# Big Sky Tents Building (Airport Lot 40) DRI 738

Land Use Planning Committee
Pre-Hearing Review
Jan. 9, 2023

## Big Sky Tents Building

**Applicant:** Jim Eddy, Big Sky Tent and Party Rentals

Owner: 7 South Line LLC (Jim Eddy, member)

**Location:** 7 South Line Road (Map 24, Lot 2.40), Airport Business

Park, Edgartown

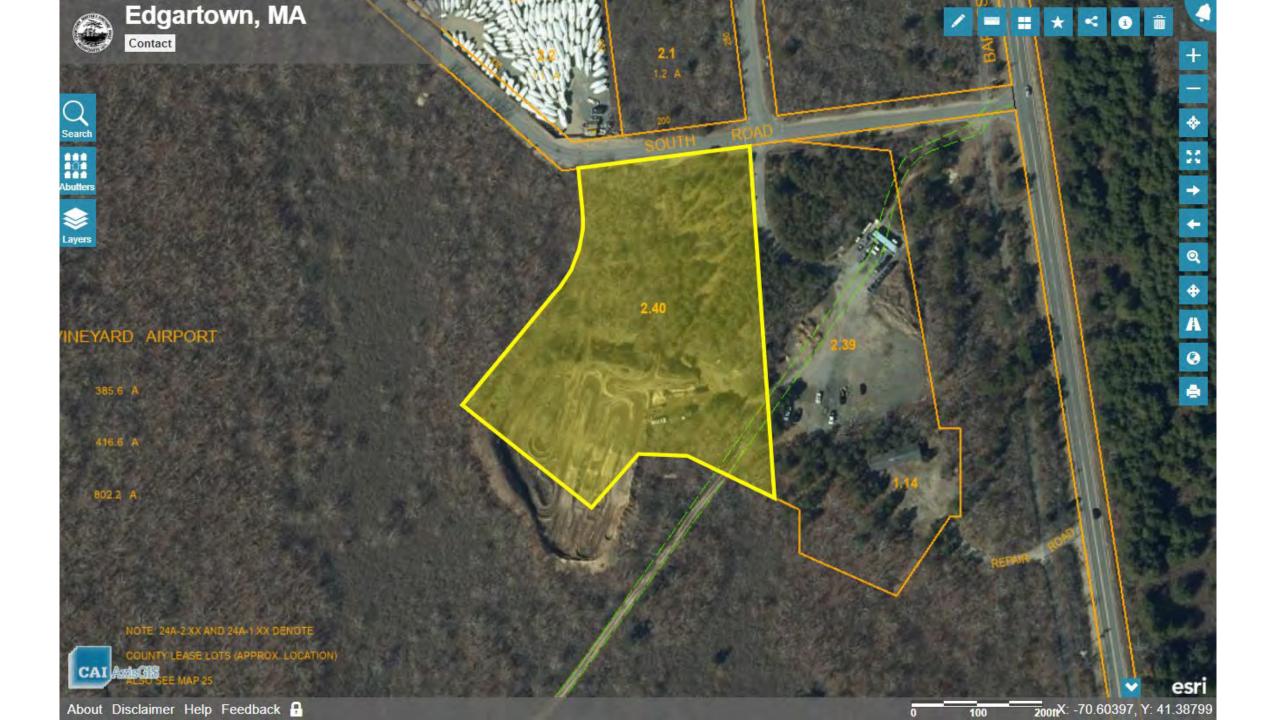
**Permits:** Building Permit, Martha's Vineyard Airport Commission

