

# APPENDIX J – VISUAL IMPACT INFORMATION





Refer to the map (Dwg Visual EAF) and plans (Dwg Nos. SV-01, SV-02, SV-03, SV-04, SV-05, and SV-06) provided at the end of this addendum for the items described below.

# Visibility between Project and Resources:

Scenic Public Land/State Parks/Municipal Parks/Open Space: Several parks are located less than five miles from the location of the proposed sales distribution center. The project site will be approximately 1.0 mile south of the Evergreen County Club, 2.0 miles southeast from the Schodack Town Park, 2.0 miles west of the Castleton Little League fields, 3.0 miles southeast of the Pheasant Hollow Golf Club, 3.5 miles southeast of the Greenbush Youth Soccer Club facility, and 3.5 miles southwest from the East Greenbush Town Park. Additionally, the project site will be approximately 4.0 miles west from the Henry Hudson Park. The Schodack Island State Park, also called Castleton Island State Park, is approximately 4.0 miles southwest from the project site property boundaries, as is the Papscanee Island County Nature Preserve. However, due to the hilly terrain surrounding the project site, the proposed distribution center will not be visible from any of the places listed above.

## Historical Places:

There are numerous sites and structures on the National and/or State Registers of Historic Places located near the project site. The historical sites and structures within five miles of the property boundaries of the site are listed in the following table:

NR Number	Name	Address	City	County
00NR01616	Blink Bonnie	1368 Sunset Road	Schodack	Rensselaer
01NR01769	Elmbrook Farm	2567 Brookview Road	Schodack	Rensselaer
90NR00968	Joachim Staats House and Gerrit Staats Ruin			Rensselaer
98NR01336	District School No. 1	1003 River Road	Cedar HIII	Albany
90NR01627	Bethlehem House	East of Bethlehem off NY 144	Bethlehem	Albany
96000559	Harmanus Bleecker Library	161 Washington Avenue	Albany	Albany
98NR01369	District School No. 3	1125 South Schodack Road	South Schodack	Rensselaer
90NR00963	Henry Tunis Smith Farm	South of Nassau on NY 203	Nassau	Rensselaer
90NR01009	Albany Avenue Historic District	Albany Avenue	Nassau	Rensselaer
90NR01010	Church Street Historic District	Church Street	Nassau	Rensselaer
90NR01011	Chatham Street Row	Chatham Street	Nassau	Rensselaer

However, due to the hilly terrain surrounding the project site, the proposed distribution center will not be visible from any of the places listed above





# Transportation Corridors:

Interstate 90 is adjacent the proposed distribution center property boundary to the west. While summer foliage may screen portions of the site during the summer months, it is likely that the project will be visible from the interstate for much of the year

## County, State, and Local Roads:

The project site is located within less than 0.25 miles from several state and local roads. These roads include Interstate 90, US Route 150, 9 & 20, and local roads Julianne Drive and Richwood Drive. Summer foliage is expected to screen portions of the site, but other areas will remain visible for the duration of the year. Visual renderings are provided at the end of this Addendum showing the anticipated views from NYS Route 150 at the three proposed driveways where the building will be visible to the general public.

## Seasonal Visibility of Project:

Summer foliage will partially screen the project where not obstructed by land forms. The area will be more visible in the leaf-off conditions during other seasons.

## Resources in Use During Project Visibility:

Many resources listed in this review will be used by the public when the project may be visible. These resources include scenic public lands, state parks, municipal parks, open spaces, sites or structures on the National or State Registers of Historic Places, transportation corridors, county roads, state roads, and local roads. However, due to the natural hills and terrain within the Town of Schodack and Rensselaer County, the site will be partially visible from a transportation corridor (Interstate 90), state road (Route 150), and local roads (Julianne Drive and Richwood Drive).

#### **Description of Existing Visual Environment:**

The following environments are located within 0.25 miles of the project site's property boundaries: undeveloped, forested, agricultural, suburban residential, industrial, commercial, and flat. The following environments are found within 1 mile of the project site: river/lake/pond and designated open space. The following environments are not located within 1 mile of the project site: urban, cliffs/overlooks, flat, and mountainous.

