2015 Historic Preservation Plan

## Criteria

- Areas likely to help support Heritage Tourism (that is a distinct place with a unique story to tell)
- Those where other neighborhood programs and plans are in development
- Those identified in the reconnaissance survey as being of special interest

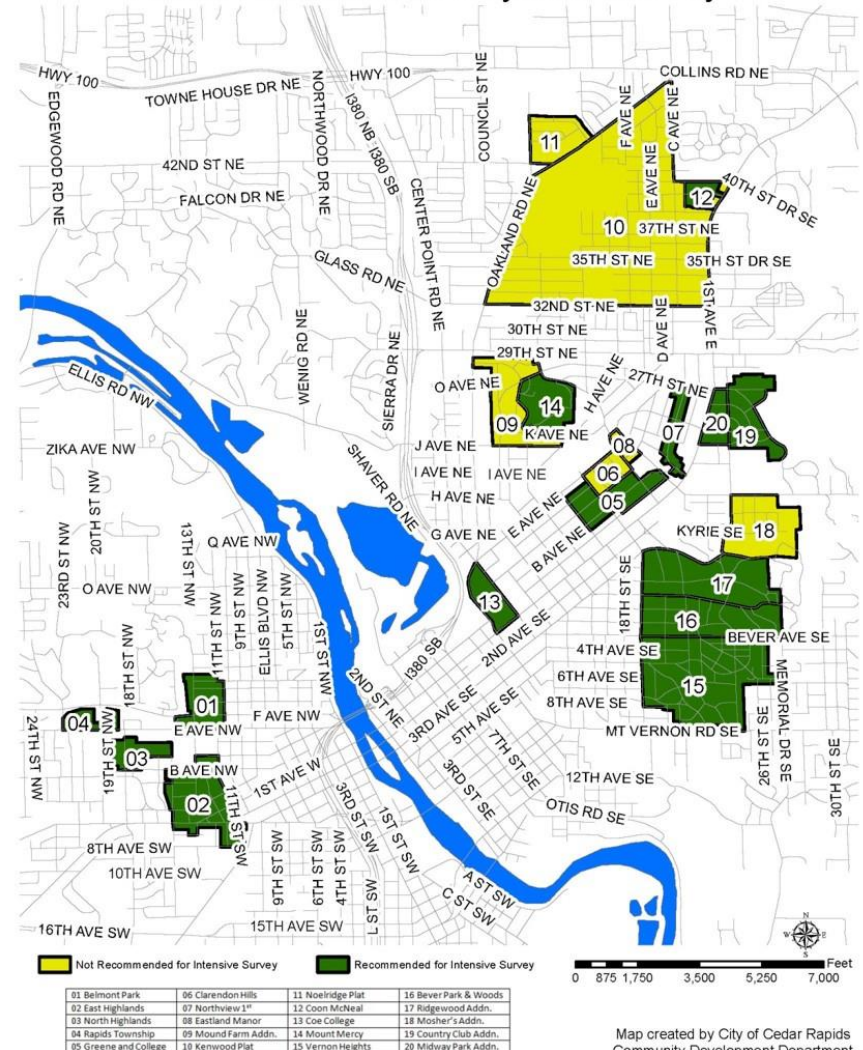
Survey Area	Priority
East Highlands	1
North Highlands	3
Rapids Township	2
Belmont Park	4



# 2017 Commission Ranking

Areas Recommended for Intensive Survey by 2013 Citywide Survey	Commission Final Ranking	Average of Entire HPC
Coe College Campus (13) (area)	1	4.571428571
Vernon Heights (15)	2	2.428571429
Bever Park and Woods (16)	3	3.142857143
East Highlands (02)	4	4.142857143
Ridgewood Addition (17)	5	4.571428571
Country Club Addition (19)	6	6.571428571
Greene and College First Addition (05)	7	7.857142857
Midway Park Addition (20)	8	8
North Highlands (03)	9	9
Northview First Addition (07)	10	9.714285714
Coon McNeal Development (12)	11	10.85714286
Mount Mercy Campus (14)	12	11
Belmont Park (01)	13	12.14285714
Rapids Township (04)	14	12.71428571

