

Public Hearing for the Public Drainage Easement Closure – 1301 Fordham Blvd

Town Council Meeting

May 6, 2026

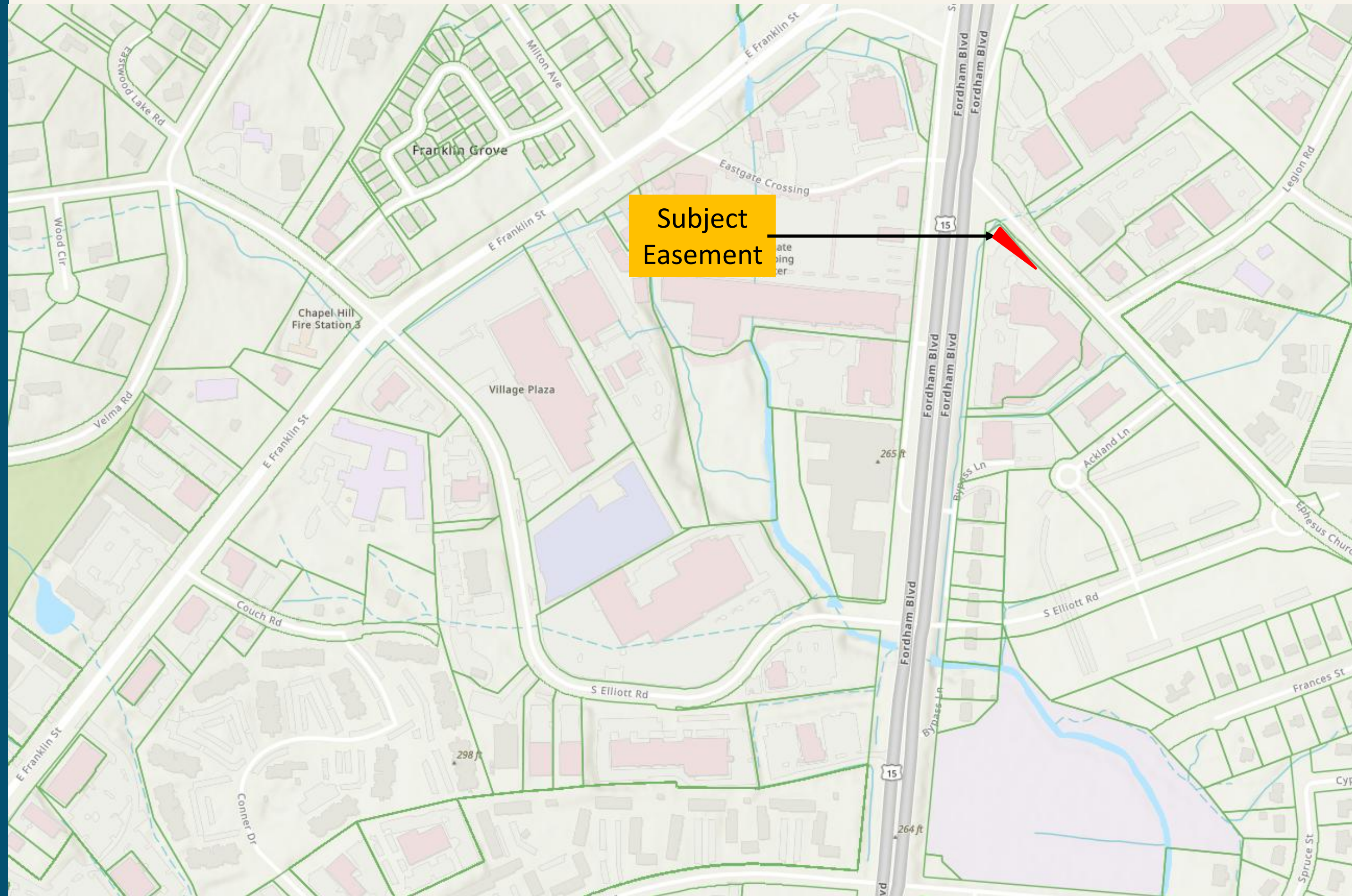


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Recommended Action

- Council open and close a Public Hearing to consider permanently closing a public drainage easement across 1301 Fordham Blvd.
- Council consider adopting the Resolution to close the requested public easement area.