#### Visually Similar Projects:

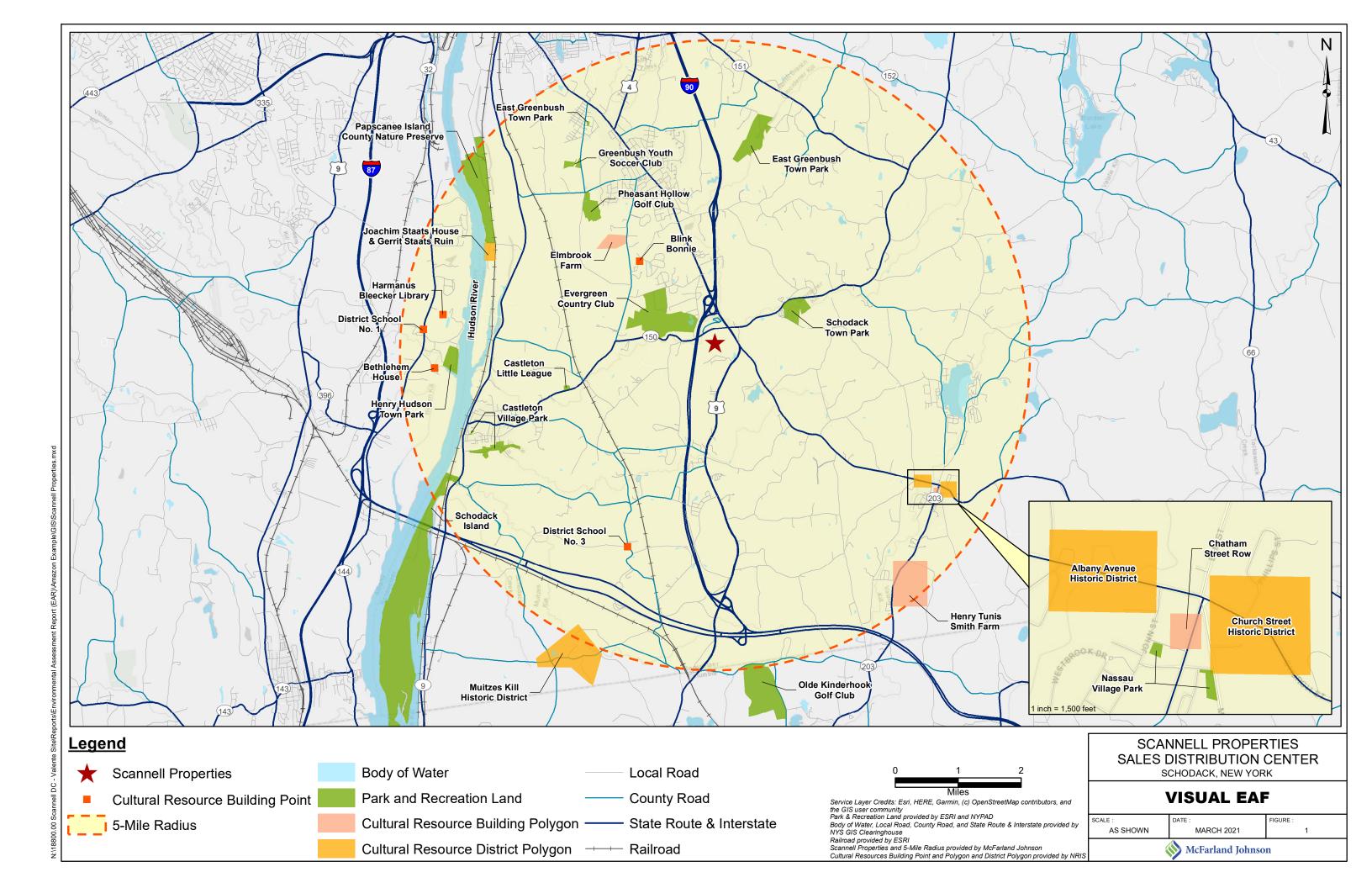
The proposed sales distribution center project will be visually similar to an existing distribution center located along Route 9. This distribution center is approximately 0.25 miles south from the proposed project site.

