## **County Council of Howard County, Maryland**

2025 Legislative Session Legislative Day No. 2

### **Resolution No. <u>44</u> -2025**

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Easement and Amendment to Easement – 1.074 acres - Baltimore Gas and Electric – County Property - Rockburn Park

Title: A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to increase the scope of an easement previously granted to Baltimore Gas and Electric Company and to grant an additional easement so that Baltimore Gas and Electric Company may install communication facilities on property owned by Howard County, Maryland; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the Property if he finds that the County may have a use for the property.

Introduced and read first time, 2025	
	By orderMichelle Harrod, Administrator
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Read for a second time at a public hearing on	, 2025.
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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted,	Adopted with amendments, Failed, Withdrawn, by the County Council
on, 2025.	
	Certified By
	Michelle Harrod, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1	WHEREAS, Howard County, Maryland (hereinafter the "County") is the fee simple
2	owner of property shown as Parcels 640, 802, 237, and 68 on Tax Map 31 and 37 (the "County
3	Property"), commonly known as Rockburn Park; and
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5	WHEREAS, the County Property is subject to a free and uninterrupted right of way by
6	Deed dated February 16, 1931, from Theresa Lembach to Susquehanna Transmission Company
7	of Maryland, recorded among the Land Records in Liber 140, Folio 449 (the "Existing Easement
8	Agreement"), for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining overhead electrical
9	transmission lines within the easement area on the County Property described in the Existing
10	Easement Agreement (the "Easement Area"); and
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12	WHEREAS, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company ("BGE"), as successor to
13	Susquehanna Transmission Company of Maryland, has requested an amendment to the Existing
14	Easement Agreement to install communication facilities on the County Property within a portion
15	of the Easement Area containing approximately 0.574 acres granted in the Existing Easement
16	Agreement (the "Amended Easement Area") for use in connection with BGE's electric utility
17	business and for any other communication purpose, including the provision of infrastructure to
18	enable internet providers to reach communities within the County (the "Communication
19	Facilities"); and
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21	WHEREAS, the Communication Facilities include, but are not limited to, wires, cables,
22	fiber optic cables, and conduits; and
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24	WHEREAS, in addition, BGE has requested an additional easement area containing
25	approximately 0.500 acres for the installation of Communication Facilities on the County
26	Property outside of the Easement Area (the "Additional Easement"); and
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28	WHEREAS, BGE will be required to restore, at BGE's expense, the County Property to
29	a condition equal to or better than its condition immediately preceding any opening, excavation,
30	or other work in the Amended Easement Area and the Additional Easement for the installation or
31	maintenance of the Communication Facilities; and

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2	WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has reviewed and approved the proposed
3	Amendment to Existing Easement Agreement and the Additional Easement; and
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5	WHEREAS, Section 4.201, "Disposition of Real Property", of the Howard County Code
6	authorizes the County Council of Howard County, Maryland (the "County Council") to declare
7	that property is no longer needed for public purposes and also authorizes the County Council to
8	waive advertising and bidding requirements for an individual conveyance of real property upon
9	the request of the County Executive; and
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11	WHEREAS, the County Council has received a request from the County Executive to
12	waive the advertising and bidding requirements in this instance for the Amendment to Existing
13	Easement Agreement and the Additional Easement in order to install Communications Facilities,
14	as shown in the attached Exhibit A.
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16	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County,
17	Maryland, this day of, 2025, that the Amended Easement Area and
18	Additional Easement, as shown in the attached Exhibit A, is not needed by the County for public
19	purposes and that an additional non-exclusive permanent easement may be conveyed in the
20	Amended Easement Area and Additional Easement for the installation of Communications
21	Facilities.
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23	AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Executive may enter into an
24	Amendment to Deeds in order to allow for the installation of the Communications Facilities in
25	the Amended Easement Area and the Additional Easement.
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27	AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, having received a request from the County
28	Executive and having held a public hearing, the County Council declares that the best interest of
29	the County will be served by authorizing the County Executive to waive the usual advertising
30	and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code for the Amendment to
31	Existing Easement Agreement and the Additional Easement.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the County Executive finds that all or a 1 portion of the Amended Easement Area or the Additional Easement may have a further County 2 public use and an additional easement in the Amended Easement Area or Additional Easement 3 should not be conveyed then he is not bound to convey the easements in accordance with this 4 Resolution.