approval

**Checklist:** Construction of 8,000+ ft<sup>2</sup> in the Airport Business Park

(MVC-MVY Development Agreement) – Mandatory



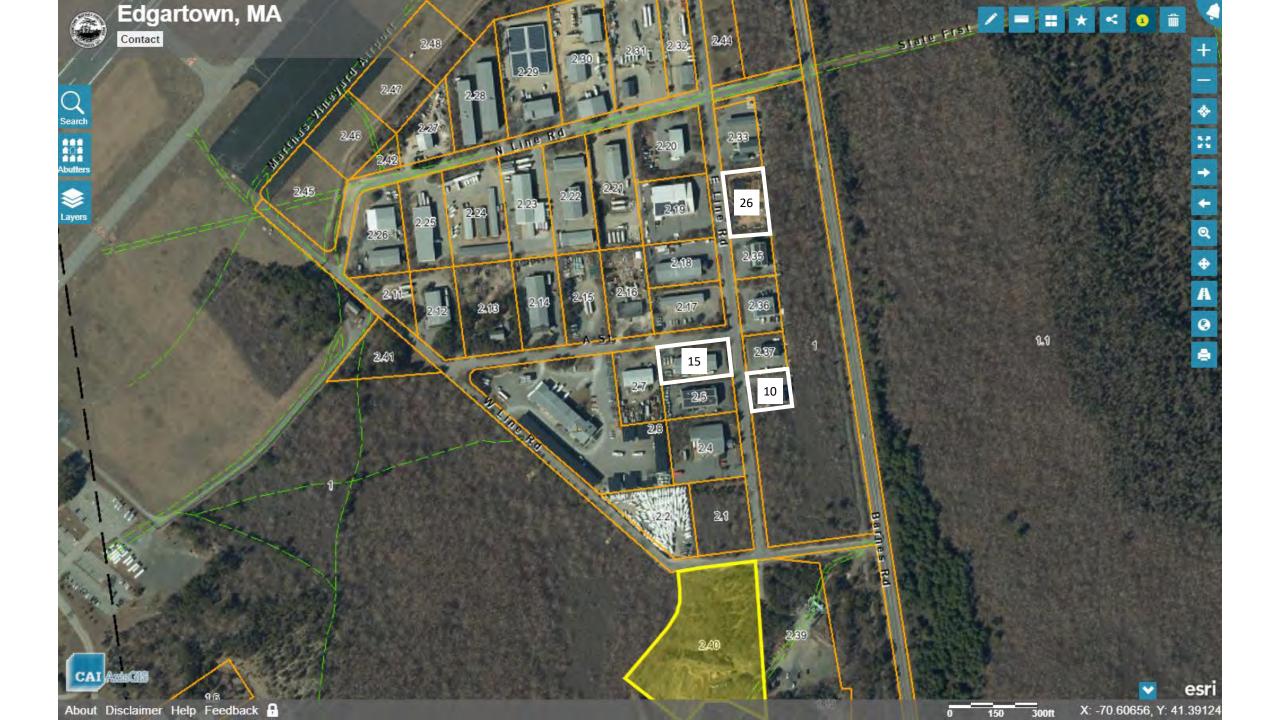


## Application as of 1/9/23

- Plan set
  - Site plan
  - Buffers and utilities
  - Floor plans and elevations
  - Parking
  - Lighting (preliminary)
  - Landscape and drainage (preliminary)
- Project narrative

