

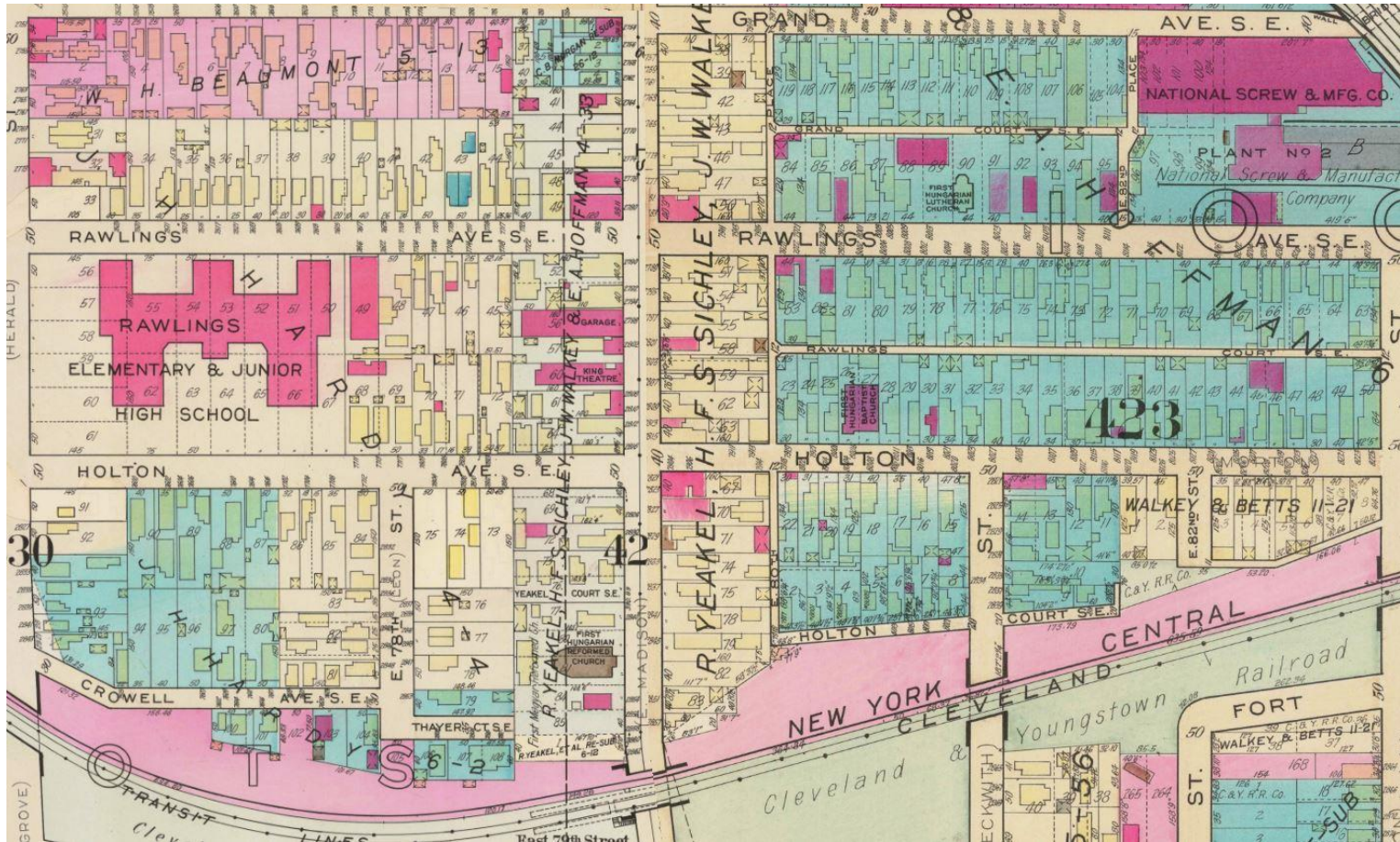
First Hungarian Reformed Church

2850 East 79th Street