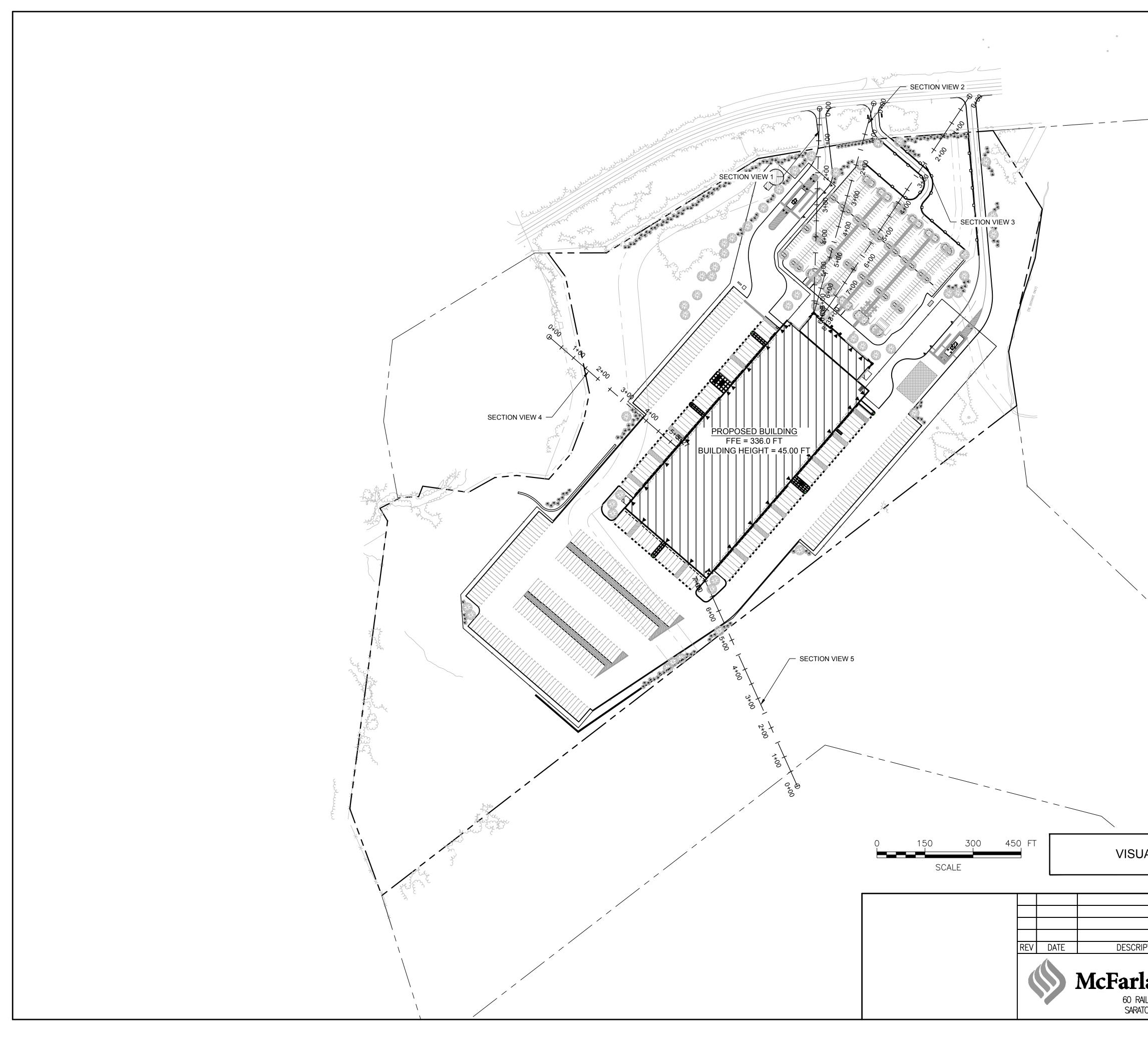
#### Neighboring Properties:

A line of site analysis was done from both the north and south. Every effort will be made to save existing vegetation that serves as a natural buffer between the abutting residential properties and the site. In addition, existing berms will be landscaped along the northern property edge to create a visual barrier to



