

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

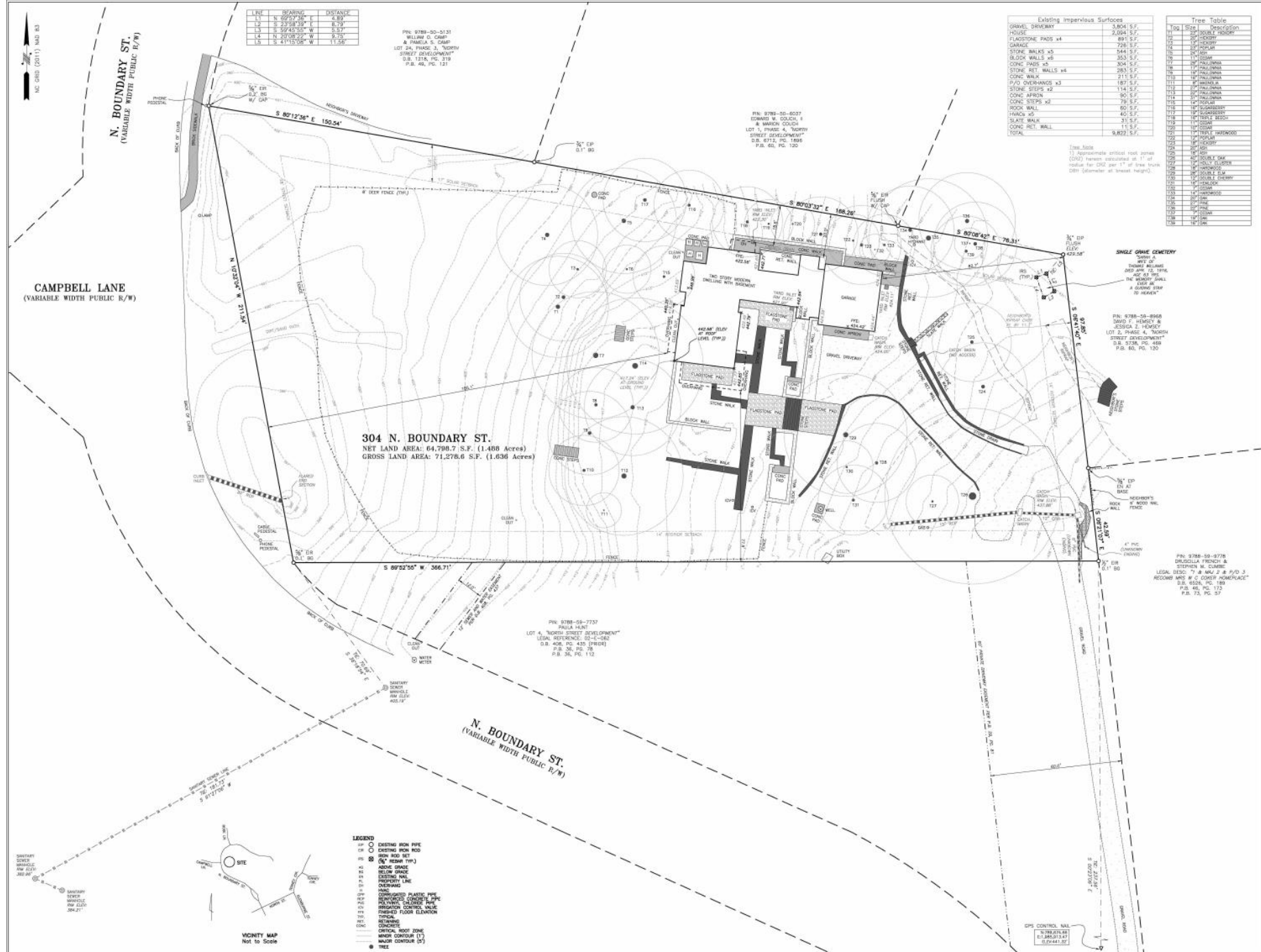
The project (both solar panel installations and storage batteries) as proposed is not visible from the nearest, adjacent and opposite properties. The project does not alter setbacks.

See Exhibit F.

