



Case File No. 19-0040 Lexington Cove





#### **NARRATIVE**

### **Lexington Cove Preliminary Plat and Rezoning**

U.S. Homes Corp, dba Lennar, is pleased to submit this request for Rezoning, Preliminary Plat, and Conditional Use Permit for the development of a 97-lot single-family residential community. The project contacts are as follows:

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#### Location

The proposed community is located along Lexington Avenue north of Main Street (125<sup>th</sup> Avenue). Lexington Avenue provides access to Interstate 35W just 3 miles to the south and Main Street provides access to Highway 65 just 5 miles to the west. Through these connections future residents will have access to the greater Twin Cities metro area. Both the 35W and Highway 65 corridors provide a variety of retail and entertainment opportunities.

### **Description of Request**

Lennar is requesting a rezoning of the 42-acre subject property from Farm Residence (FR) to Development Flex (DF) in order to provide for greater flexibility and creativity in land use planning which will result in an efficient use of land through homesite configuration and preservation of existing wetlands and natural vegetation. This rezoning will also meet the intent of the Blaine Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan guides this property LDR — Low Density Residential which allows single-family homes with a density ranging from 2.5-6.0 units per acre. Lexington Cove has a proposed density of 2.31 units per acre.

### **Proposed community standards:**

Lot width (min):

60 feet;

Lot area (min):

7,500 square feet;

Front setback (to curb):

25 feet;

Side setback (trail-min.):

7.5 feet (interior), 20 feet (corner lot);

Rear setback (trail-min.):

30 feet.

Lennar believes the development proposal for Lexington Cove will:

- Exercise no substantial detrimental influence upon the market value of surrounding properties by providing a desirable housing product.
- Show a favorable economic impact on the community at large by providing a well-designed, affordable community in a favorable location.
- Preserve existing wetlands

- Not impose any undue burden on public services and facilities by connecting to city sewer and water in the vicinity of the property while upgrading the regional city sewer system.
- Be designed in such a manner to form a desirable and unified environment within the city's boundaries and will not be detrimental to future land uses in the area.

#### **Proposed Homes and Architecture**

Lennar is proposing the construction of various types of single family homes including, one-story, two-story, and modified split-level. The proposed housing types complement each other but the multiple styles will eliminate monotony in the community by varying mass, height, width, and garage size. Home sizes range from 2-5 bedrooms and 1,325 - 2,600 square feet depending on options selected. At an estimated price range of \$335,000 - \$420,000 it is anticipated this community will be attractive to young professionals and young families who wish to live close to the new elementary school.

These homes include varying amounts of stone on most facades and the siding materials consist of lap siding, shakes, or board and batten. Other architectural features available on selected facades include columns, gables, shutters, accentuated window trim and fascia, and decorative roof brackets and cornices. Architectural renderings of these homes are included with this submittal. Lennar's design team will closely monitor color packages and facades to avoid monotony.

#### **Public Infrastructure**

Wicklow Woods will make use of the existing water main in the Woodridge development near Lever Street. Watermain will be looped through the proposed development and stubbed to the north, east, west, and south. The proposed sanitary sewer system will utilize a new lift station within Lexington Cove and forcemain out to Lever Street. The sanitary system will be stubbed to the north and south to accommodate future development.

Lexington Cove will be provided street access from a public street connection to Lexington Avenue and features three street stubs to the north, east, and south for future vehicular connectivity. Sidewalks are provided on one side of all interior streets for pedestrian circulation.

Stormwater will be treated in a series of infiltration basins and detention ponds located on the north side and south side of the community. Street drainage will be collected by storm sewer and discharged into the ponds. After the water is treated it is then discharged into the local area wetland complexes.

### **Wetlands**

Five wetlands have been delineated on the subject property. The two largest wetlands will remain undisturbed with appropriate buffers included with the development. Three smaller wetlands with a combined area of 0.314 acres will be impacted. A wetland delineation and wetland replacement plan have been completed and submitted for review by the City and Rice Creek Watershed District.

### <u>Parks</u>

There are no parks planned with the development of this site. However, sidewalks are proposed for pedestrian mobility through the community. Lennar proposes paying park dedication fees in lieu of providing additional parkland.