History of Place



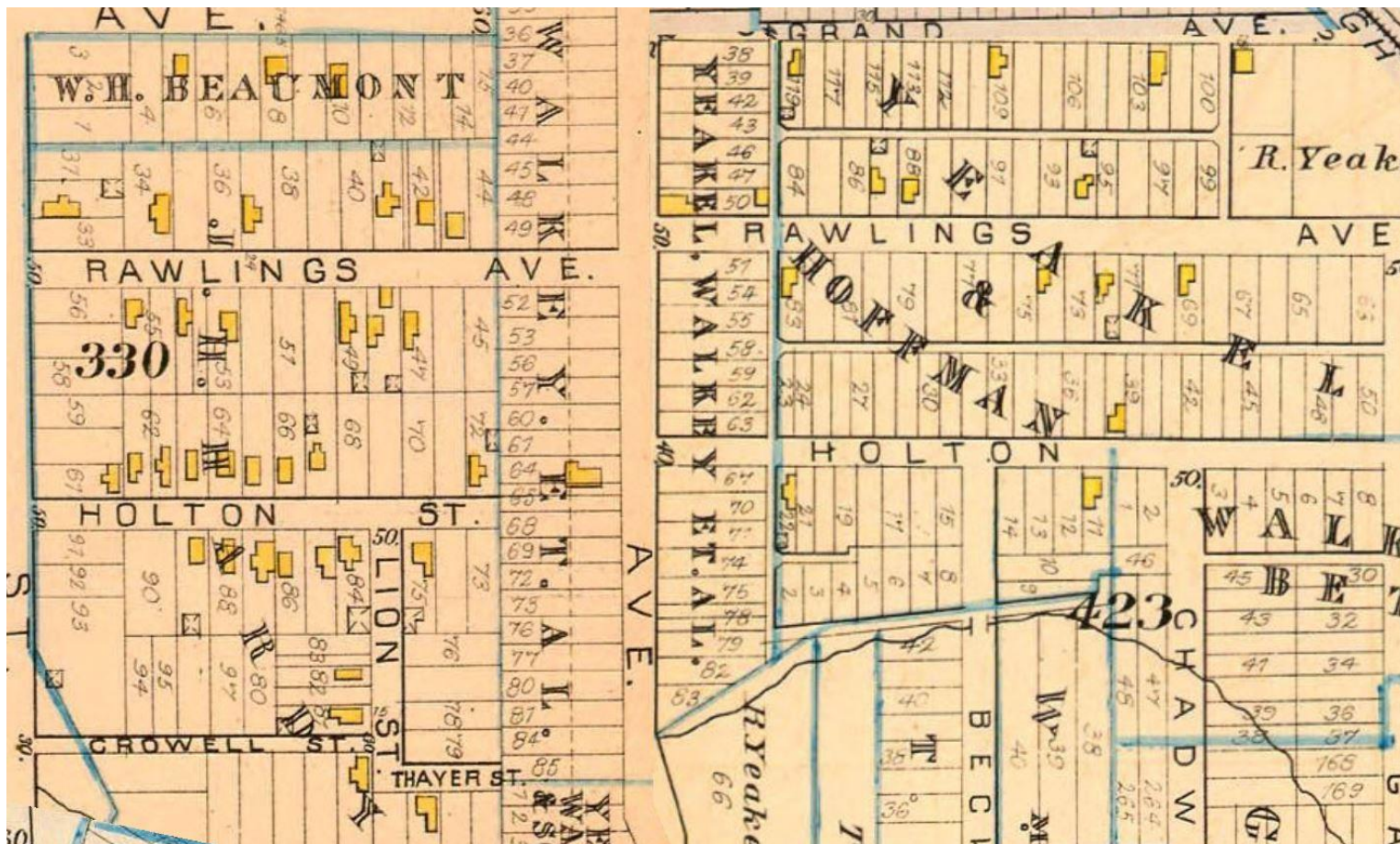
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