## Project history

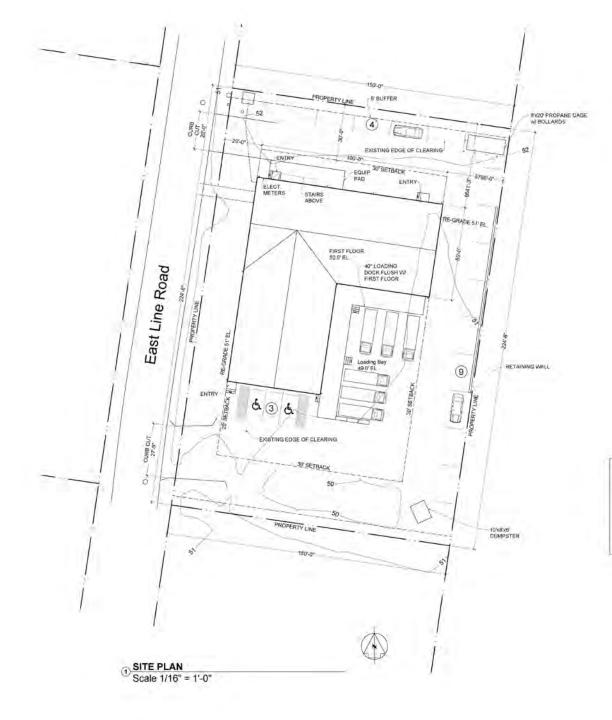
- Big Sky Tents currently has three locations in the Business Park (10, 15, and 26 East Line Road) and has operated in the Business Park for 20 years.
- The MVC approved DRI 365 M in 2021, allowing for the addition of four new lease lots at the Business Park, including Lot 40, which is currently undeveloped and where the proposed building would be located. The applicant acquired the lease for Lot 40 in September 2022.
- The MVC approved DRI 717 in April 2022, allowing for the expansion of a 7,500 ft<sup>2</sup> building by 8,500 ft<sup>2</sup> (total of 16,000 ft<sup>2</sup>) at 26 East Line Road. Following approval, the building was expanded by 2,500 ft<sup>2</sup> on the second floor, but the approved two-story 6,000 ft<sup>2</sup> addition was not built.



## New lots approved in 2021



#### DRI 717 (26 East Line Road)



#### General Notes

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1. Lot size area: 33,698 sq.ft.

2. Maximum allowable building footprint 33,698 sq.ft. / 4 = 8,424 sq.ft.

3. Proposed building footprint: 8000 sq.ft.

4. Building height 32'-0" above mean natural grade.

5. All elevations are based on N.A.V.D.88.

First Floor. 8,000 sq.ft. ....8,000 sq.ft. ....16,000 sq.ft. Second Floor......

#### SHEET INDEX

A01....Site Plan

A02....First Floor Plan, Second Floor Plan A03....Exterior Elevations & Section

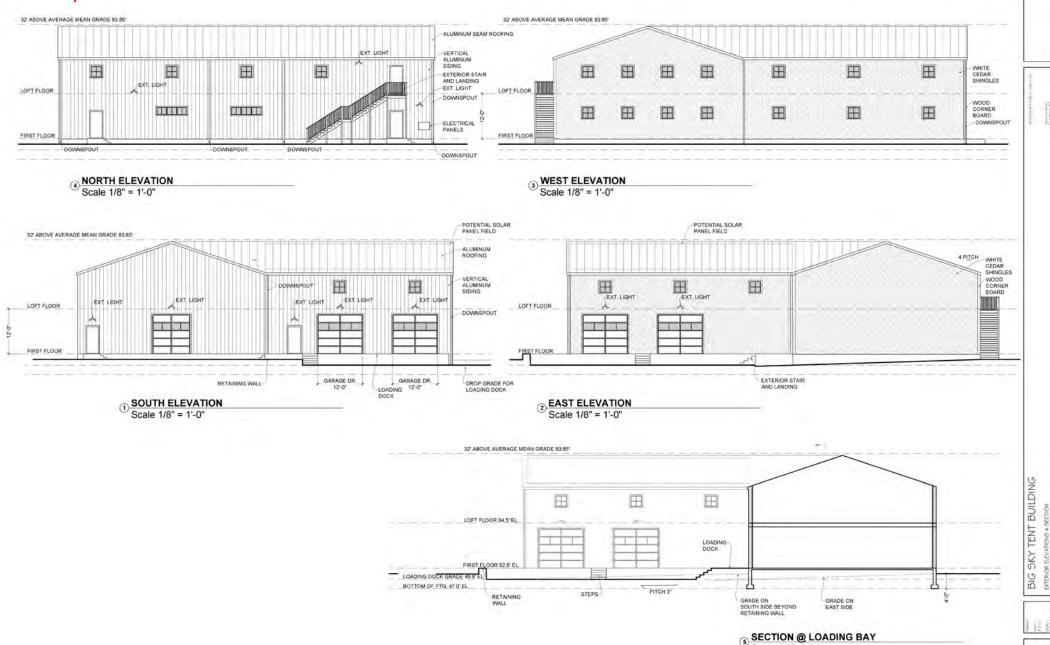
E01.....Light & Security Plan L01.....Landscape, Planting, Drainage B01.....Buffers, Setbacks, Utilities