### **Schedule**

Land development work would begin in Spring to early Summer 2020 with construction on the model homes beginning late Summer to early Fall 2020. The overall project will likely be developed in two to three phases

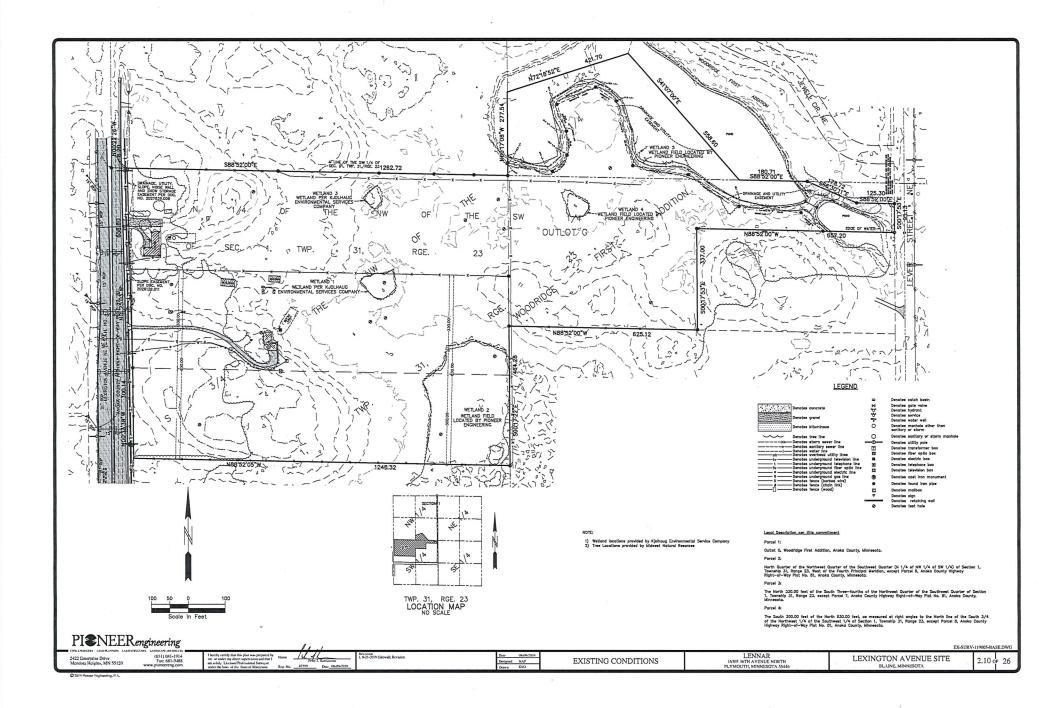
beginning with the western portion of the site. The future phases would be planned for the 2021 construction season and beyond.

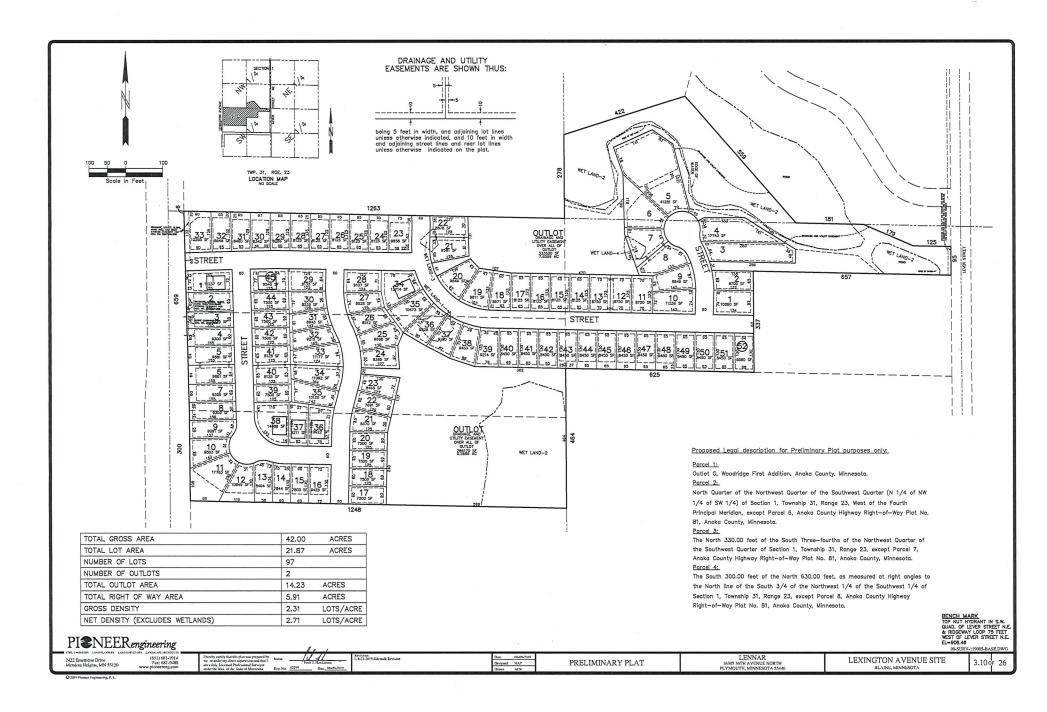
In most cases we project sales at a rate of two homes per month per product line. Therefore, based on the 97 homes in two to three different styles being offered the timeline for full occupancy would be approximately 36-48 months.