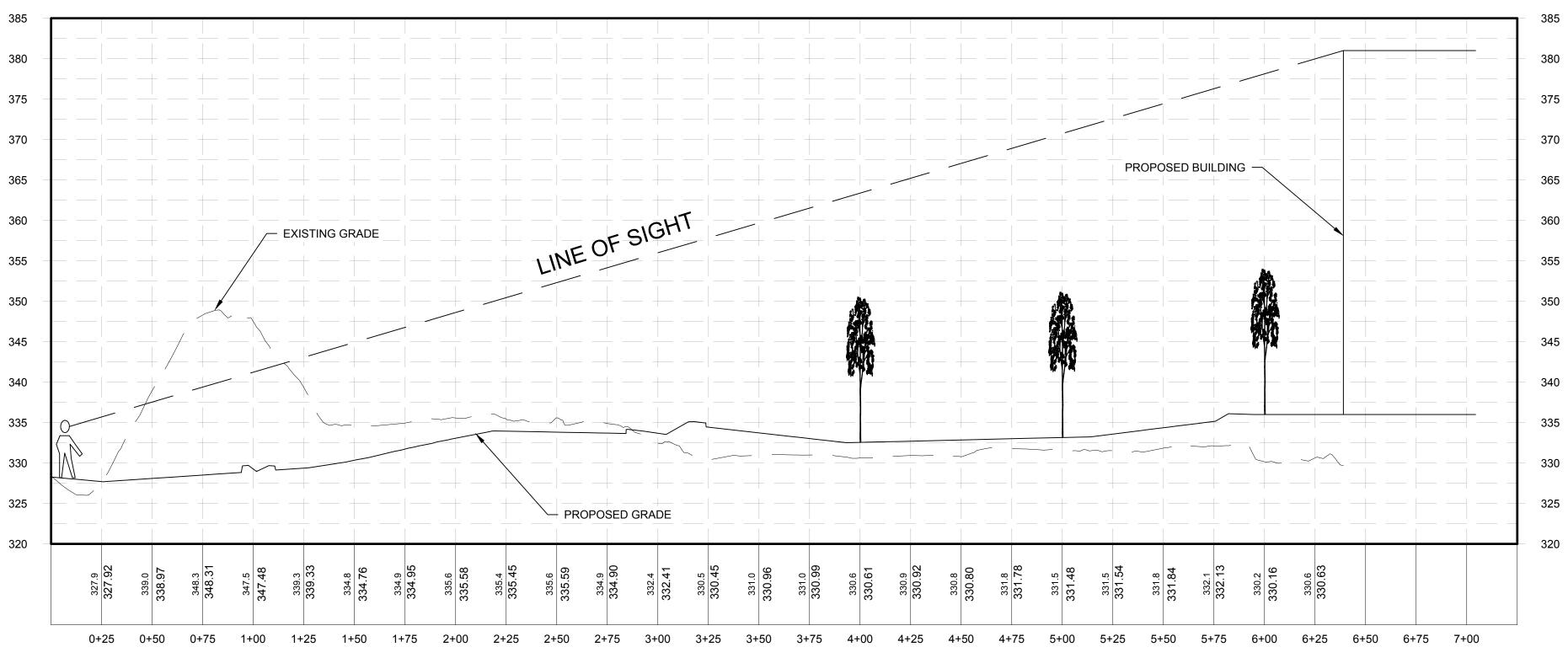
the proposed facility. To the south, a sound wall is proposed along the western portion of the southern property line while landscaping and vegetation is proposed to help screen the remaining southern property line.



