

DATE: May 8, 2009

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

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SUBJECT: Development Plans for the Troy Museum & Historic Village

City Staff is in the process of formulating plans for the development of the Troy Museum & Historic Village with the firm of Hopkins Burns Design Studio, our consultant on the project. These plans include the expansion of the facility on the newly acquired land to the west of the existing facility, as well as the relocation of the Niles-Barnard house and a barn/visitor's center to the facility. We look forward to presenting and sharing those plans with Council at a future City Council meeting.

In the meantime, the current stage of those plans has shown that certain variances from the setback provisions for the Barnard house, as well as some expanded parking areas would be required. Hopkins Burns has filed an appeal application on our behalf to seek these variances on these items from the Board of Zoning Appeals. This matter will be considered at the Board of Zoning Appeals' meeting scheduled for May 19, 2009. As part of the rules and procedures of a variance request, public hearing notices have been sent to residents and property owners in the area, and the item has been published in the Somerset Gazette.

In an effort to keep you informed of the request, we have enclosed a copy of the proposed development plans for your reference. Should you have any questions about the plans or should you receive any questions from the public regarding the proposed development or the variance request, please forward those to staff so that we may address those questions.

TOWN HALL
Possible relocation on site

LOG CABIN
Relocate on site

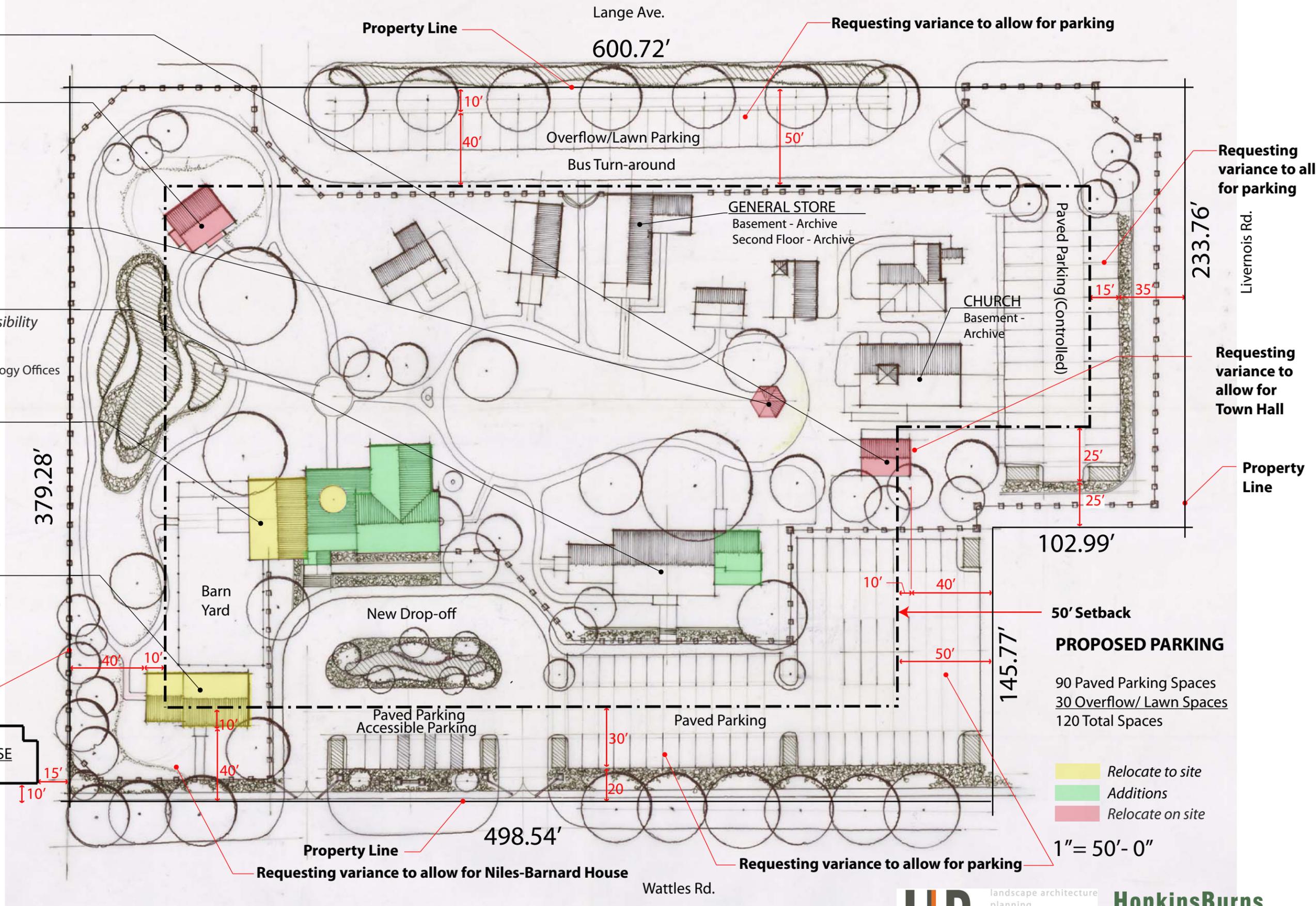
GAZEBO
Relocate on site

MUSEUM BUILDING
Add addition to provide accessibility
Basement - Archives (adds 750 sf)
First Floor - Museum
Second Floor - Archive and Genealogy Offices and Resource Room (1170 sf total)

BARN BUILDING
Relocate to site, add additions
Barn - Interpretation
Lobby / Greeting
Gift Shop
Staff Offices
Multi-purpose Room
Toilet Rooms

BARNARD HOUSE
Relocate to site
Basement - Archives (adds 1400 sf)
First Floor - Interpretation
Second Floor - Historical Society Offices (req. stair alteration)

EXISTING HOUSE



Lange Ave.

600.72'

Requesting variance to allow for parking

10'

40'

Overflow/Lawn Parking

Bus Turn-around

50'

GENERAL STORE

Basement - Archive
Second Floor - Archive

CHURCH

Basement - Archive

Paved Parking (Controlled)

15'

35'

233.76'

Livernois Rd.

Requesting variance to allow for parking

Requesting variance to allow for Town Hall

Property Line

379.28'

102.99'

10'

40'

50' Setback

PROPOSED PARKING

90 Paved Parking Spaces
30 Overflow/ Lawn Spaces
120 Total Spaces

Relocate to site
Additions
Relocate on site

145.77'

1" = 50'- 0"

Barn Yard

New Drop-off

Paved Parking
Accessible Parking

Paved Parking

30'

20'

498.54'

Property Line

Requesting variance to allow for Niles-Barnard House

Wattles Rd.

Requesting variance to allow for parking



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urban design
civil engineering
environmental science