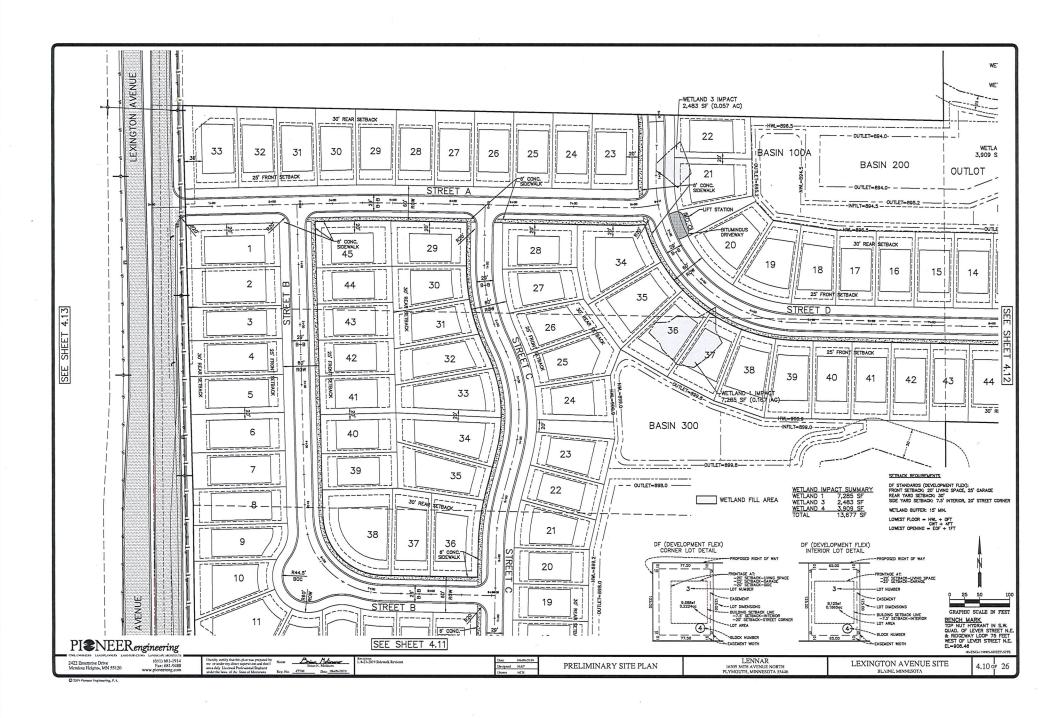
Lennar has a long standing history of building successful communities in Blaine and throughout the Twin Cities, including similar communities under development at Woodridge, Wicklow Woods, and Preserve at Legacy Creek. We look forward to working with the City of Blaine on this new residential development opportunity and thank the City for its support.