C01.... Parking, Circulation Plan





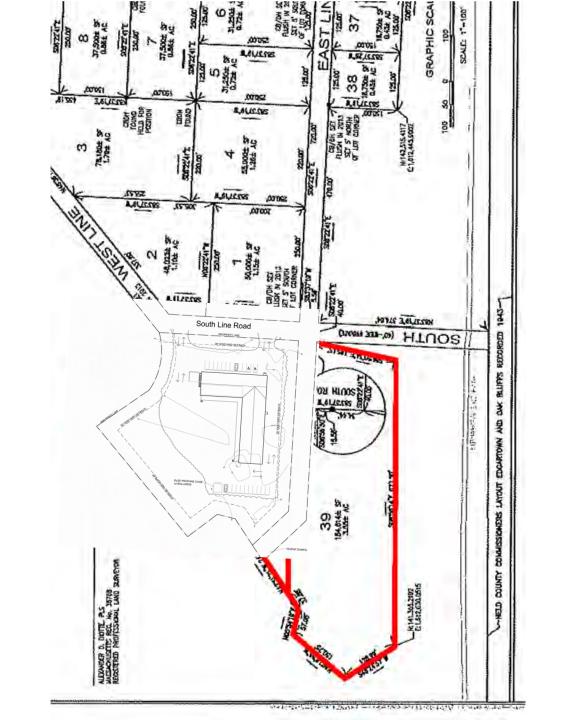
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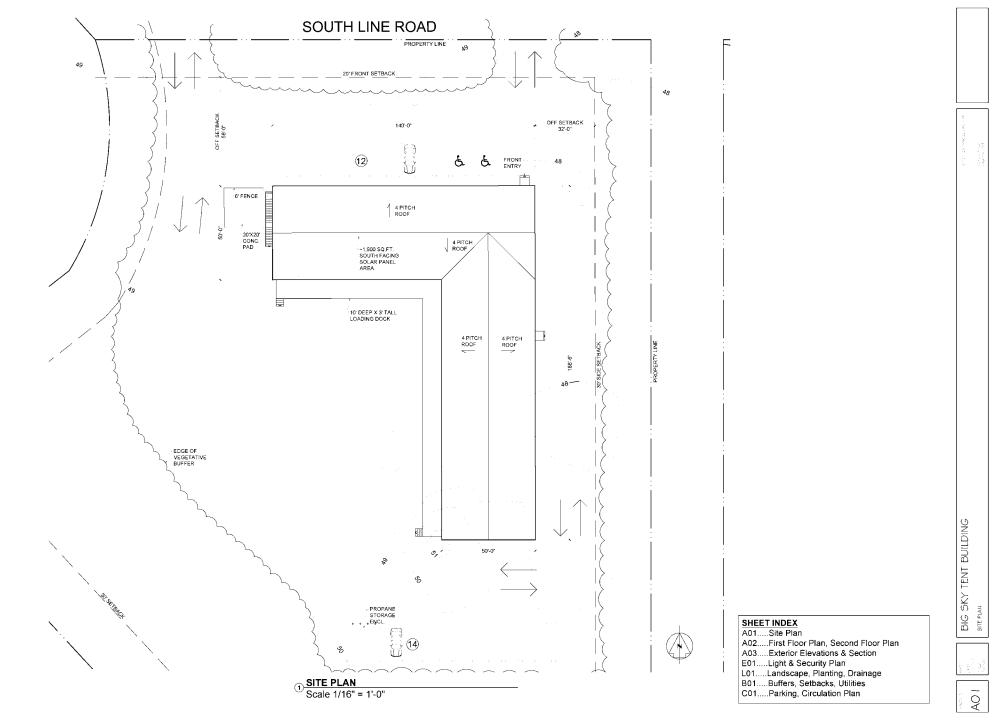
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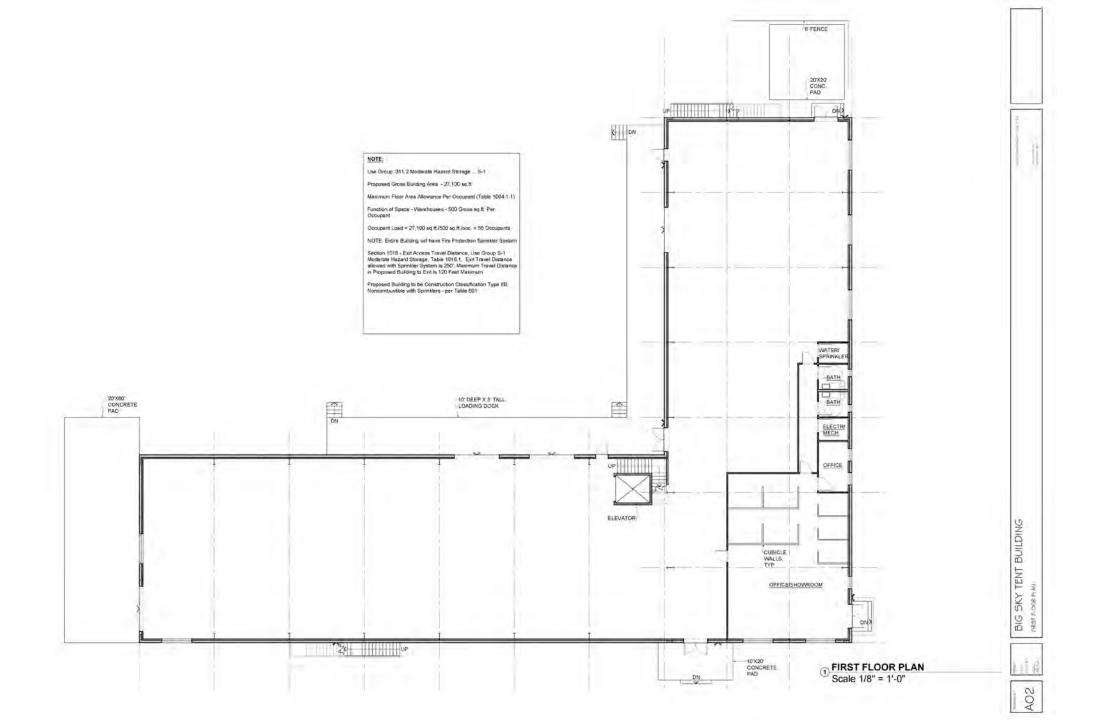
#### Proposal