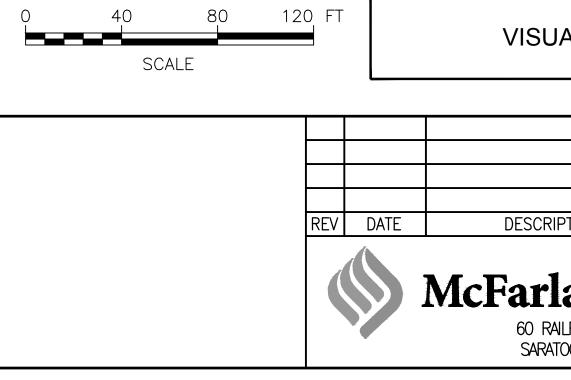


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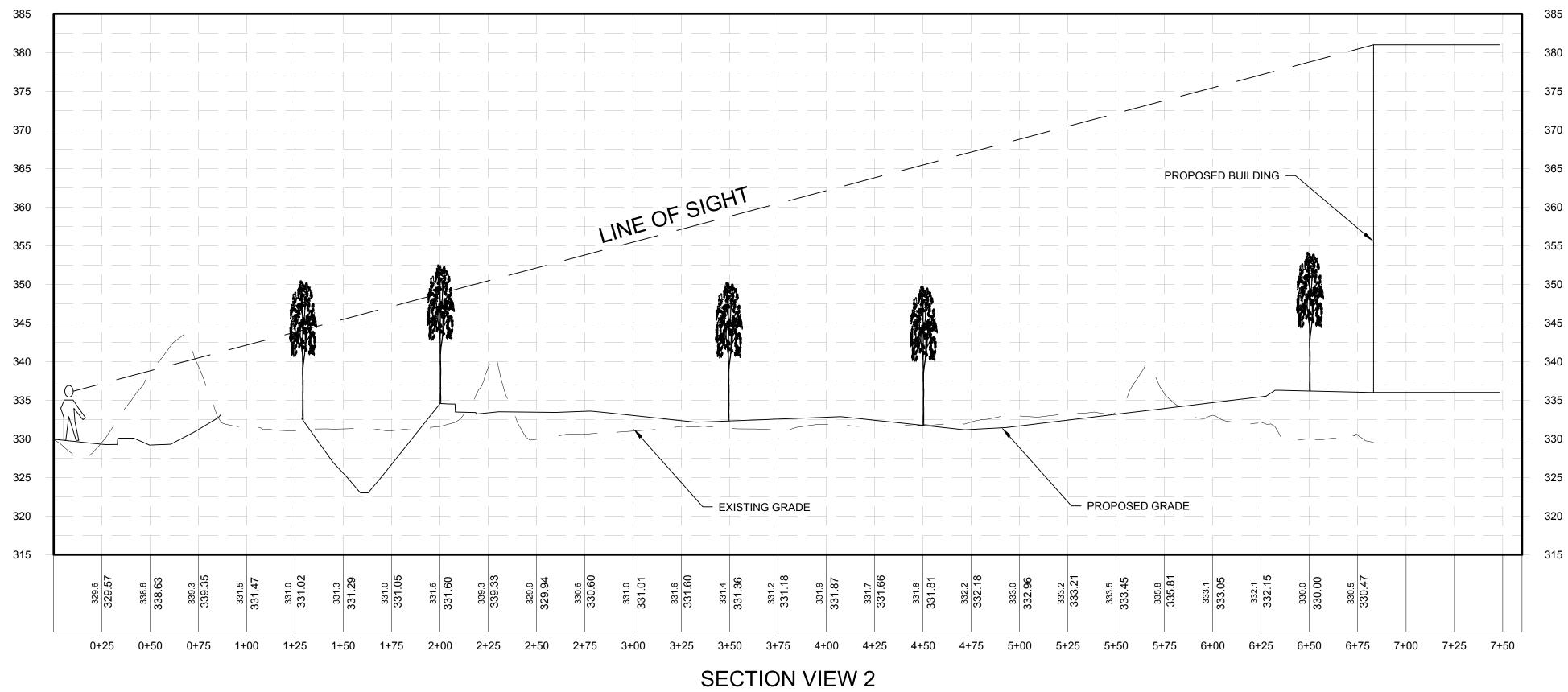
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