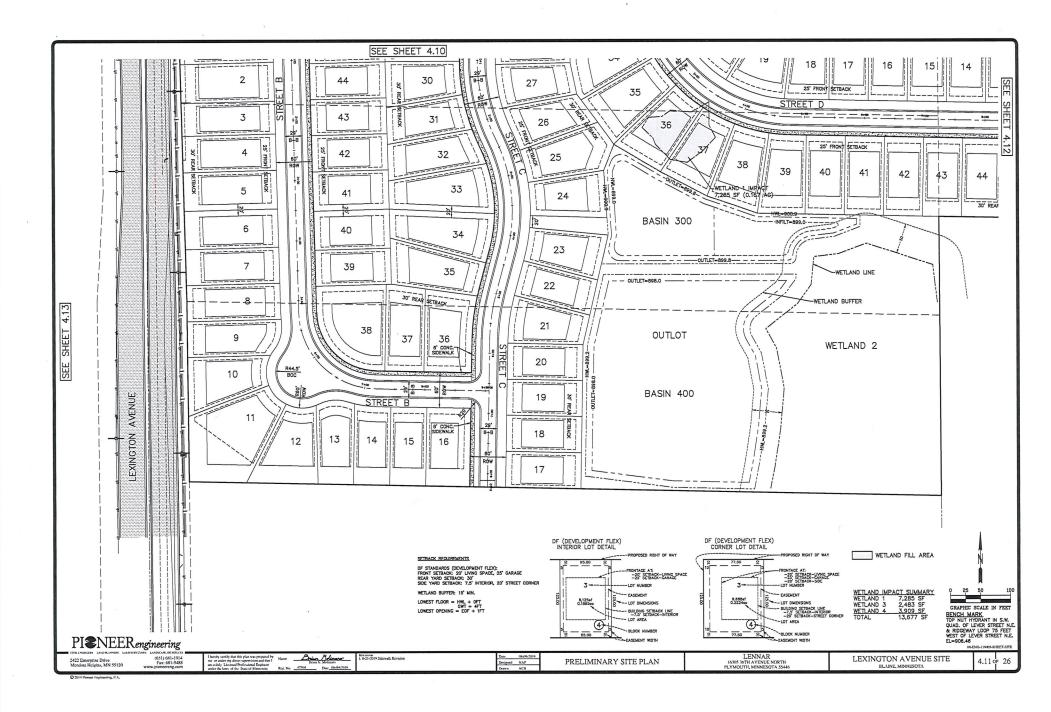
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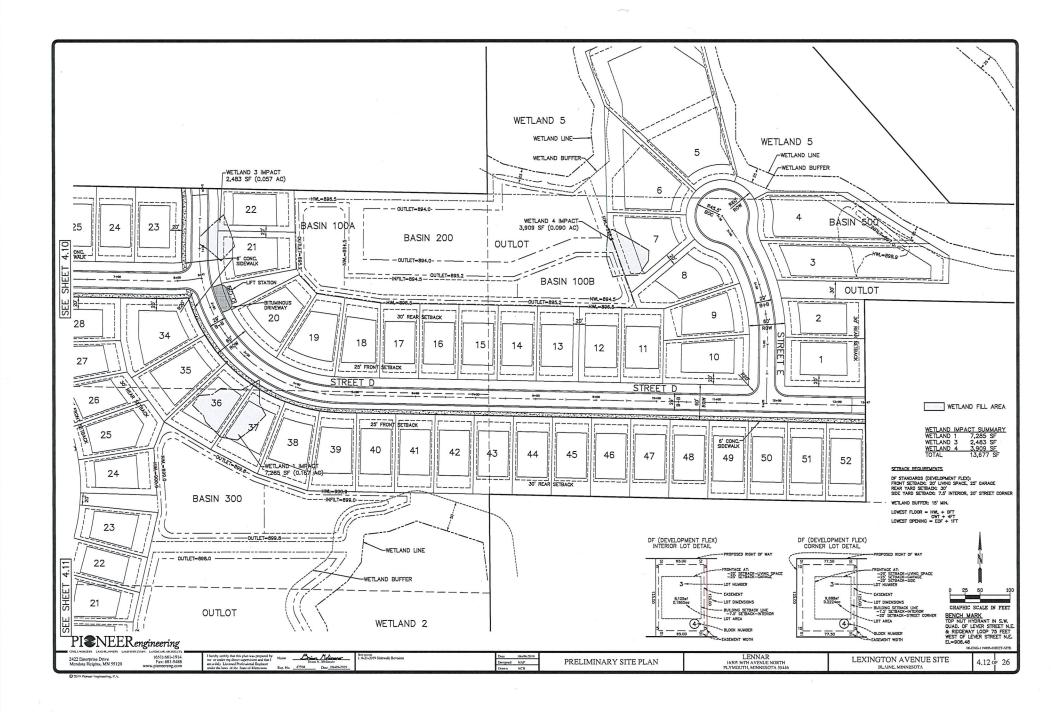
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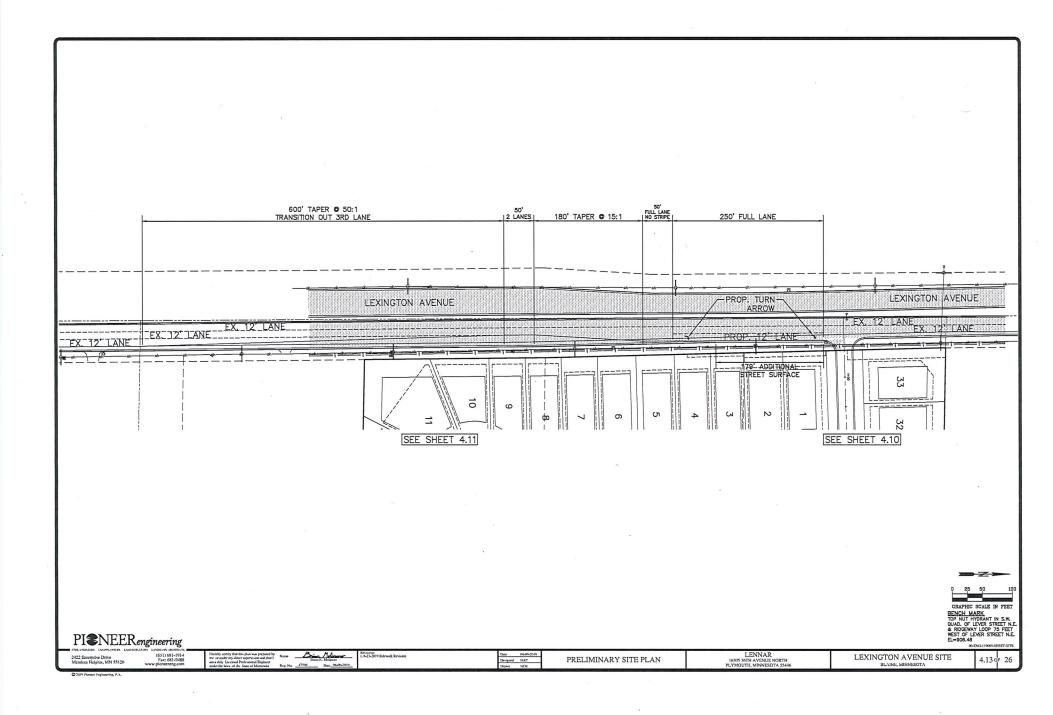