Areas Examined in Citywide Survey





# Rapids Township History

- Approved annexation into the city in 1925 and 1926. Prior to this the western corporate boundaries only extended to 18<sup>th</sup> St. NW
- Several large two story homes date from the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century
- Very small district – between E and F Avenues, ~15 parcels with large lots



# Rapids Township





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Presentation

# 2020 Demolition Review



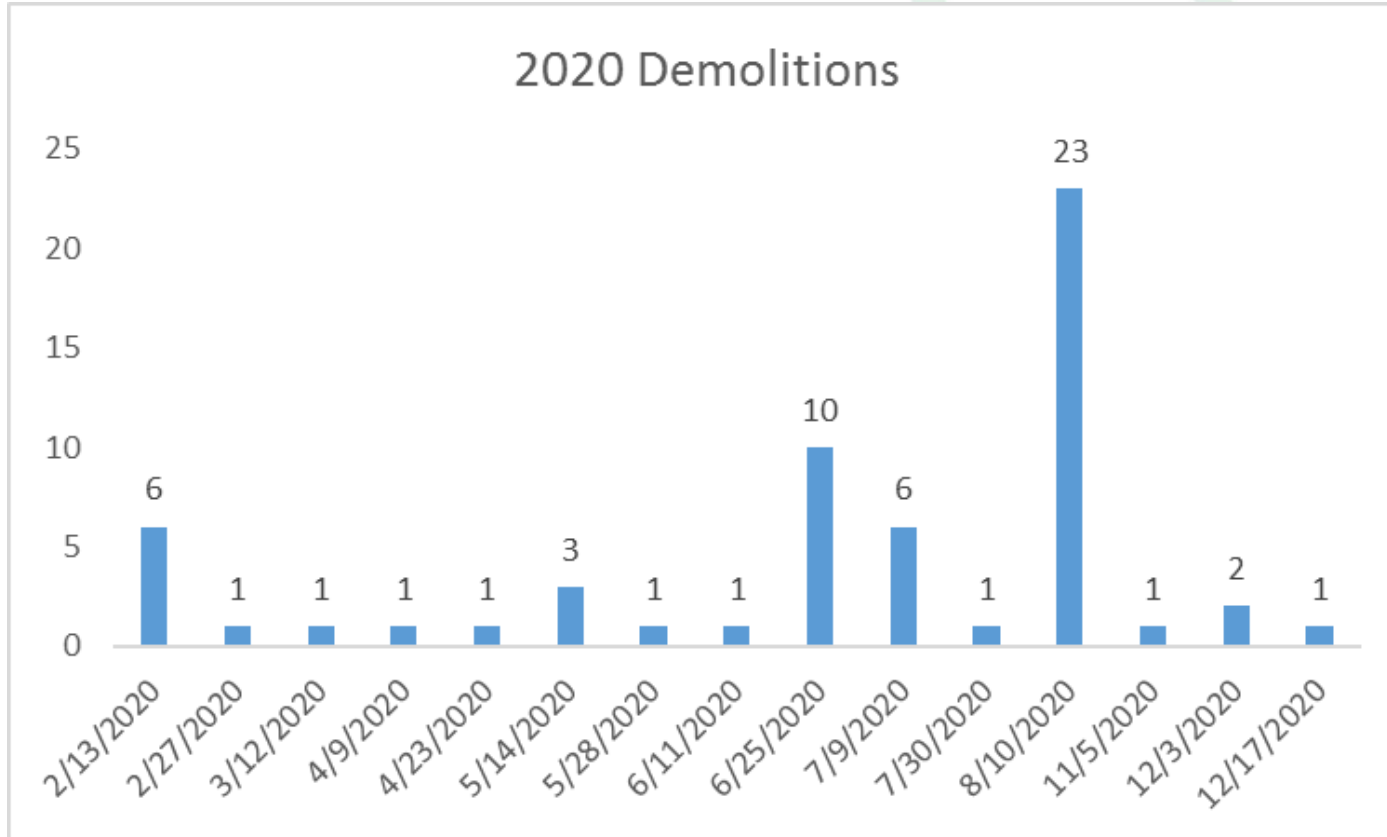


# Numbers

- **61** total demolitions
  - **28** Primary Structures
  - **24** Accessory Structures
  - **9** Commercial Structures
- **36** reviewed by the commission
- **25** fell under proclamation