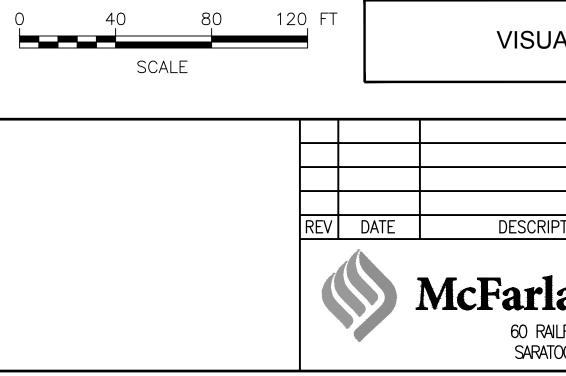
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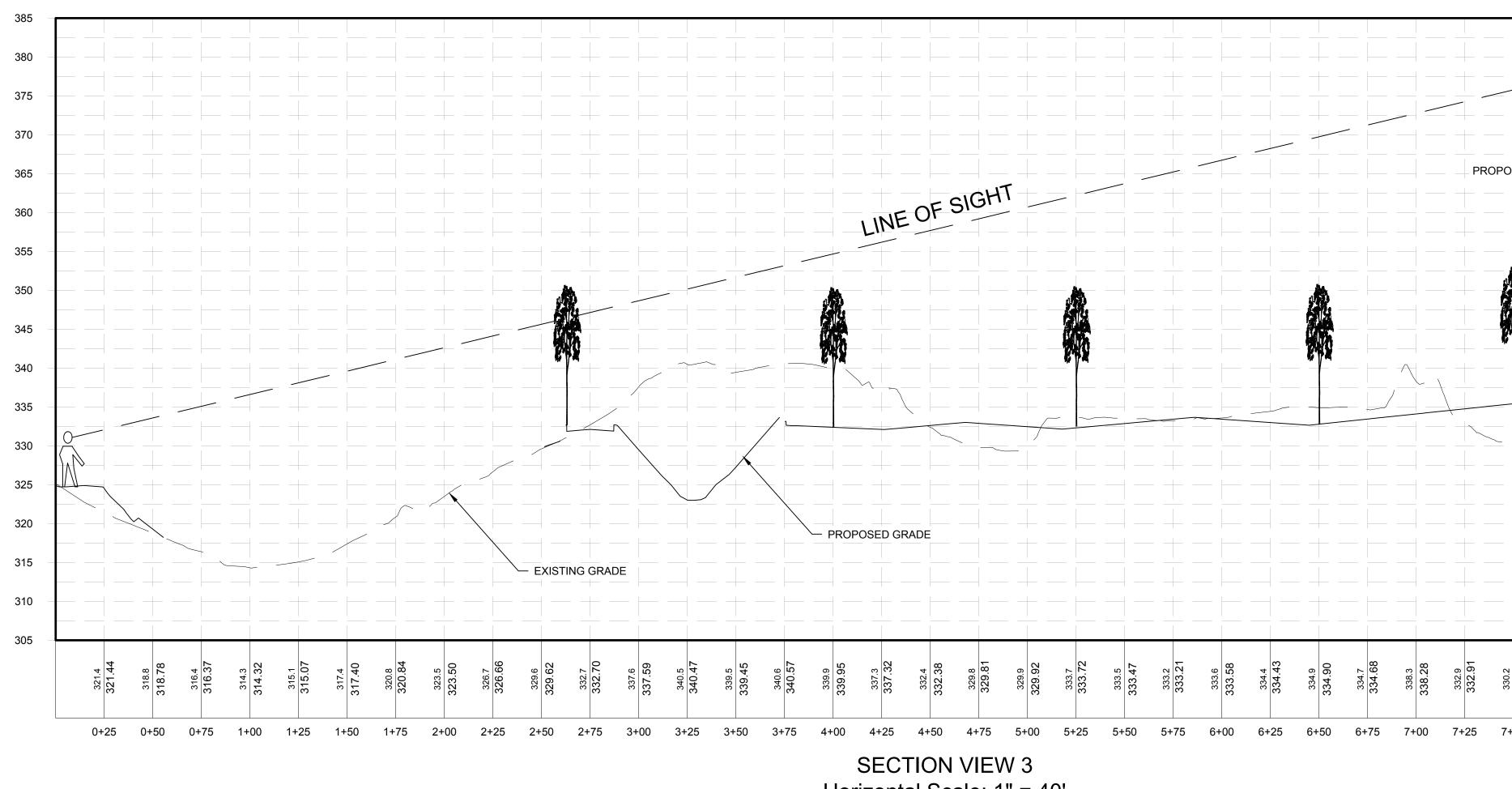