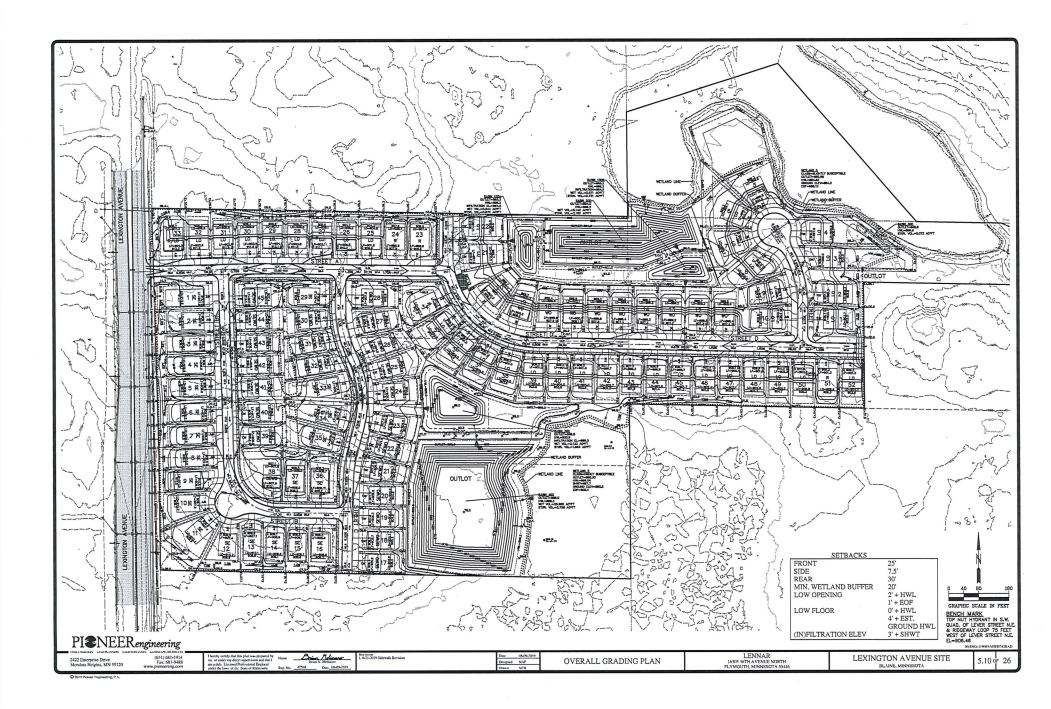


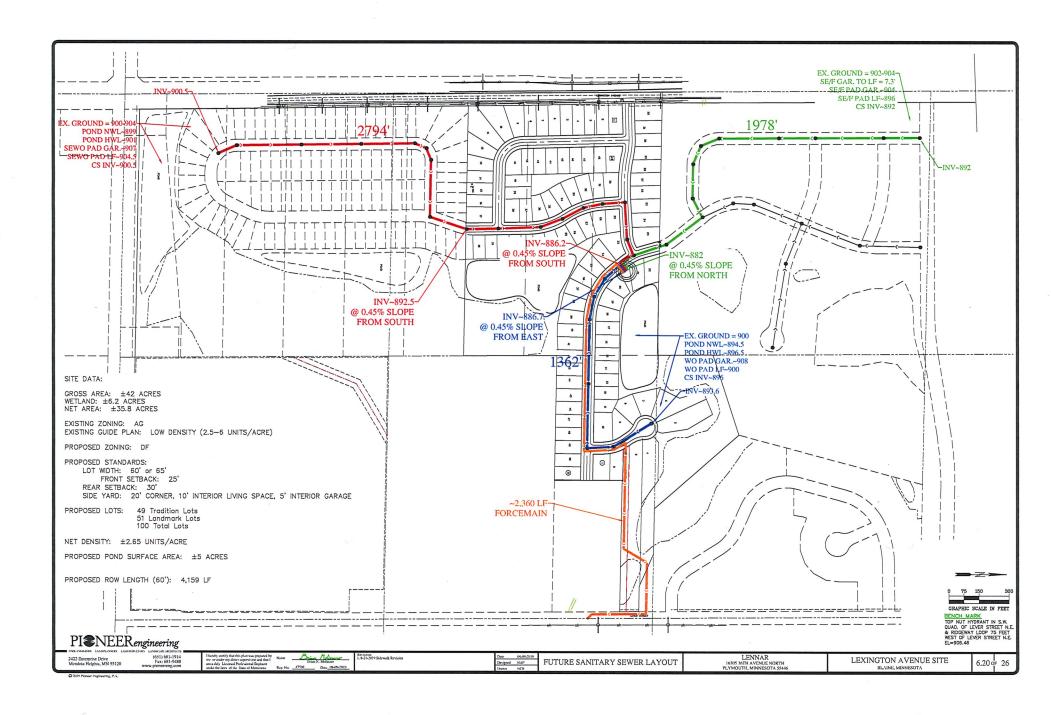


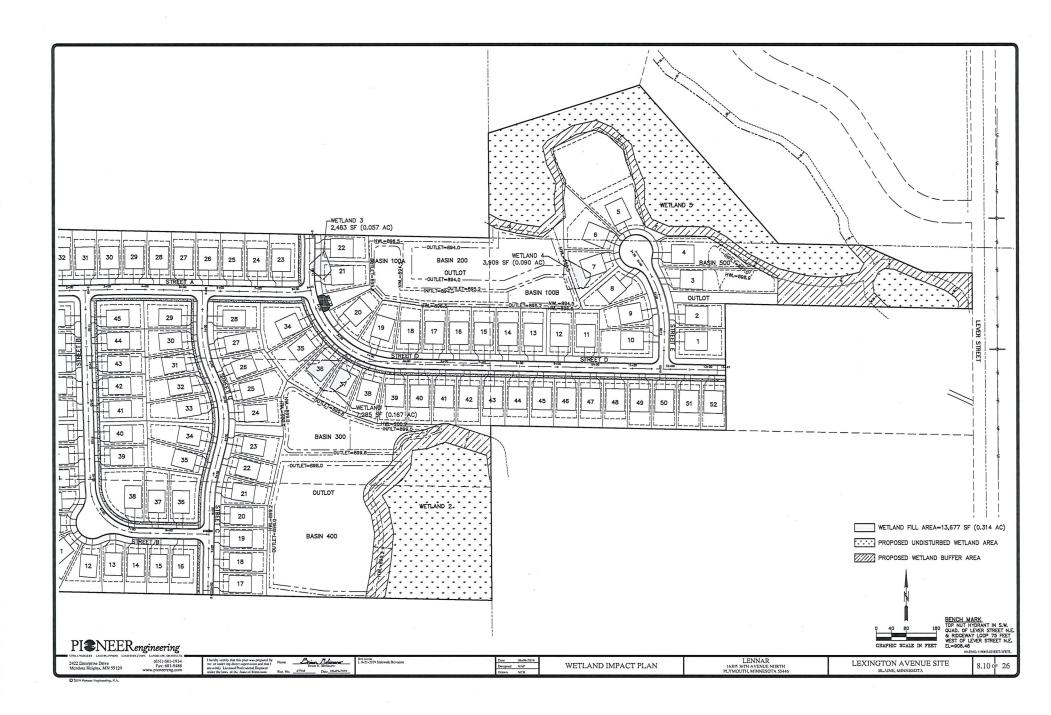


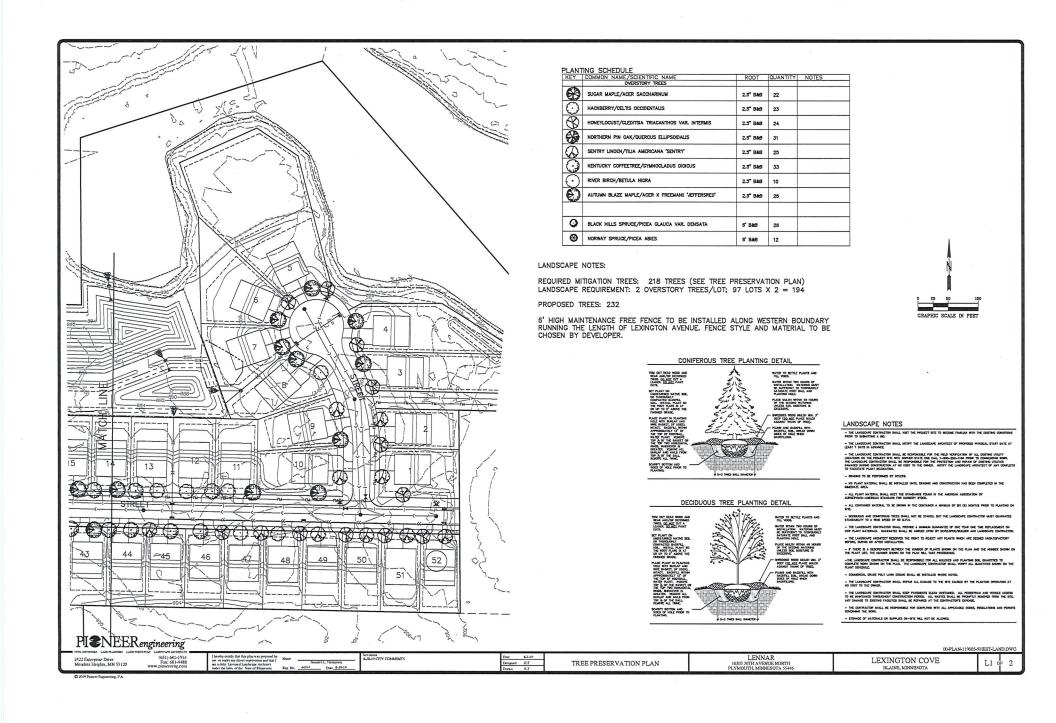


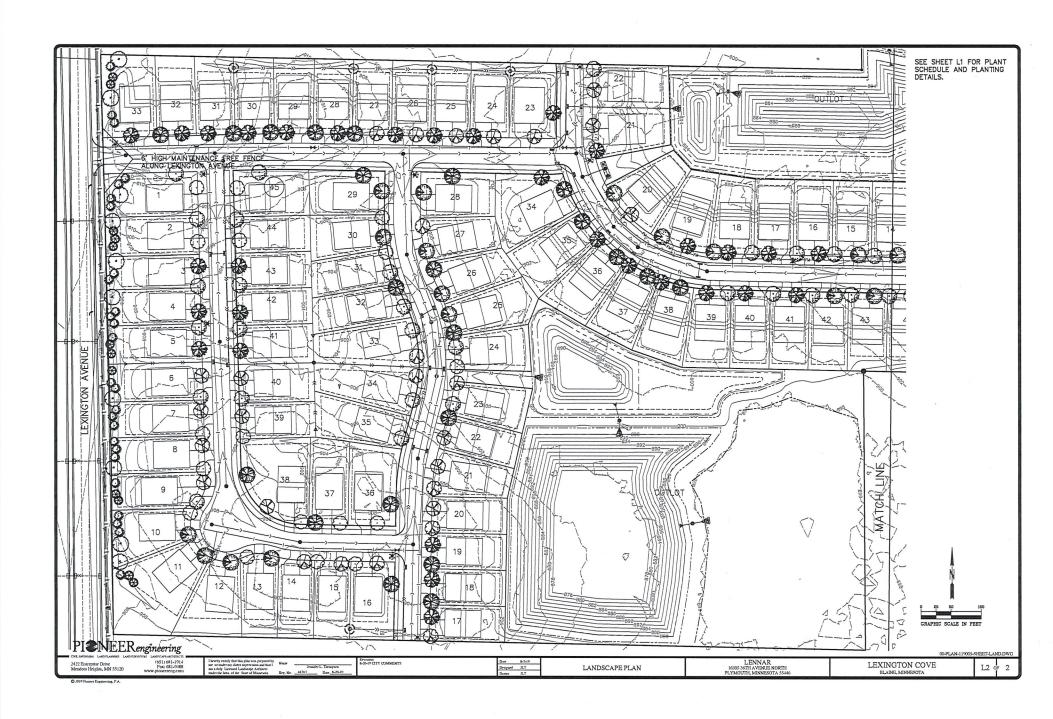


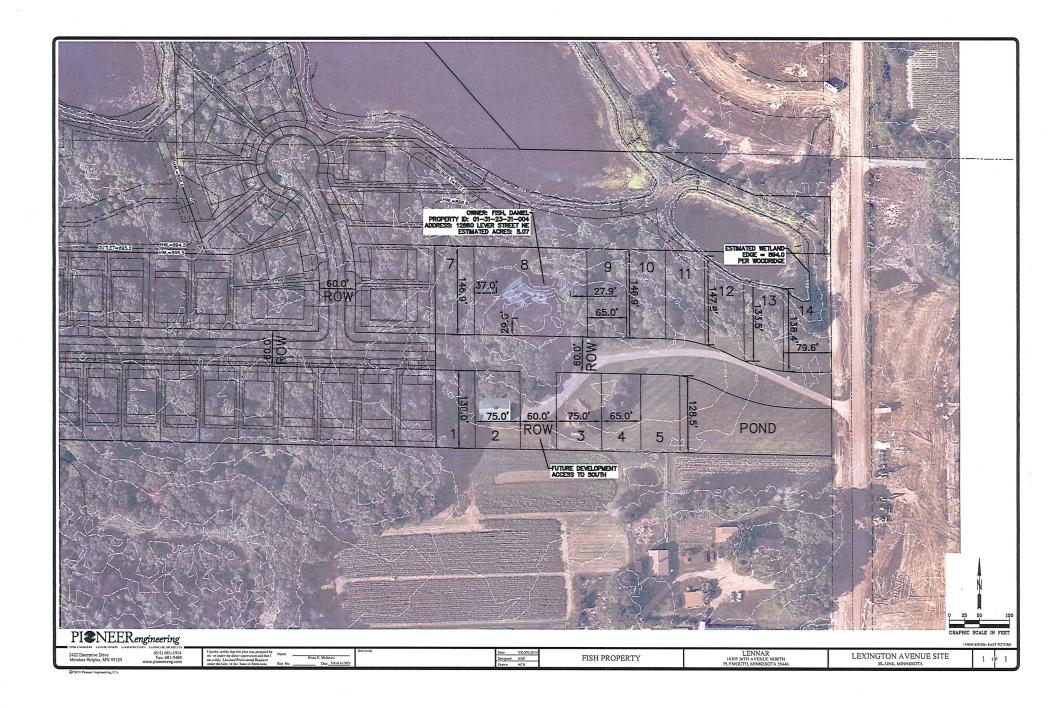








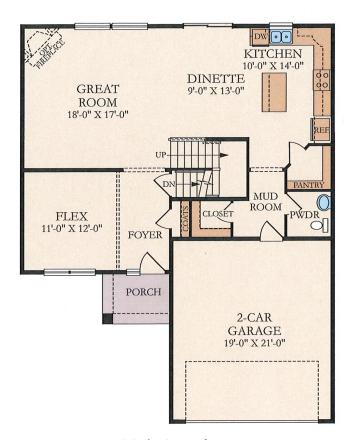




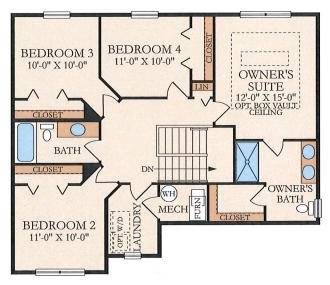