304 N. Boundary St

Solar Panels and Battery Backup

Exhibit A: Site



CERTIFY THAT THIS MAP WAS DRAWN UNDER MY SUPERVISION FROM AN ACTUAL SURVEY MADE UNDER MY SUPERVISION (DEED DESCRIPTION RECORDED IN BOOK 5682, PAGE 481). THAT THE STANDARD OF PRECISION OF THE SURVEY IS 1:10,000 FROM SOURCES NOTED HEREON; THAT THE RATIO OF PRECISION IS 1:10,000 OR BETTER; AND THAT THIS MAP MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR LAND SURVEYING IN NORTH CAROLINA (21 NCAC 56.1603). WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, LICENSE NUMBER, AND SEAL THIS 2022, DAY OF JULY 2025. Stephen Halstrom



BERIHAL HOUSE
RESIDENTIAL RENOVATION & ADDITION
100% SCHEMATIC DESIGN DRAWING SET
304 N BOUNDARY ST
CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA 27514

PLAN INFORMATION

PROJECT NO. _____
SHEET NAME TOPO & 2D TREE SURVEY

SHEET

GN2.0

Notes:

- 1 This survey was performed without the benefit of a GIS report; this survey is subject to any drifts and easements which may have occurred since 1978.
- 2 All distances are horizontal ground distances, unless otherwise noted. All areas by compass computation.
- 3 1978 State Plane Coordinates (and elevations) were established for this survey using a Spectra SP85 GPS antenna with the RTK method.
- 4 Elevation data shown herein is relative to NAVD 88.
- 5 The portion of the white area within the Unprotected Watershed District per Grange County US.
- 6 This property is zoned R-1 per Town of Chapel Hill LMO.
- 7 Dimensions are per Town of Chapel Hill LMO Sec. 3.8.1.

N. Main Street, Setback:	28'
N. Interior, Setback:	14'
S. Interior, Setback:	14'
M. Building Height, Setback:	29'
M. Building Height, Core:	40'
- 8 The property is within the 100-year floodplain historic district [D-D] per town of Chapel Hill GS.

**TOPOGRAPHY &
2D TREE SURVEY**

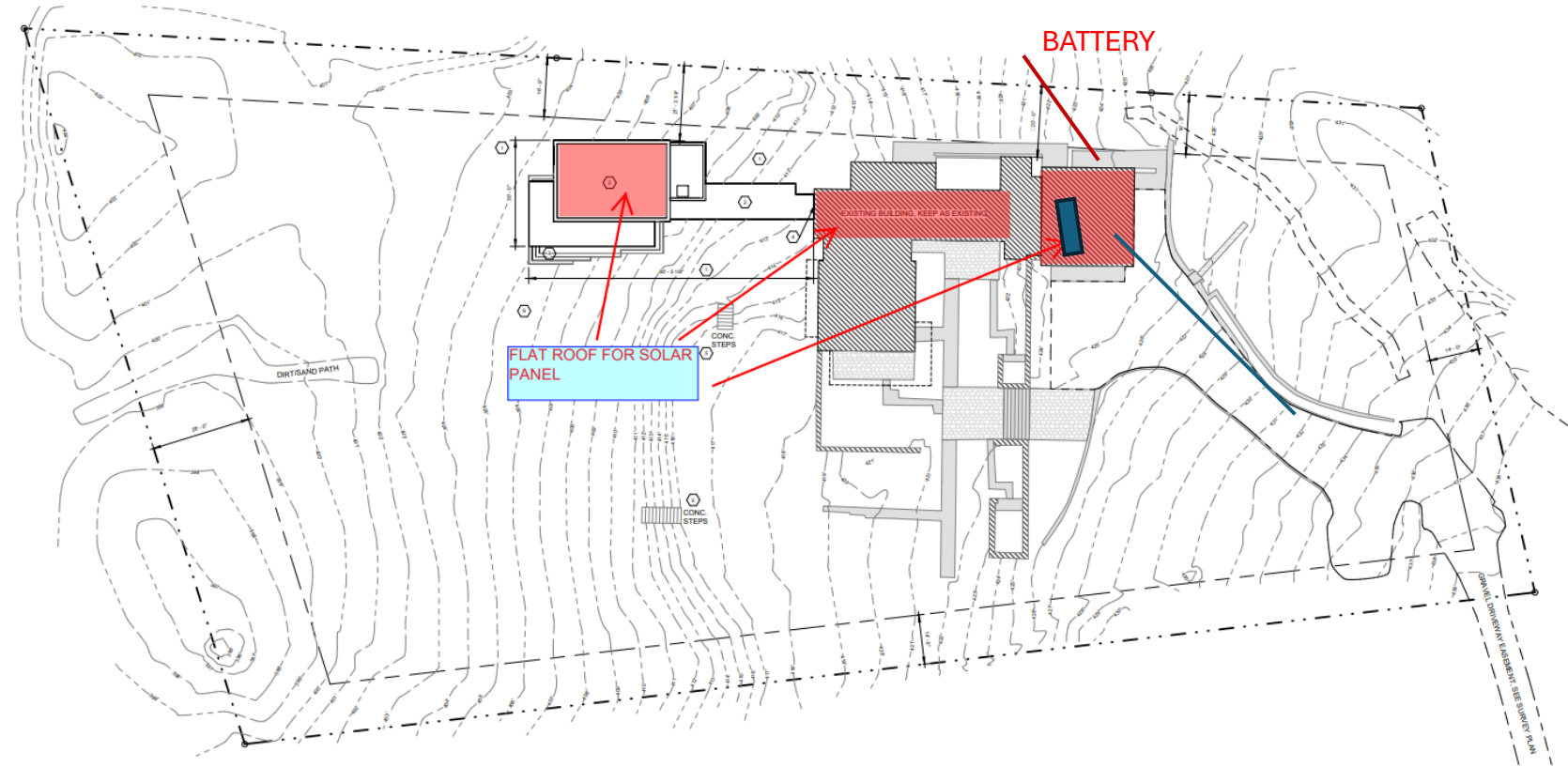
PROPERTY OF
MADHU BERIWAL
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 304 N. BOUNDARY STREET