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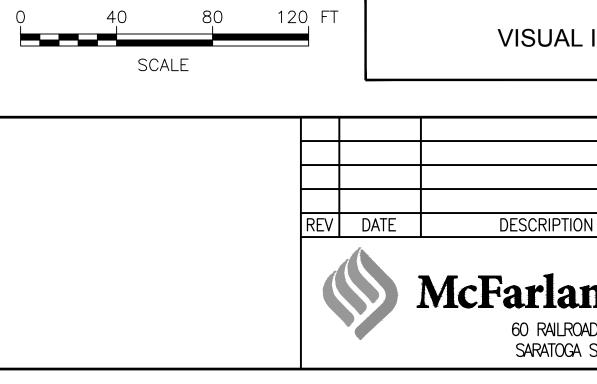
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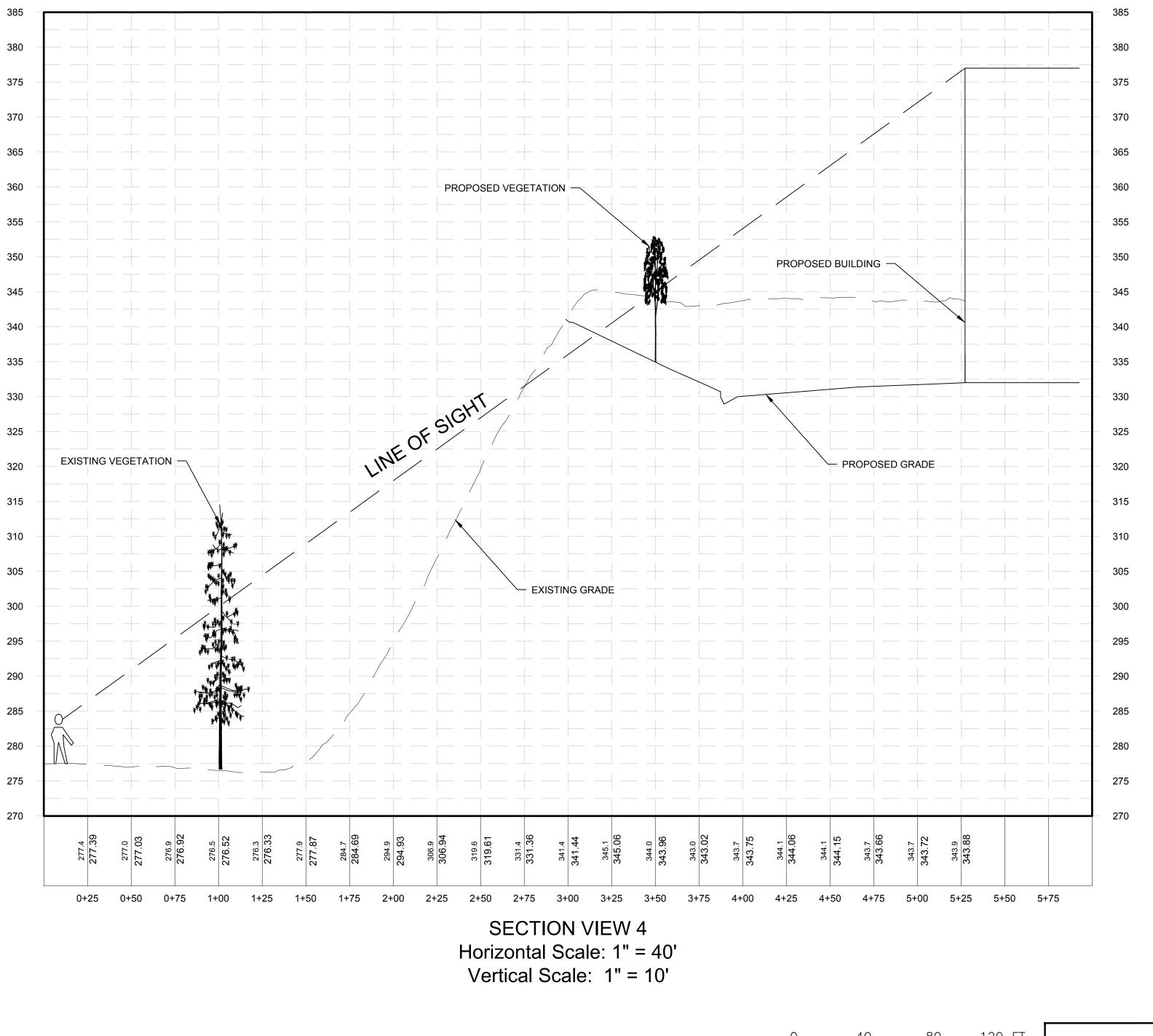