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# FIBER GRID DEMONSTRATION PROJECT HOWARD TO PUMPHREY ROCKBURN PARK PERMANENT EASEMENT MAP HOWARD COUNTY, MD

SITE LOCATION MAP

# **LEGEND**

PROP. FIBEROPTIC DUCT BUNDLE EX. 100YR FLOODPLAIN EX. TREE LINE

EX. STREAM BUFFER

EX. WETLANDS

EX. WETLANDS BUFFER

EX. TOWER

OVERHEAD ELECTRIC

RIGHT OF WAY

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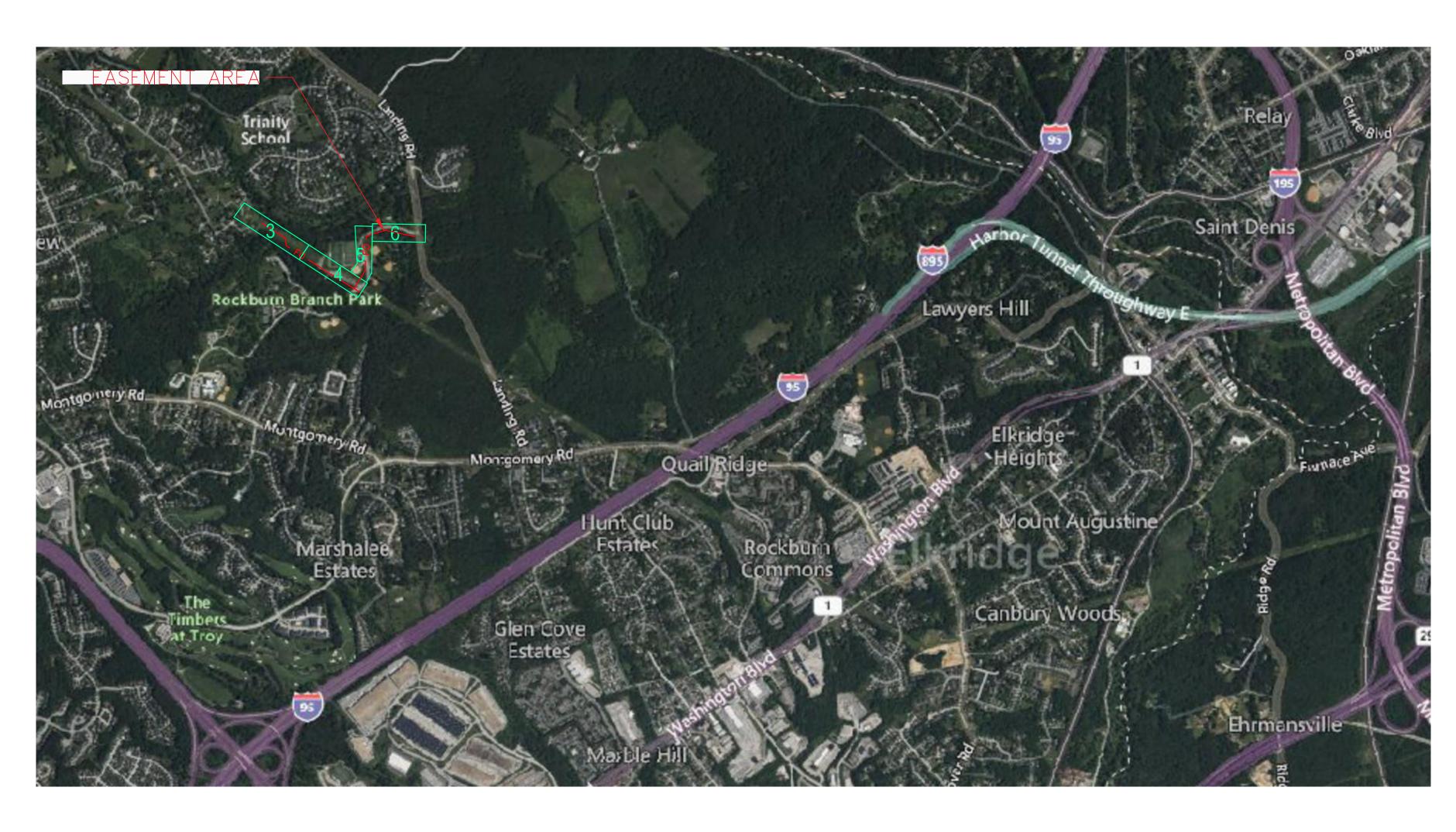
BGE RIGHT OF WAY