## 2,148 Sq. Ft.

- 2 Stories
- 4 Bedrooms
- 3 Bathrooms
- 2 Car Garage

## The Columbus El



Main Level



Upper Level

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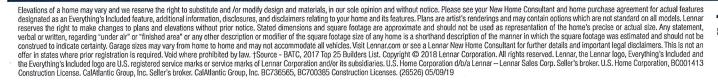






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- 2,786 Sq. Ft.
- 2 Stories
- 4 Bedrooms
- 3 Bathrooms
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# The McKinley El



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- 2,218 Sq. Ft.
- 1 Story
- 3 Bedrooms
- 3 Bathrooms
- 3 Car Garage

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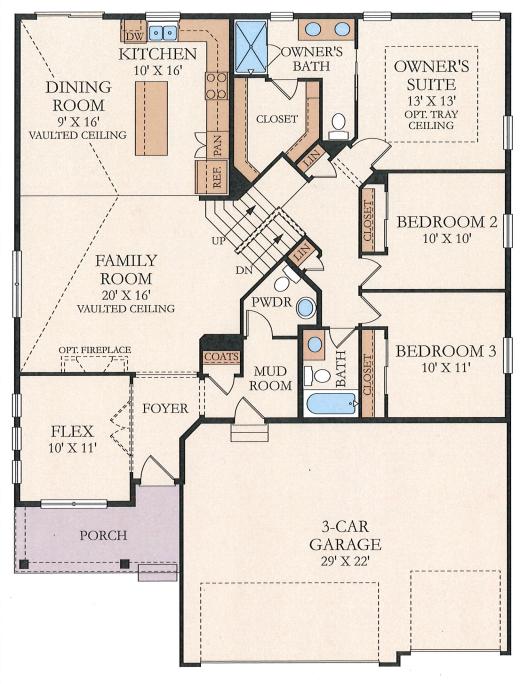
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- 1,773 Sq. Ft.
- 2 Stories
- 3 Bedrooms
- 2.5 Bathrooms
- 3 Car Garage

## The Foster El





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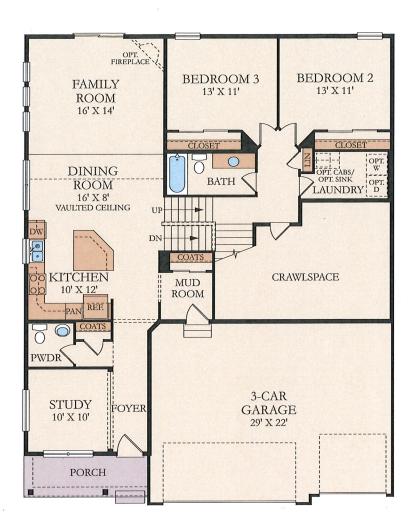
### 2,094 Sq. Ft.

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- 3 Bathrooms
- 3 Car Garage

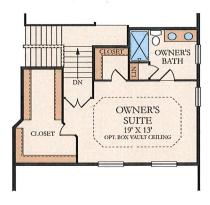
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