LEGAL DESC: "N/O NORTH STREET"
PIN REFERENCE: 9788-59-6951
DEED REFERENCE: D.B. 5982, PG. 48
PLAT REFERENCE: P.B. 29, PG. 81

CHAPEL HILL TOWNSHIP
ORANGE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

SCALE: 1" = 20'

Exhibit B: Site & Location of Panels



#	NOTES BY NUMBER
NUMBER	NOTE
1	EXISTING TREE LOCATIONS SEE SURVEY PLAN FOR DTL
2	SEE AT 3 ROOF PLAN FOR SLOPE & DIMENSIONS
3	TERRACE STEPS @ BASEMENT LEVEL, SEE A1.1
4	DEMO EXISTING OPENING FOR CONNECTING TO THE BRIDGE AND NEW ADDITION
5	COVERING CONCRETE STEPS, SEE SURVEY PLAN FOR COORDINATION
6	TOPO TO BE REGRADED FOR DRAINAGE, SEE CIVIL DWG

Site
1/16" = 1'-0"

NO.	DATE

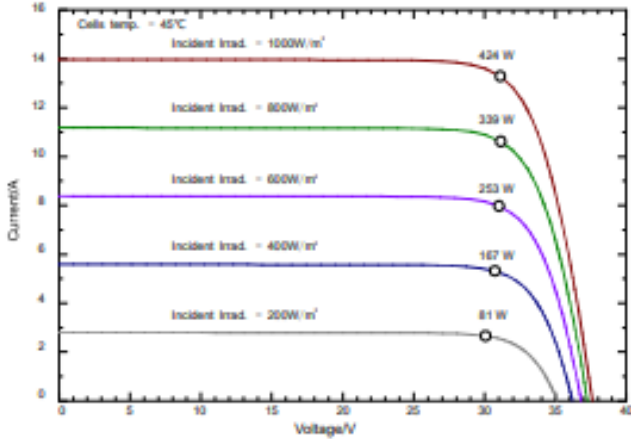
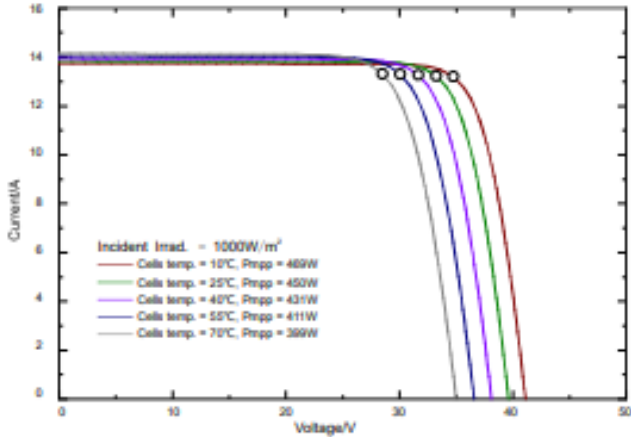
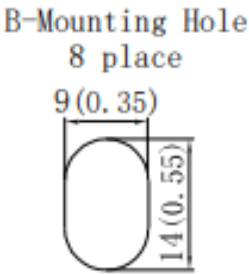
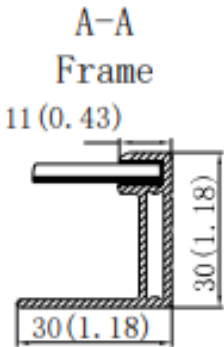
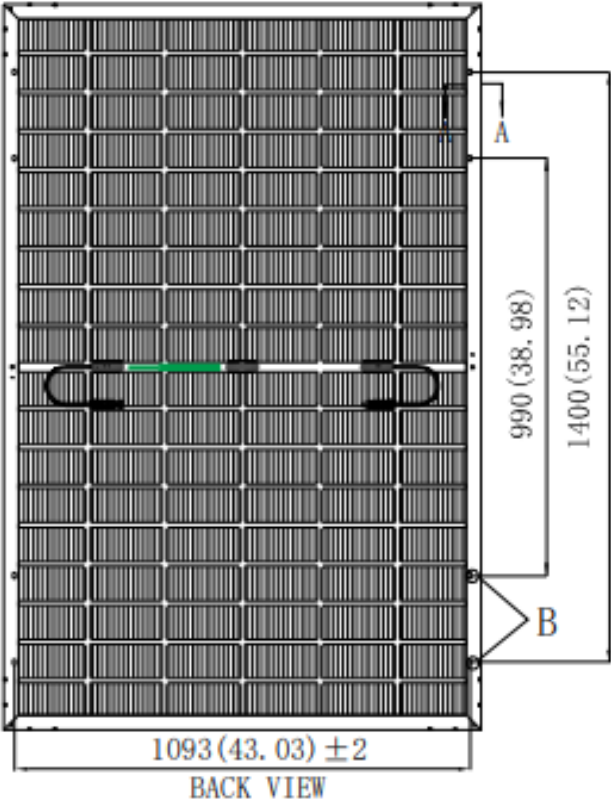
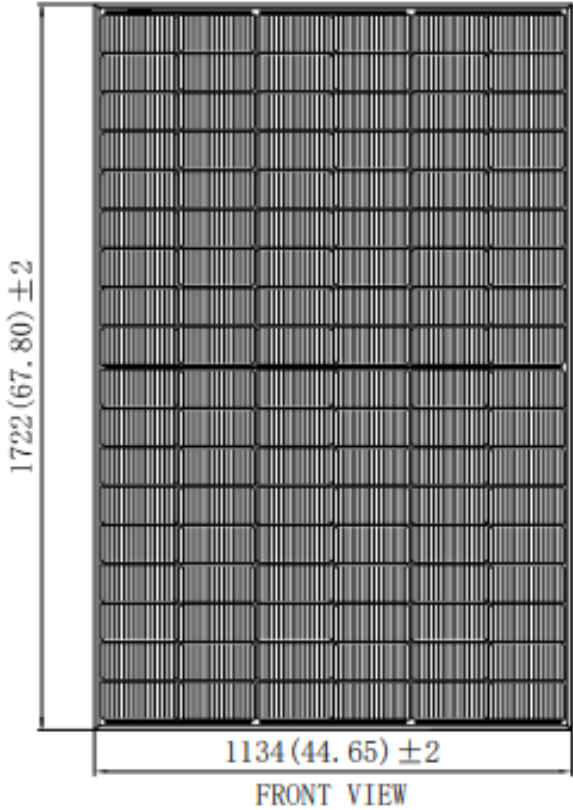
PLAN INFORMATION	
PROJECT NO.	
SHEET NAME	ARCHITECTURAL SITE PL
CHECKED BY	A.T.
DRAWN BY	M.L.
SCALE	1/16" = 1'-0"
DATE	2025/08/29
SHEET	

Exhibit C:
**Location of
Solar Panels**



Exhibit D: Solar Panels

Note:mm (inch)



Excellent performance under weak light condition.