PROPERTY BOUNDARY

EASEMENT AREA WITHIN BGE CORRIDOR (APX. 12'W X 2085'L 25022.37 SF)

EASEMENT AREA OUTSIDE BGE CORRIDOR (APX. 12'W X 1814'L 21762.92 SF)



# **GENERAL NOTES:**

1. PARCEL BOUNDARIES REFERENCED FROM HOWARD COUNTY GIS PLATFORM LAST UPDATED IN 2022.

2. HORIZONTAL DATUM: NAD83 MARYLAND STATE PLANE ZONE US FOOT VERTICAL DATUM: NAVD88.

THIS DOCUMENT WAS PREPARED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF OF A TITLE SEARCH AND IS SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, RIGHT-OF-WAY, OR OTHER ENCUMBRANCES AS MAY BE EVIDENCED BY ANY SUBSEQUENT TITLE SEARCH.

4. THE EASEMENT AREA REPRESENTS AN APPROX. 12 FOOT WIDE AREA (6 FEET EITHER SIDE) ON THE FINAL CENTERLINE OF THE INSTALLED FIBER OPTIC CÓNDUIT BUNDLE.

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HOWARD TO PUMPHREY FIBER ROUTE

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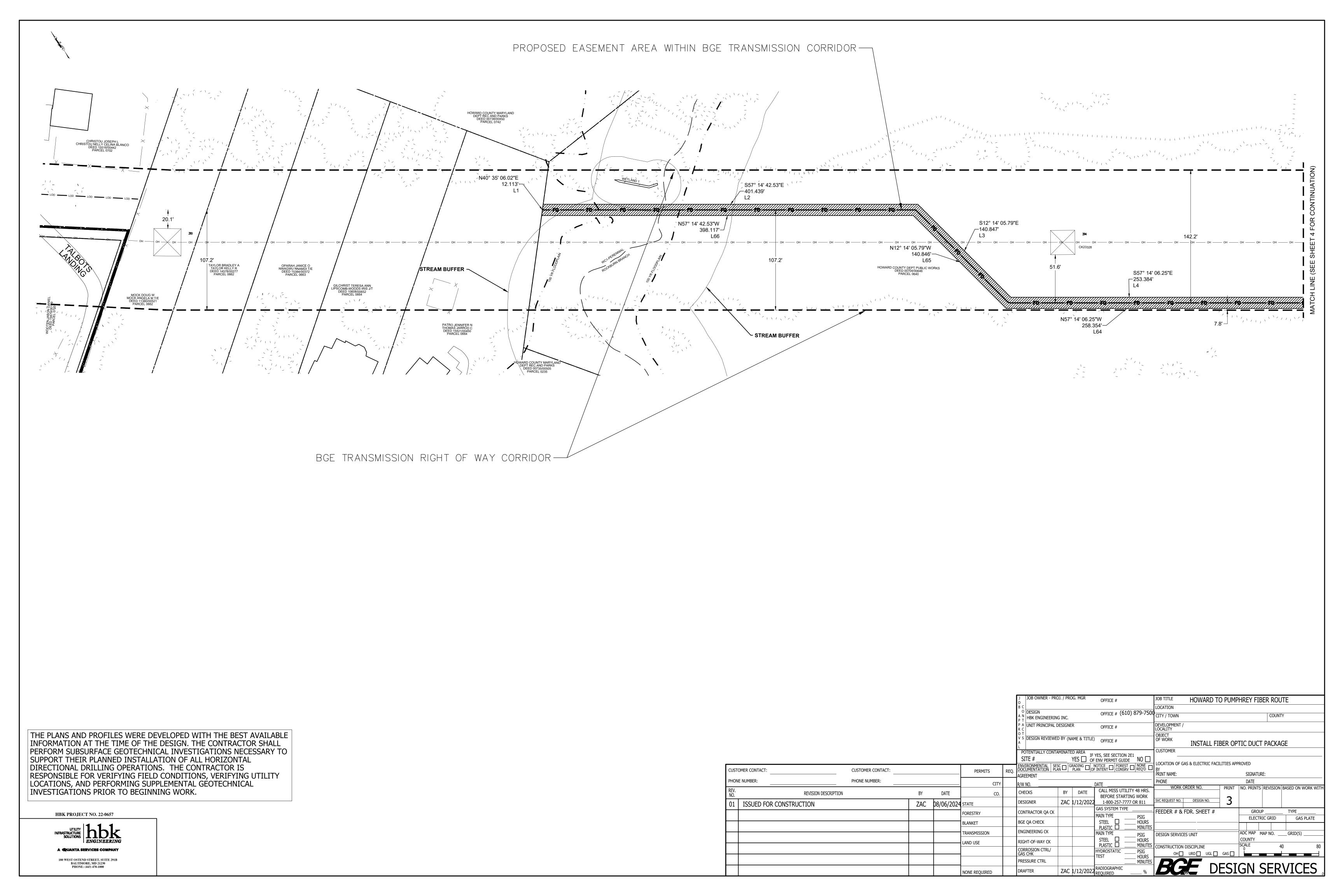
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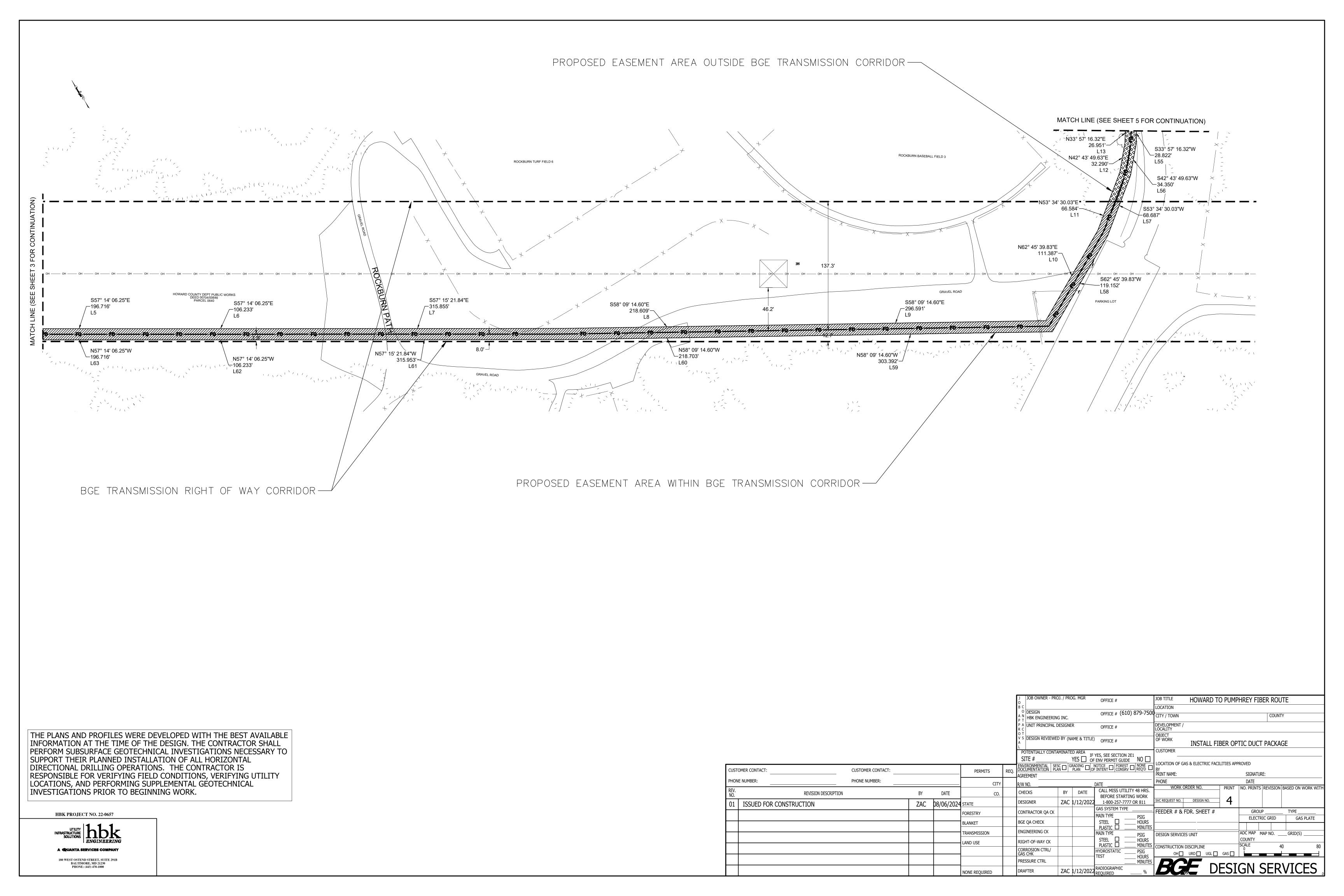