# Graphs



# Numbers

- Demolitions over time

2018	2019	2020
53	28	61



# Map

- <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1YRwQS1ikBgF9AMsrnFTqrvfy1RNxerCl&ll=41.96273663724503%2C-91.65869009539315&z=14>



Section 106 Review

# Water Treatment Plant





# Project Description

- The City of Cedar Rapids is planning an upgrade to the Water Treatment Plant and has applied for financial assistance through the State Revolving Fund loan program to fund the project
- The project consists of the construction of a new solids contact basin, a new recarbonation basin, splitter structures, chemical feed equipment, and a sludge control building



# Project Description

- An archaeological survey of the area will also be reviewed by the State Historical Preservation Office



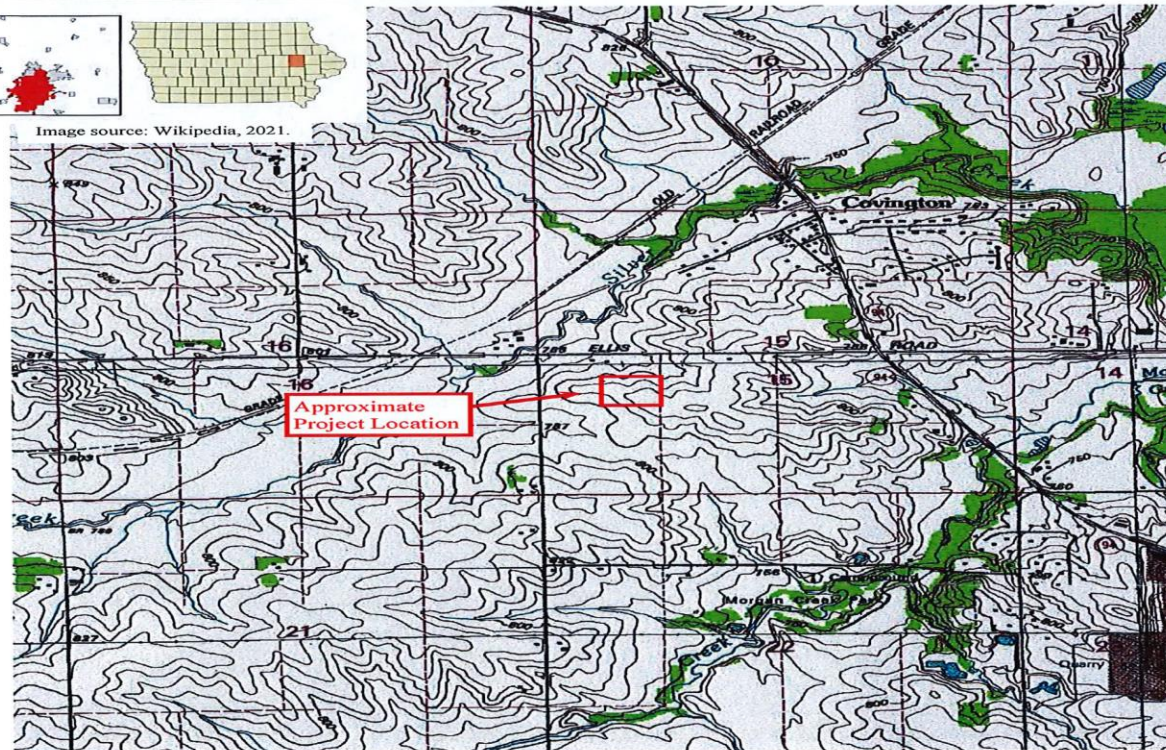
**USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle: Fairfax**  
**Section: 15, Township: 83 N, Range: 08 W**  
**Date: 1993**  
**Scale: 1 Inch = 2,000 Feet**



**North**



Image source: Wikipedia, 2021.