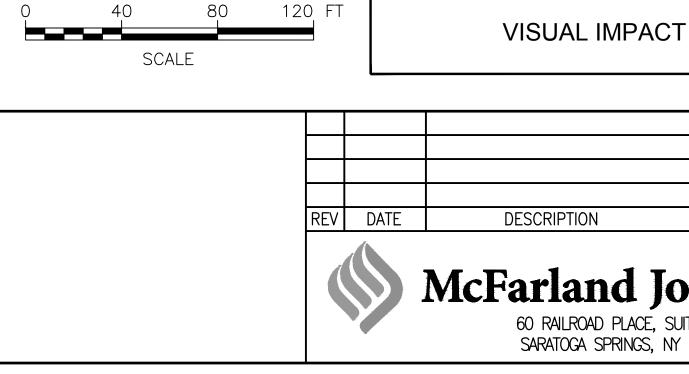
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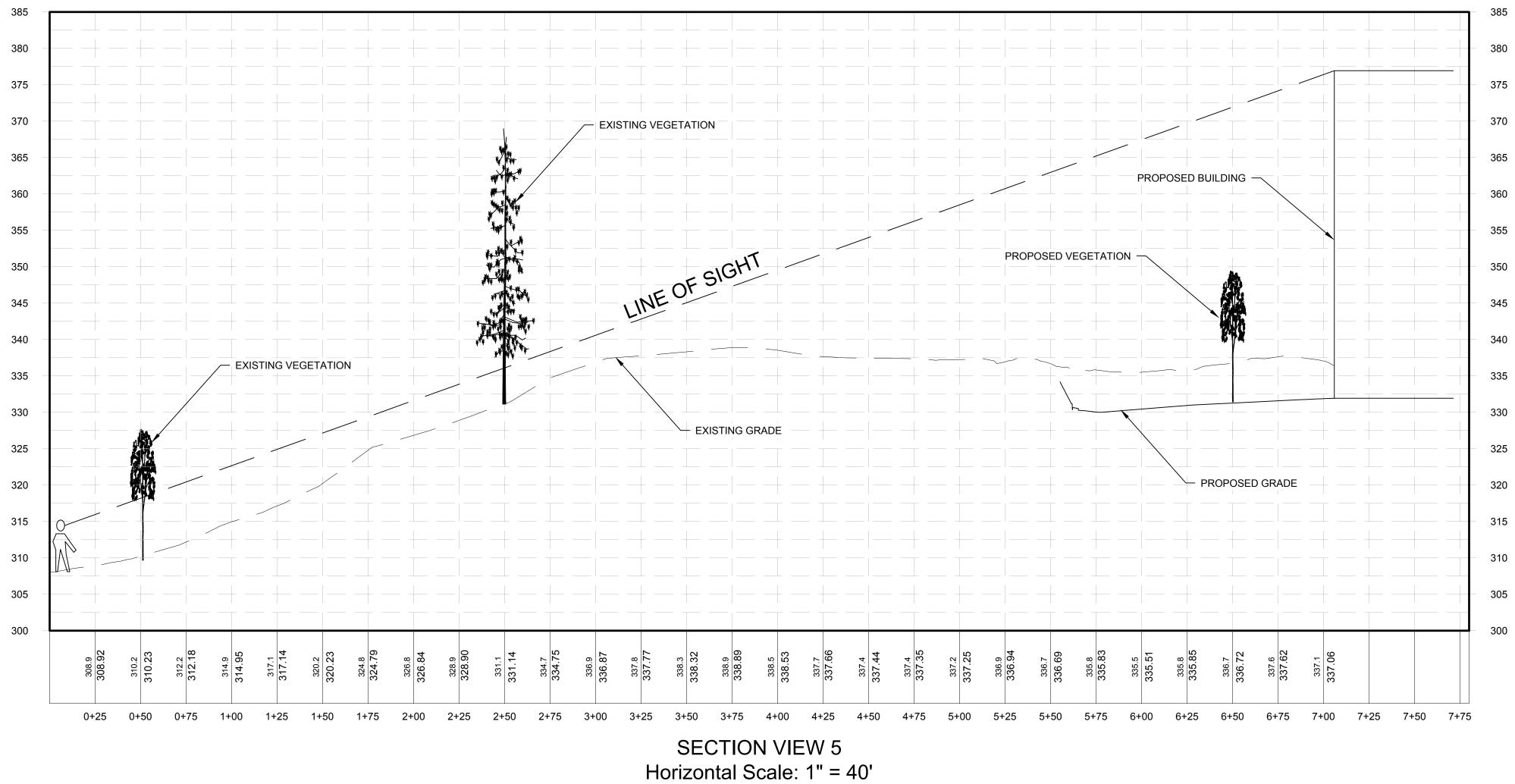
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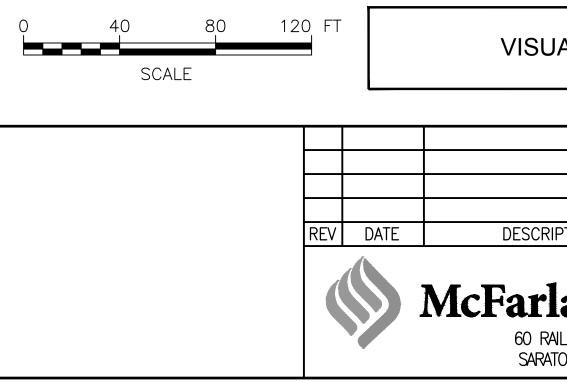




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