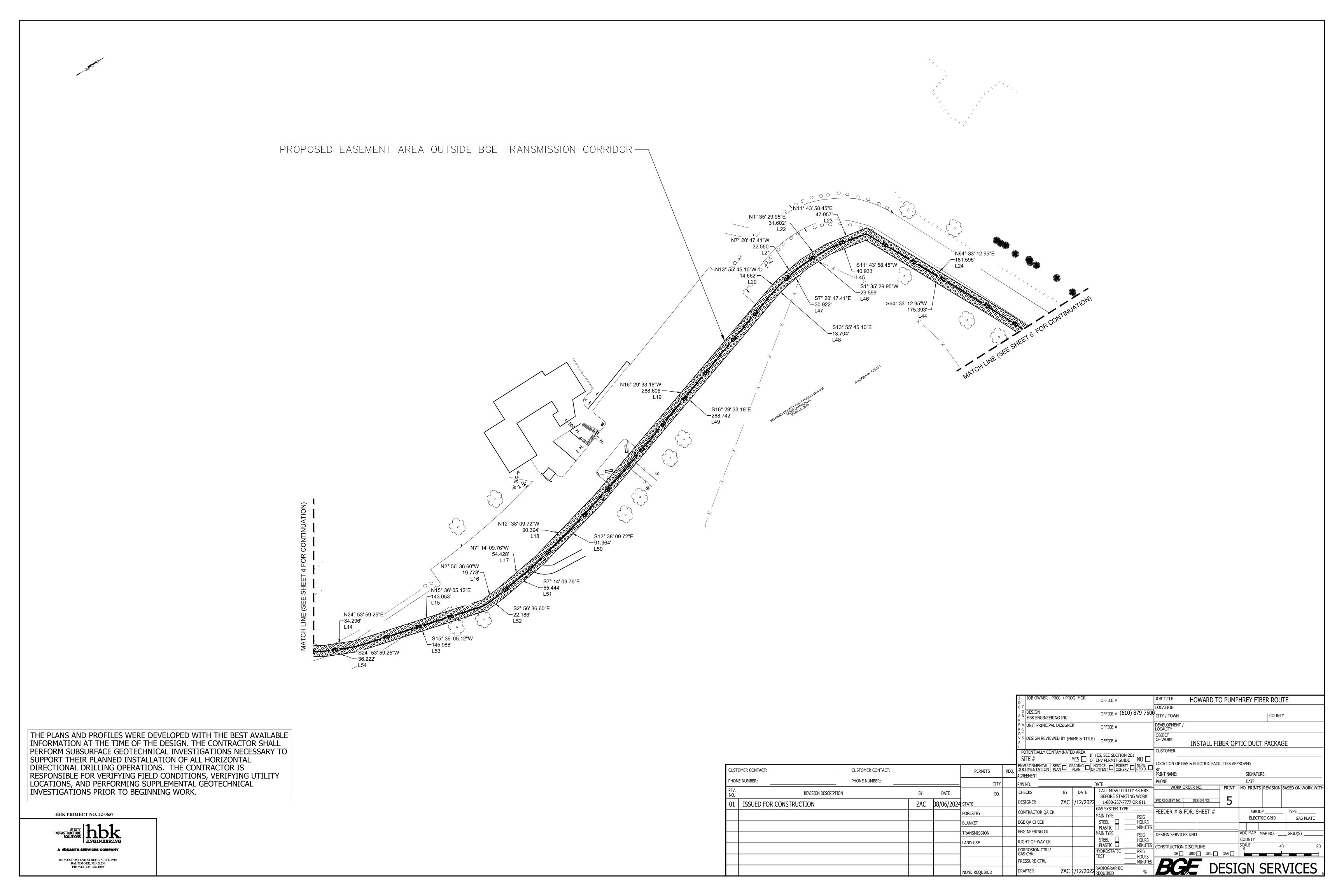
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L4	S57° 14' 06.25"E	253.38	L29	S86° 30' 55.56"E	59.27	L54	S24° 53' 59.25"W	36.22				
L5	S57° 14' 06.25"E	196.72	L30	S81° 09' 41.29"E	71.83	L55	S33° 57' 16.32"W	28.82				
L6	S57° 14' 06.25"E	106.23	L31	S70° 24' 50.46"E	168.70	L56	S42° 43' 49.63"W	34.35				