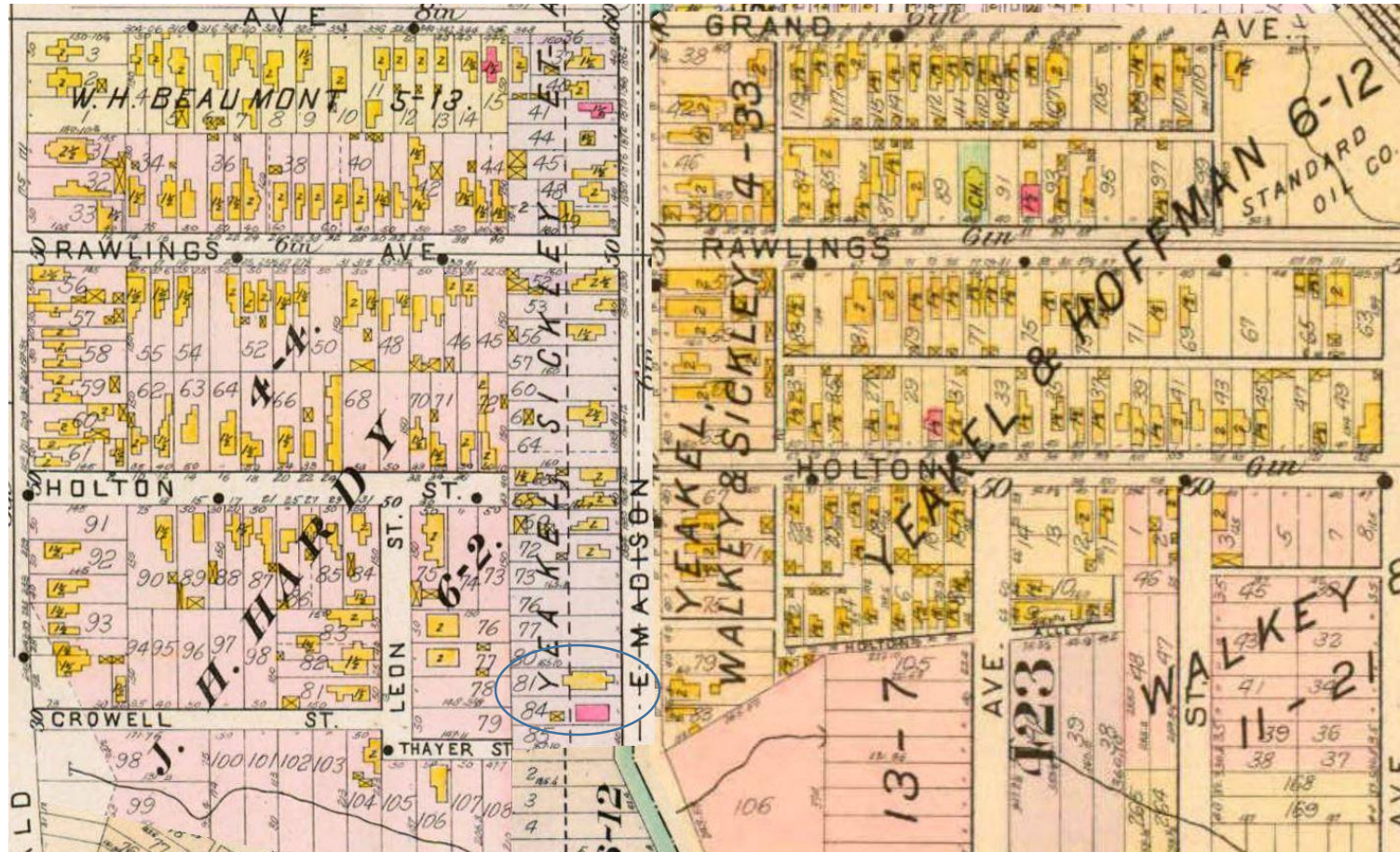
Hungarians in Cleveland