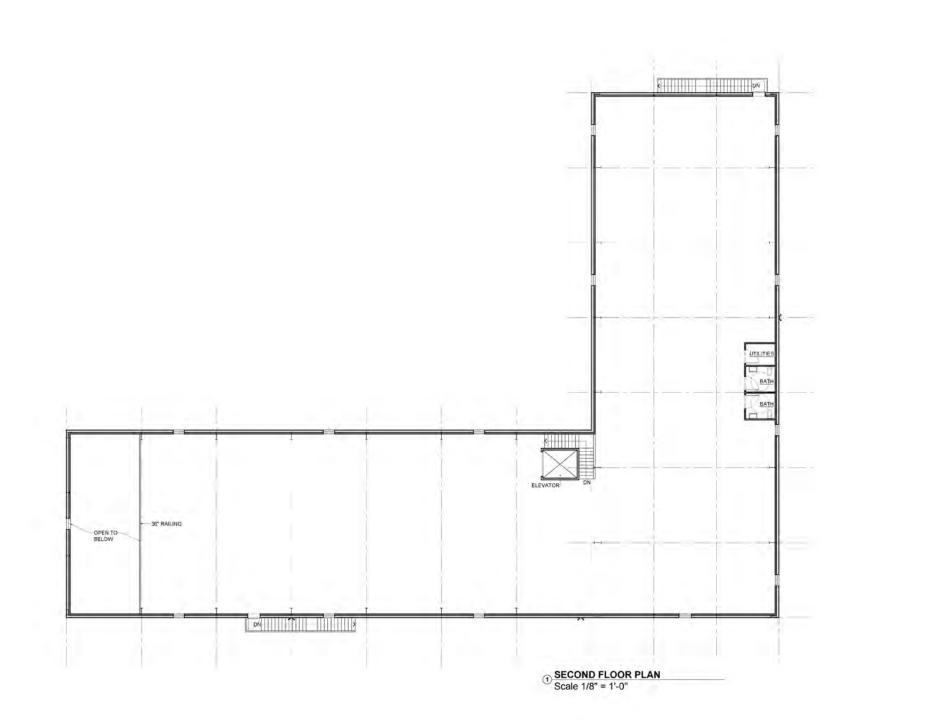
- Develop a two-story, 27,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (14,000 ft<sup>2</sup> footprint), steel-frame building on Lot 40.
- Will include office space, a customer showroom, bathrooms, dishwashing and laundry operations, storage for rental inventory, and parking for employees, customers, and company vehicles.
- Will allow for the Big Sky Tents operations at 10 and 26 East Line Road to be consolidated at the new location. The buildings at 10 and 26 East Line Road would be vacated and made available for lease or purchase.
- The applicant would retain its use of 15 East Line Road.
- The applicant has stated that the building would be sited to allow for future development on the 3.1-acre lot, which is the second largest at the airport.



