

PROJECT NARRATIVE

Madhu Beriwal, owner of the property at 304 North Boundary Street has applied to install solar panels on three roofs at the property – 1) over the existing garage roof (see Exhibit B) and 2) over the flat roof of the existing home (see Exhibit B) and 3) over the roof of the proposed and approved extension to the home (see Exhibit B)

The solar panels will serve multiple functions. One, the solar panels will draw enough energy from the sun to lower electricity costs. Two, the solar panels will reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions. Three, the storage batteries installed with the system will allow backup power to the home and extension in times of power outages.

The solar panels to be used are shown as Exhibit D. The proposed solar panels are approximately one foot in height and will be placed with a 5 foot setback from the roof parapets for each of the roofs (garage, existing home flat roof), and proposed extension flat roof). The solar panels are not expected to be visible from the street, have adequate setbacks, and match the color of the roof materials (black). See Exhibit D.

No cables or pipes will be visible from the street.

The storage batteries to be used are shown as Exhibit E. The battery packs are approximately 43.5: by 24".

HISTORY AND CHARACTER OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IN HISTORIC DISTRICT

304 North Boundary was new construction in the existing Franklin/Rosemary Historic District when it was built in 2000. It is modern architecture of predominately glass and metal and is unique in the district. The house has been identified as an exemplar of NC Modernist Architecture.

Designed by Kenneth Hopgood, FAIA, and originally commissioned by the Gravely Khatchatoorian Family, the house received numerous accolades after its construction.

The house was featured in Triangle Modern Architecture by Victoria Bell in 2020, not only within the book but on the cover. Other accolades for the house include 2003 The New American House 4: Innovations in Residential, by James Truelove and Il Kim, Whitney Library of Design, New York 2003, 2005 AIA Triangle Honor Award, 2006 SARC South Atlantic AIA Merit Award, 2007 Glass House: Building for Open Living, Published by Thames and Hudson London, 2008 News and Observer, February 16, 2008, 2009 Architectural Digest, March 2009.

The project as proposed continues the house's modern and forward-seeking design ethic, adding solar panels to reduce operational costs as well. The solar panels will also reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The annual solar output is expected to be 16,924 kWh. Using this as the energy output, the system is expected to avoid 6.6 metric tons of CO₂ per year. This is equivalent to planting 165 trees or avoiding 740 gallons of gasoline consumption. Over a 25 year period, the CO₂ avoided rises to 165 metric tons.

There will be 3 Powerwall 3 batteries for storage of excess power for use during power outages.

DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED SITE CONDITIONS AND ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES

The house at 304 North Boundary Street was completed in 2000. An addition was approved in 2024. The house is a modern design of metal and glass.

The change proposed in this application is the addition of solar panels to the roofs of the existing garage, the flat roof of the existing home, and the roof of the proposed and HDC-approved extension, as well as storage batteries installed on the back wall of the existing garage.

DESCRIPTION OF PREVIOUS ADDITIONS, REMODELS OR ALTERATIONS TO THE STRUCTURE(S)

The house at 304 North Boundary Street was completed in July 2000. The HDC approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for an addition to this home in September 2024 (HDC24-29). The HDC approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for a Greenhouse/Gate on December 9, 2025.

DESCRIPTION OF ALL PROPOSED PHYSICAL CHANGES TO THE PROPERTY

The physical changes proposed are to add solar panels to the roofs of the existing garage, the flat roof of the existing home, and to the roof of the proposed and approved extension, as well as place storage batteries behind the existing garage.

IDENTIFY MATERIALS TO BE USED INCLUDING DIMENSIONS, MANUFACTURE DETAILS, MODEL NUMBERS AND SPECIFICATIONS IF APPLICABLE

Solar panels:

Total System Size Warranty Information: 16.02 kW DC

Estimated Annual Production: 16,924 kWh

Solar Panels: 36 - Canadian Solar N-Type 445

Inverter: (3)Tesla 11.5 kW AC

Storage Batteries:

3 Tesla Powerwall 3 40.5 kWh

See attached materials

IDENTIFY AND DESCRIBE HOW THE PROJECT MEETS ALL APPLICABLE DESIGN STANDARDS

3.9.7. Locate new mechanical equipment, utilities, and sustainable site features—including air-conditioning and heating units, meters, exposed pipes, rain barrels or cisterns, and raised planting beds—in locations that are minimally visible from the street and do not alter or remove historic fabric from the building or do not diminish or compromise the overall character of the building, site, or district. Screen ground-level equipment from view with vegetation or fencing.