### **USGS Topographic Map**

Cedar Rapids Water Treatment Plant Upgrade  
Cedar Rapids, IA



State Revolving Fund  
502 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Des Moines, IA 50319-0034





2017

Location information provided by Black & Vetch



North



### Aerial Photograph

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# 905 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SE - Bottleworks





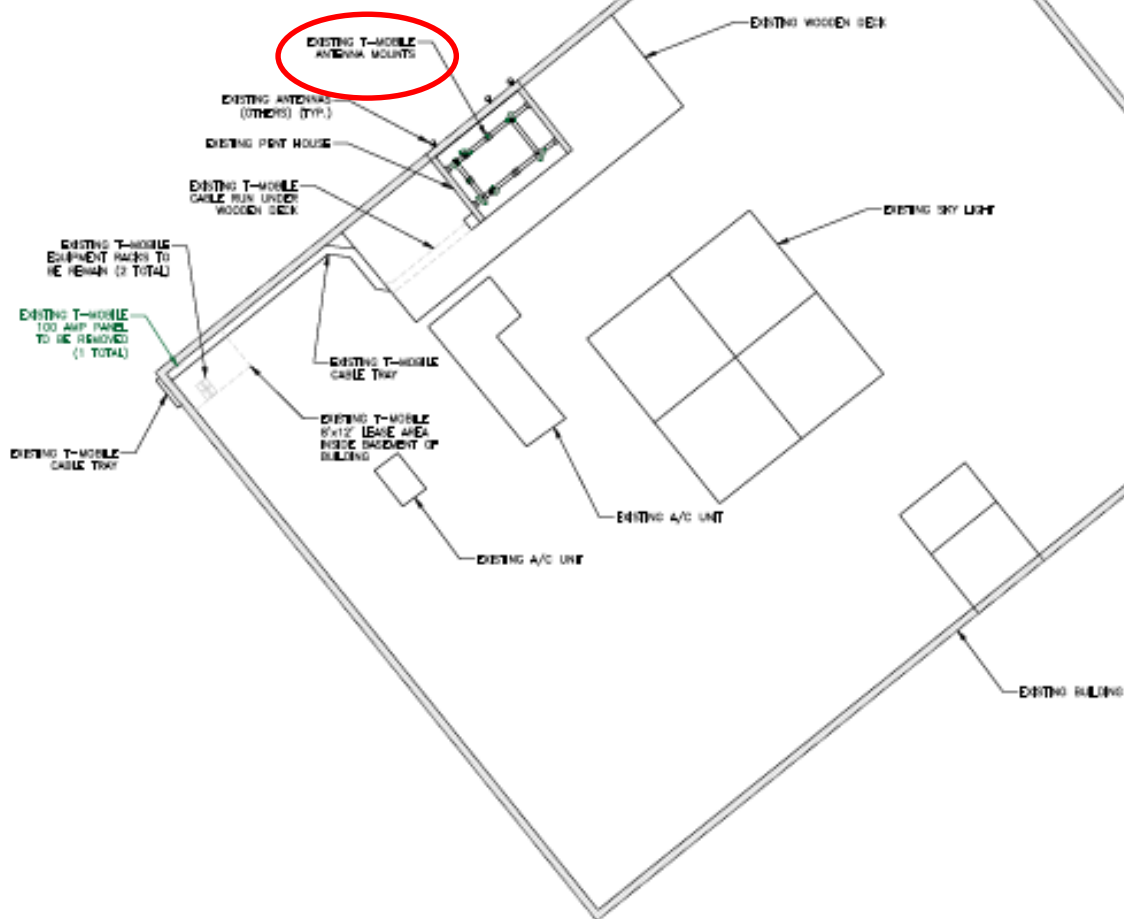
# Project Description

- T-Mobile proposes to modify the existing telecommunications antennas/equipment currently collocated on the building located at the address listed above
- Investigation includes determining whether *“the site is located in, on, or within the viewshed of a building, site, district, structure or object, significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering or culture, that is listed, or eligible for listing on the State or National Register of Historic Places, or located in or on an Indian Religious Site”*.