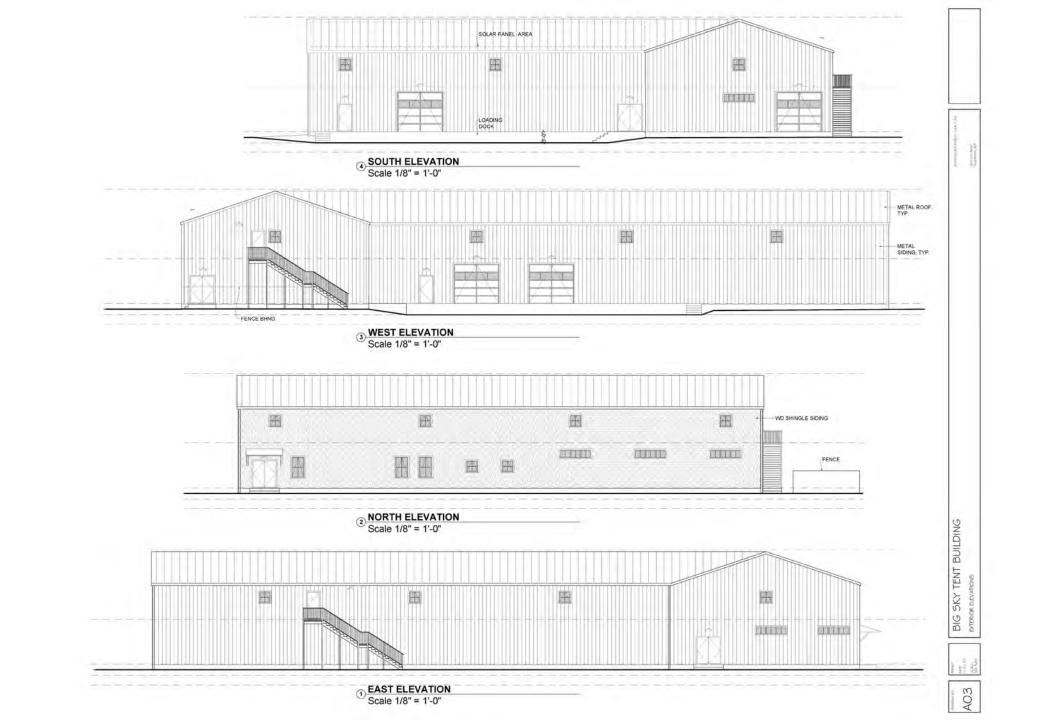








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#### Topics covered in MVY Development Regs