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L19	N16° 29' 33.18"W	288.61	L44	S64° 33' 12.95"W	175.39							
L20	N13° 55' 45.10"W	14.66	L45	S11° 43' 58.45"W	40.93							
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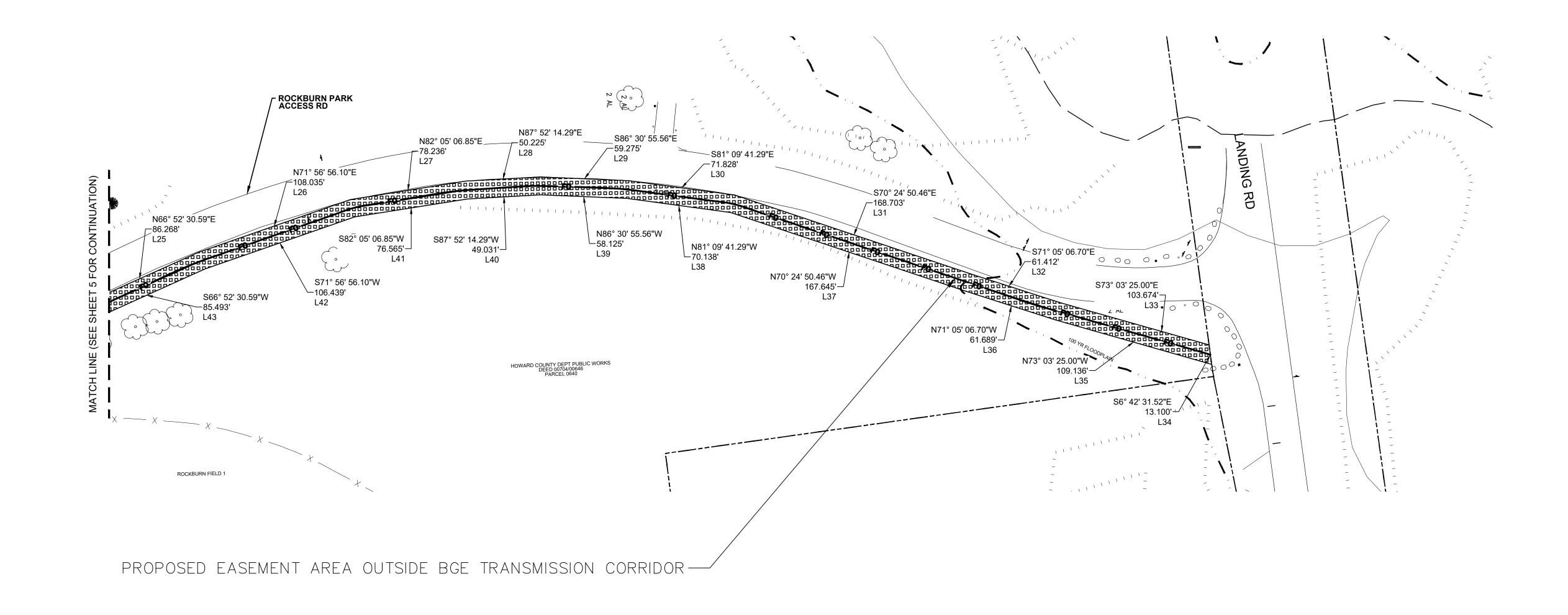
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