Easement Location



Background & Context

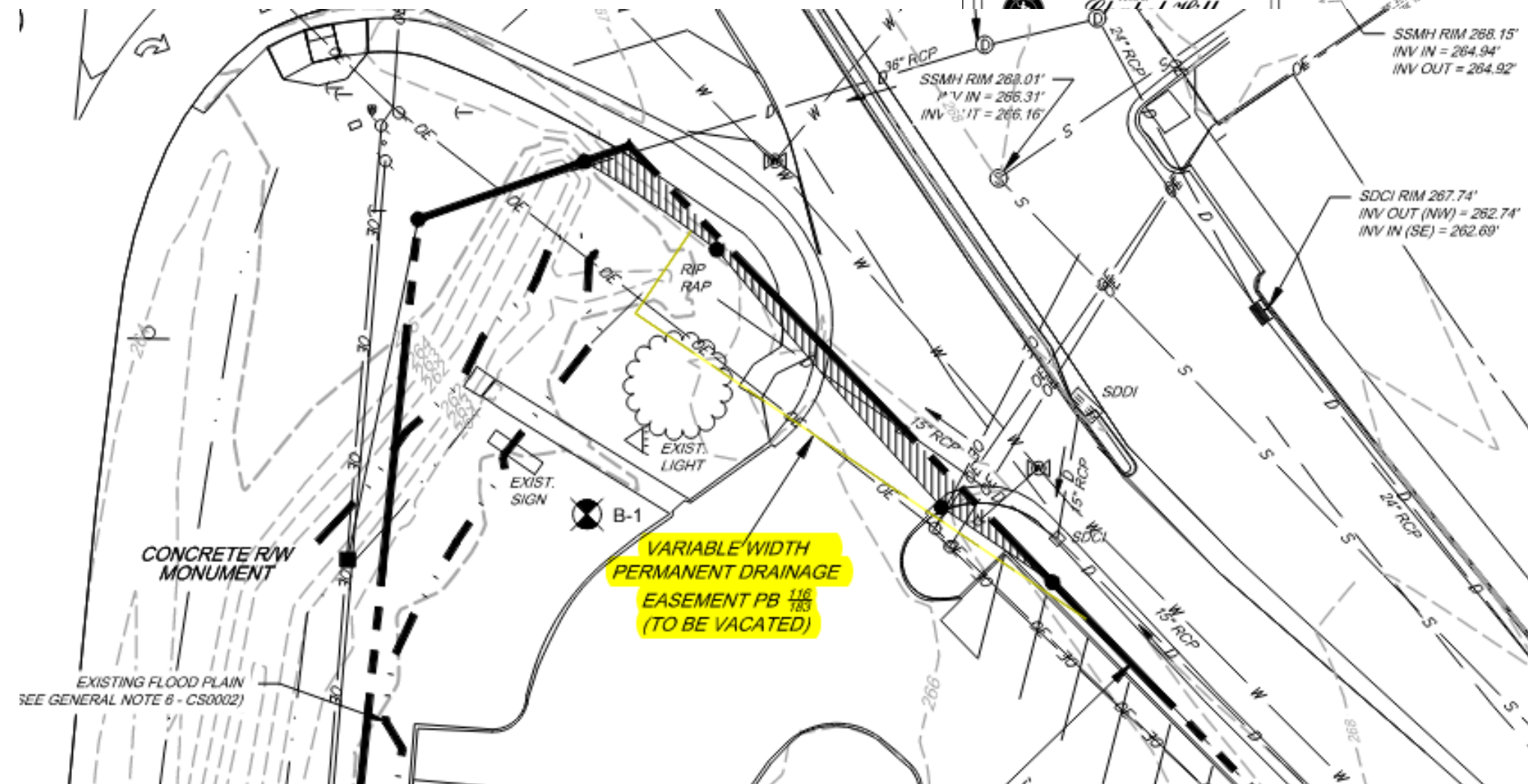
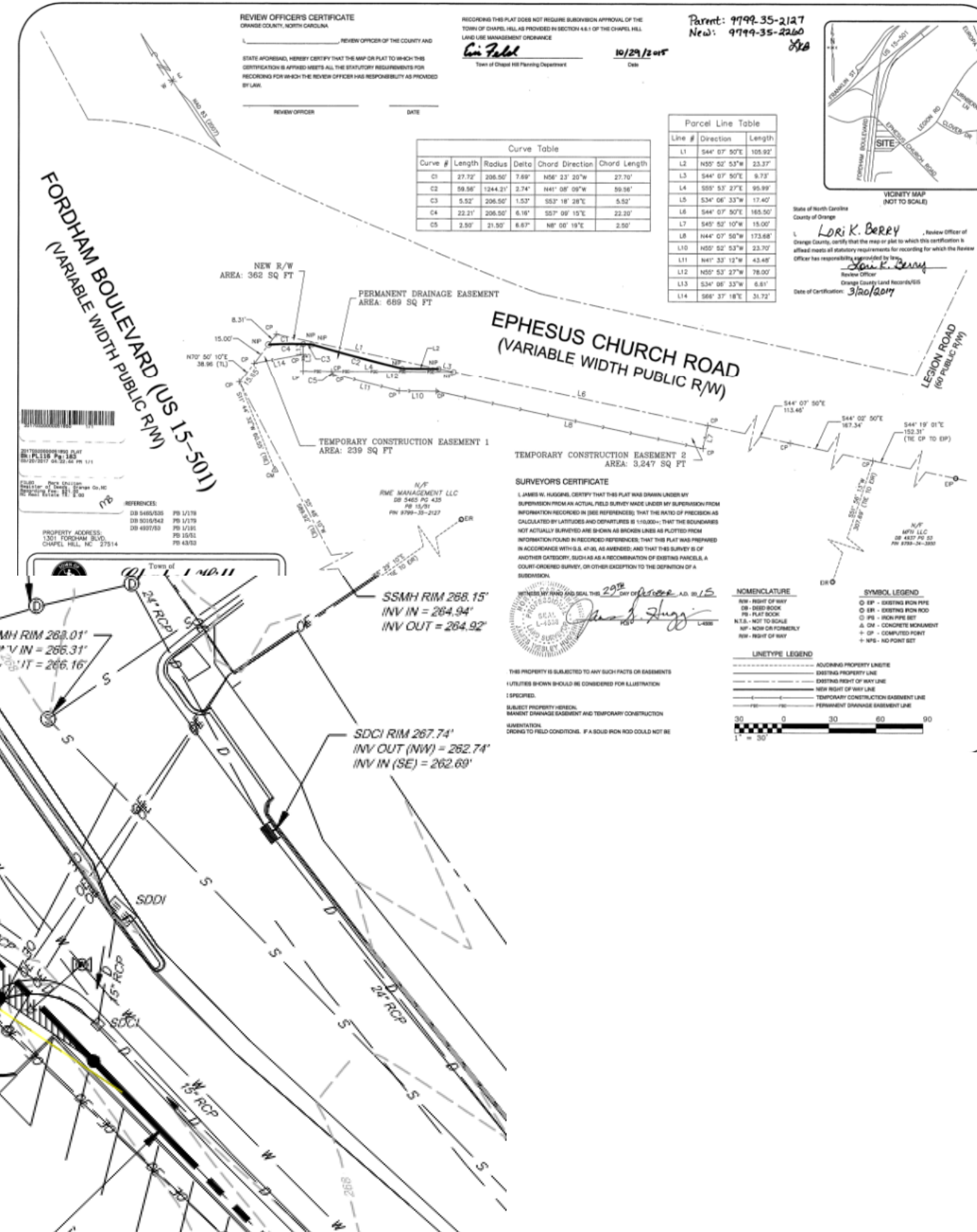
- Drainage Easement Originally Acquired 2015
- Easement identified on Approved plans for 1301 Fordham as “To be Vacated”
- Easement Closure request submitted March 4, 2026 by Owner of 1301 Fordham Blvd.
- Owner owns both parcels covered by this easement

Reference Plats

Top right- Drainage easement acquired in 2015 (Orange County Plat Book 116, Page 183)

Bottom Left - Excerpt from approved plans for Millenium Chapel Hill Apartments (permit number: FDP-25-1)

Background & Context



Legislative Context

- NC General Statute 160A-299
 - Town declares it's intent to close the public interest
 - Advertise Notice of Resolution prior to the hearing
 - Call a Public Hearing
 - 30-day appeal period after adoption of Resolution
 - If Approved, any property owner claiming land are responsible for recording a certified copy of the Order, and any necessary plats, with the Register of Deeds

Financial

Impact

- The Town no longer has any infrastructure within the easement requested for closure
- All property transfer/ recording costs shall be borne by the property owner.

Trade-Offs & Impacts

- The Town no longer has an apparent need for this public drainage easement.
- NCDOT does not have a need for this right-of-way
- Staff have notified public and received no objections to date

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