- Building to land ratio
- Berms
- Building heights and setbacks
- Building materials
- Driveways
- Easements
- Grading
- Landscape development
- Loading areas
- Maintenance
- Outdoor storage

- Parking
- Paving
- Pollution
- Shoulders and drainage
- Signs
- Site use
- Subdividing and subleasing
- Utilities
- Waste disposal
- Water systems
- Energy conservation

### Planning concerns

Wastewater

Stormwater

Traffic and transportation

Energy

Economic development and housing

Landscape

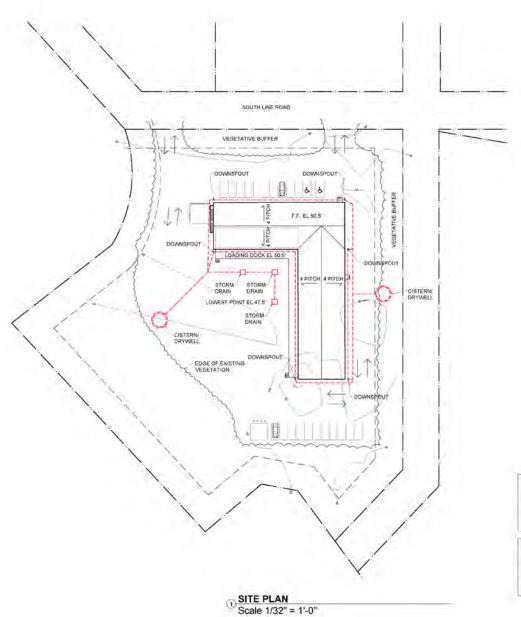
Character and identity / scenic values

#### Wastewater

- The property will involve commercial dishwashing and laundry operations (to be relocated from 10 East Line Road in 2024), and will connect to the Airport Wastewater Treatment Facility.
- The applicant has stated that Big Sky Tents currently uses about 94,00 gallons of water annually, including about 86,350 at 10 East Line Road, and that it does not anticipate any increase in water usage as a result of the project.

#### Stormwater

- According to the applicant, the project "will utilize reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) on the parking lot and retain existing vegetation in the surrounding areas to maximize water permeability."
- A preliminary drainage plan shows downspouts, storm drains, and drywells to manage runoff onsite.



#### Landscaping Notes

- A 20' deep boulevard strip of native ground cover and trees will be maintained at the front lot line of the property.
- Graded areas along the driveway and parking will be kept with low ground cover planting

#### Drainage Notes

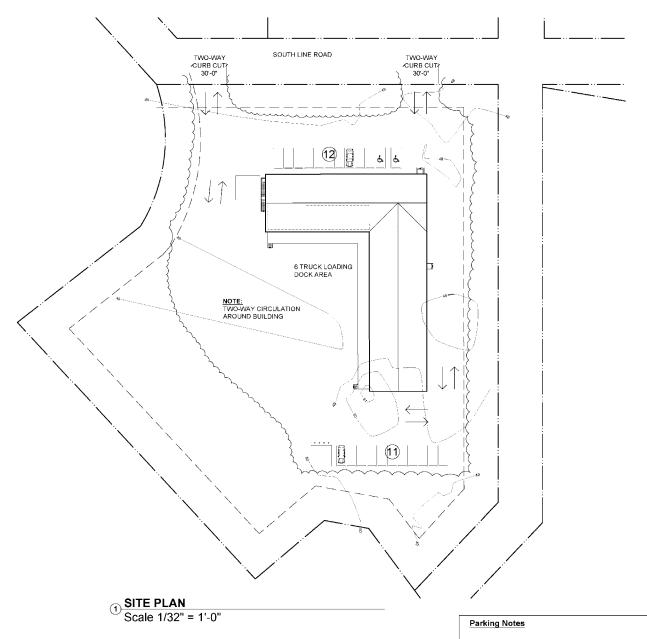
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## Traffic and transportation

- According to the applicant, the project is estimated to generate 10-20 vehicles trips per day, plus 3-4 customer trips per day, from May through October.
- A parking plan shows 12 spaces for employees and customers at the front of the building, and 11 in back for additional employee and truck parking.
- Plans also show 10 (?) loading dock spaces for box trucks, and a customer pickup area where customers can load and unload small amounts of rental items.
- The project would likely reduce traffic along East Line Road, where vehicles often have to travel between the two Big Sky Tents buildings, and direct more traffic to South Line Road.