3.9.8. Locate low-profile solar panels on side or rear elevations, when possible, or on low-sloped roofs where they are minimally visible from the street.

- a. Solar panels should be flush-mounted —installed parallel with and close to the surface of the roof to which they are attached—in order to minimize their visual impact.
- b. Solar panels should match the color of the existing roof material as much as possible, in order to visually blend with the roof.
- c. Solar panels should be set back from the edges of the roof to minimize their visibility.
- d. Solar panels should not extend above the roof ridges or otherwise alter the roof form of the building.
- e. No associated pipes or cables should be visible from the street.

SITE PLAN

See Exhibits A and B.

SUBJECT PROPERTY IN CONTEXT WITH THE NEARBY PROPERTIES

The project (both solar panel installations and storage batteries) as proposed is not visible from the nearest, adjacent and opposite properties. The project does not alter setbacks.

See Exhibit F.

304 N. Boundary St

Solar Panels and Battery Backup

Exhibit A: Site

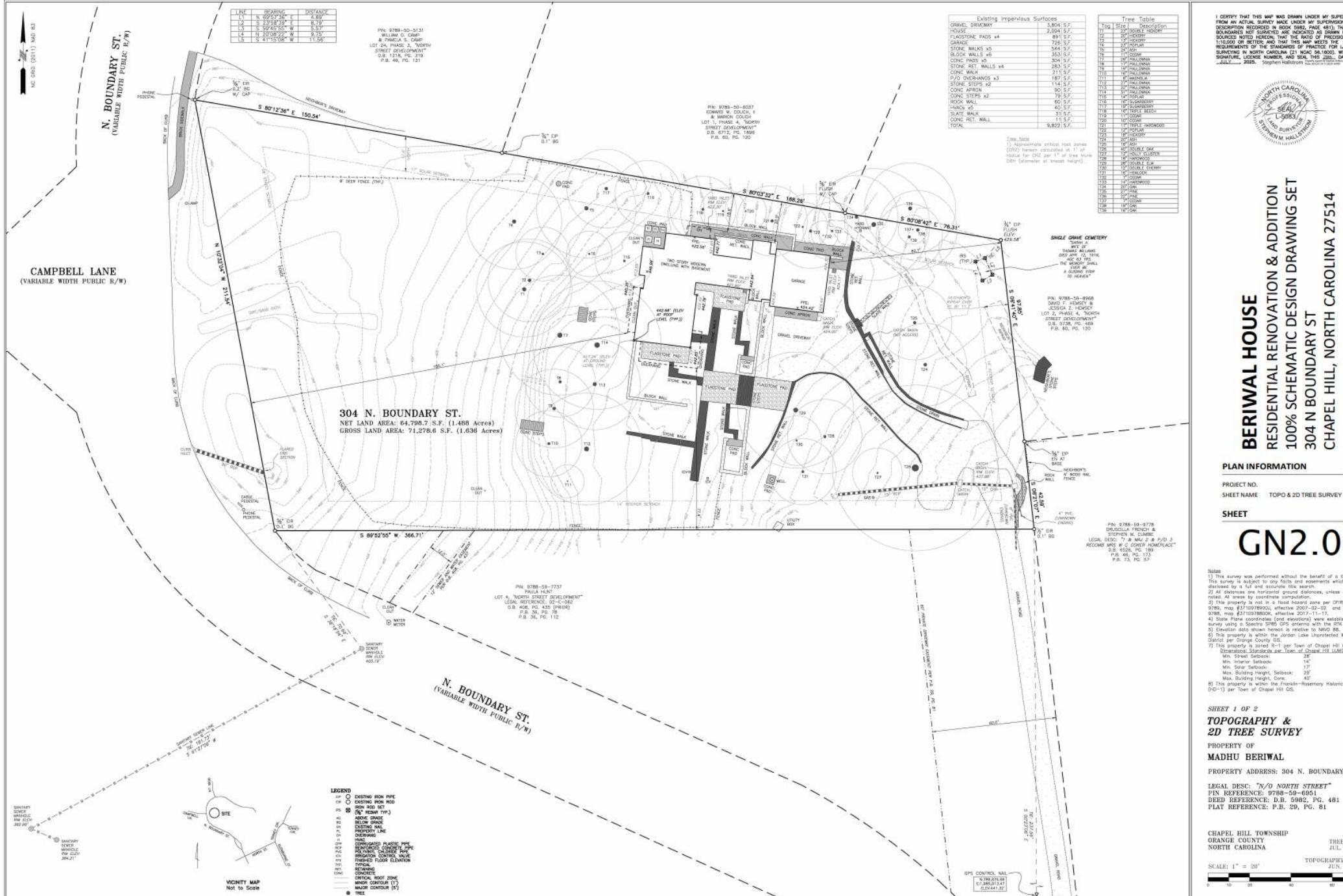
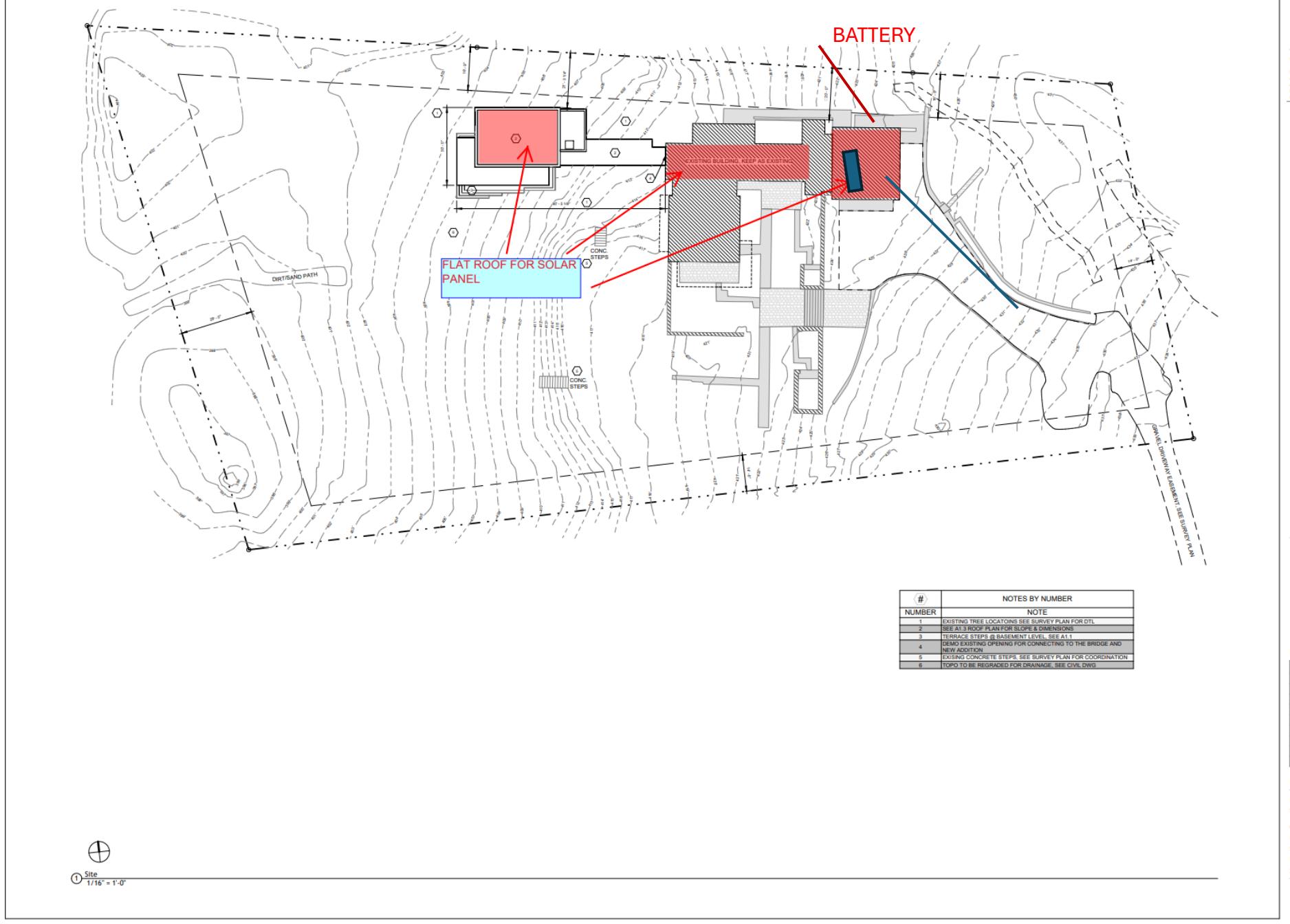


Exhibit B: Site & Location of Panels



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BERIWAL HOUSE
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 100% SCHEMATIC DESIGN DRAWING SET
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Exhibit C: Location of Solar Panels



Exhibit D: Solar Panels

Note: mm (inch)