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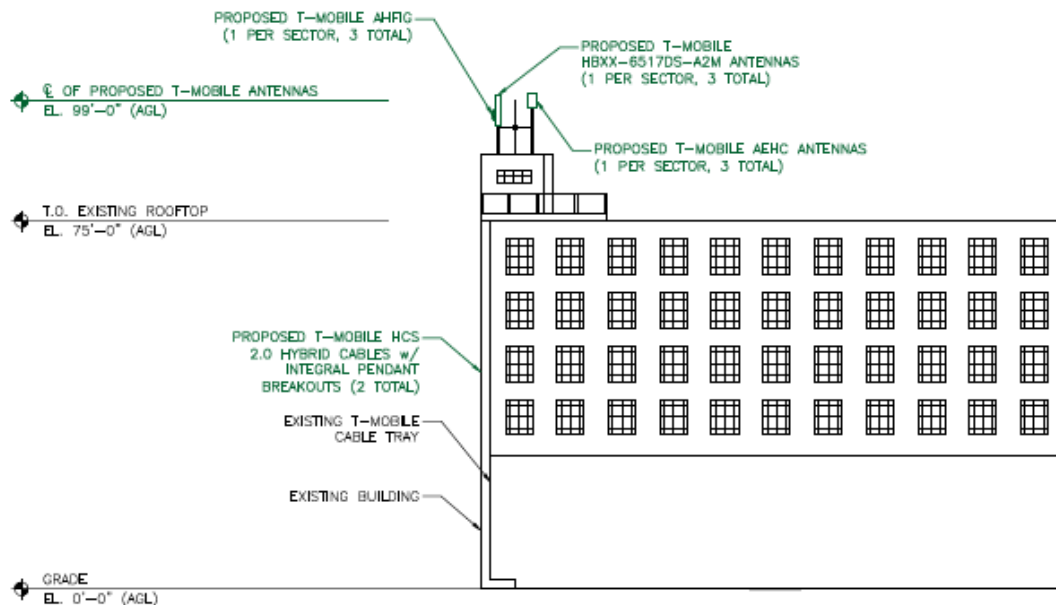


COMPOUND PLAN

SCALE: 1" = 20' (1/4" = 1')

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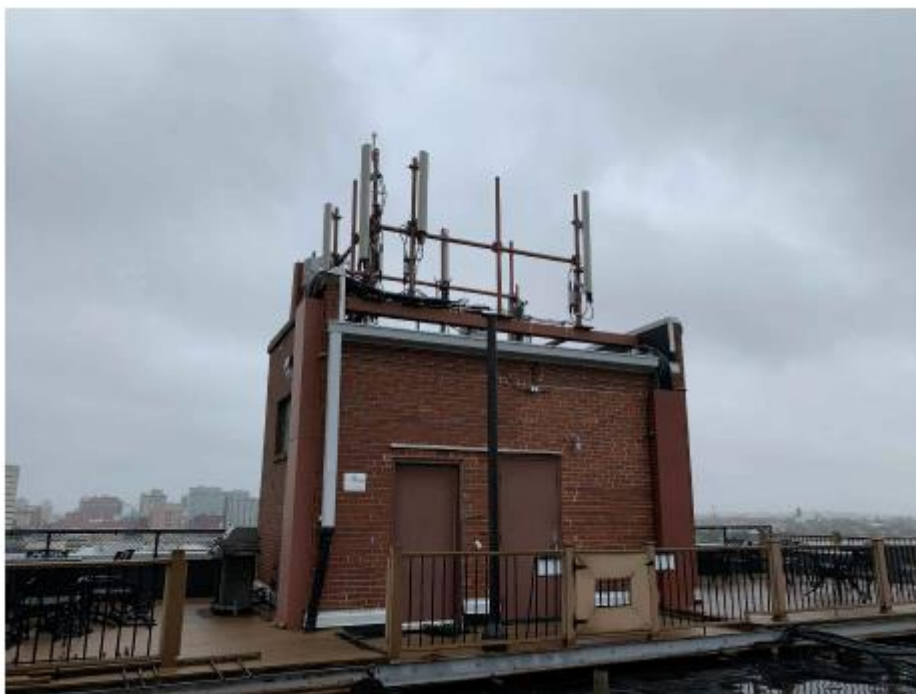




Figure 3 – Southwest side of the building (1/7/21)



Figure 5 – Northwest side of the building (1/7/21)





Demolitions on Hold

460 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW



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