- Twenty Three (21) 9'x20' standard parking spaces
   Two (2) accessible spaces with 5' wide access provided
   Six (6) Truck spaces at Loading Dock

#### Energy

- 60kW rooftop solar system, which the applicant expects to supply all of the power needs for the building.
- Electric heat pumps for heating and air conditioning.
- Pedestal-ready infrastructure for electric vehicle charging once medium-duty electric trucks become commercially viable for the business.

## Economic development and housing

- The project will consolidate operations into a single building, allowing the company to grow and better provide its tent and party rental services, including for weddings and fundraisers, to the Island.
- The applicant notes that the project will invest more than \$3 million into the property and generate more than \$140,000 in annual rental income for the airport, while making two developed properties at the Business Park available to other businesses.
- Big Sky Tents has seven year-round and 20-25 seasonal employees from May through October, and provides housing for up to 16 of those in two employee houses (up to eight people per house).
- According to the applicant, the project will allow for "continued moderate business growth without a directly corresponding need for additional employees."

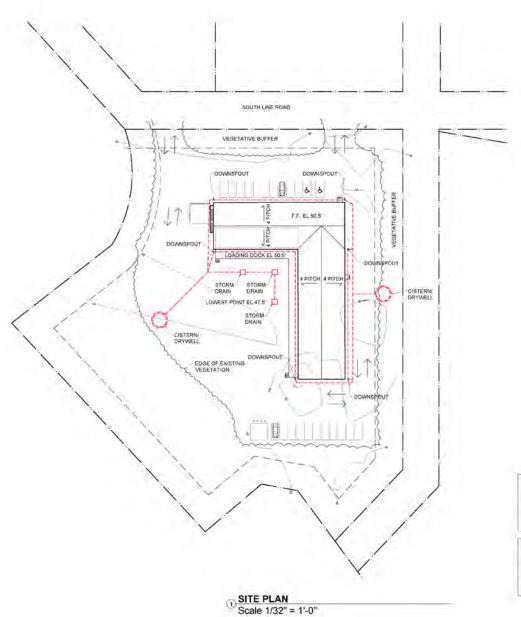
## Economic development and housing

The MVC decision for DRI 717 (26 East Line Road) includes the following condition:

The applicant shall continue to provide comparable housing for at least 16 Big Sky Tents employees, either seasonally or year-round, with confirmation provided to MVC staff by June 30 each year. The housing shall be comparable to the existing housing that is provided, in terms of quality, cost, and tenant capacity.

## Landscape

- According to the applicant: "Landscaping will include granite masonry retaining walls, garden surrounds and entrance stairs together with reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) parking areas for maximum water permeability."
- "The Property will retain vegetative buffers of not less than 20' fronting on South Line Road and 30' adjacent to the East Line Road Extension, as well as approximately 90' buffers on the west and south facing borders of the property."
- A preliminary landscape plan has been provided.



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## Character and identity / scenic values

- The project is located in the vicinity of other business and light industrial uses in the Business Park, including other buildings that are currently used by Big Sky Tents.
- The building will have an L shape to accommodate loading from all areas, while shielding those areas from South Line Road.
- The building would resemble others in the Business Park in terms of design and materials, including cedar shingles facing South Line Road and beige aluminum on the other sides, but would be the largest in the Business Park.
- Elevations and floor plans have been provided.

#### Current building sizes in the Business Park (floor area ft<sup>2</sup> based on assessor data):

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### Character and identity / scenic values

• The eastern property line is about 430 feet from Barnes Road and about 375 feet from the shared use path, with an intervening commercial lot and about 180 feet of vegetated buffer between that lot and Barnes Road.