Hungarians in Cleveland - 1881



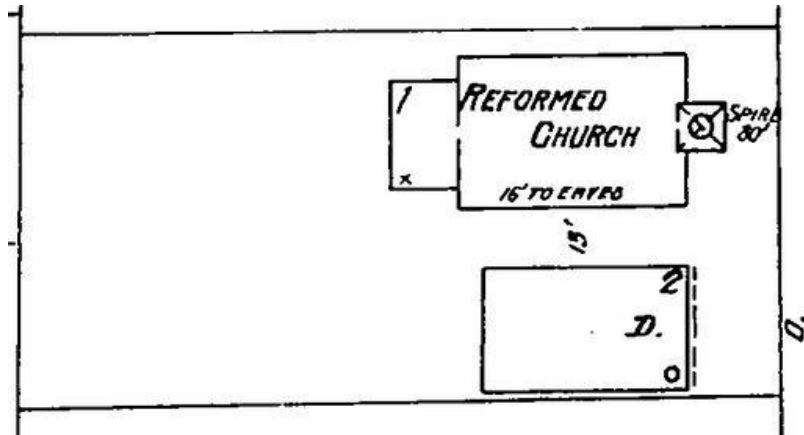
Hungarians in Cleveland - 1898



Arrival in the Neighborhood

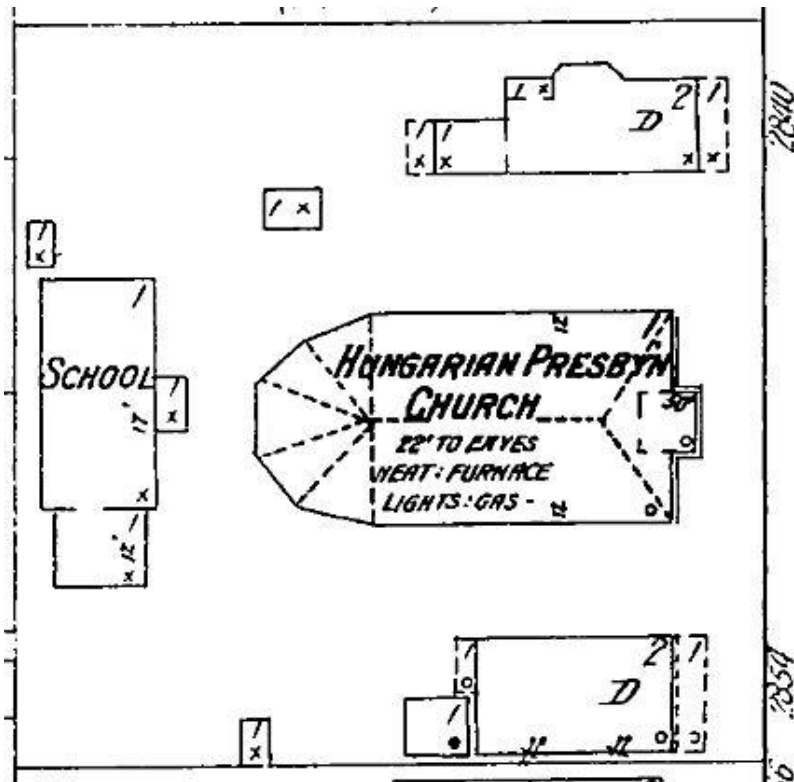
- Trinity Reformed Church established in 1891
- First of all Hungarian Congregations in the United States
- May 19, 1892 - Charter secured
- 1894 – First Church building constructed
 - September 23 – Cornerstone laid
 - November 25 – Church Dedicated
- 1896 merged with the Reformed Church of Hungary

“The Wooden Church”



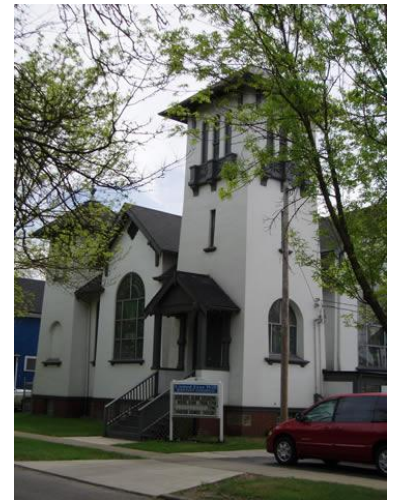
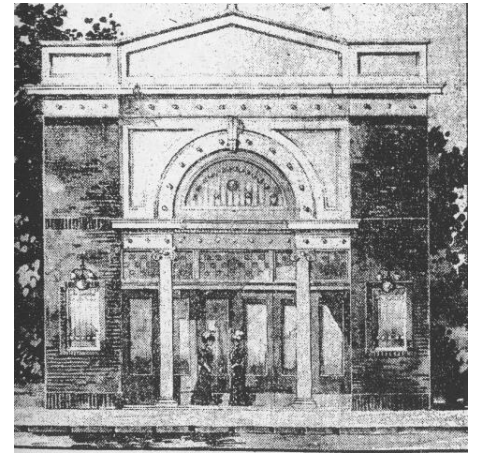


“The Stone Church”



- 1903 – Construction begins
- 1904 – Memorial Day church dedicated
- Cleveland Architect Paul Matzinger

Paul Matzinger



“The Stone Church”



1908





1915



1926





Robinson
Photo
1911

Congregation History

- 1916 – Silver Anniversary
- Congregation purchased a house at Buckeye and East 123rd as great numbers of members were moving up the hill
- 1925 – Purchased one acre of land at the corner of East Boulevard and Buckeye Road
- 1932 – Construction began on Bethlen Hall
- 1948 – Groundbreaking for the new church
- Sept 4, 1949 – Dedication of “The Grand Church”



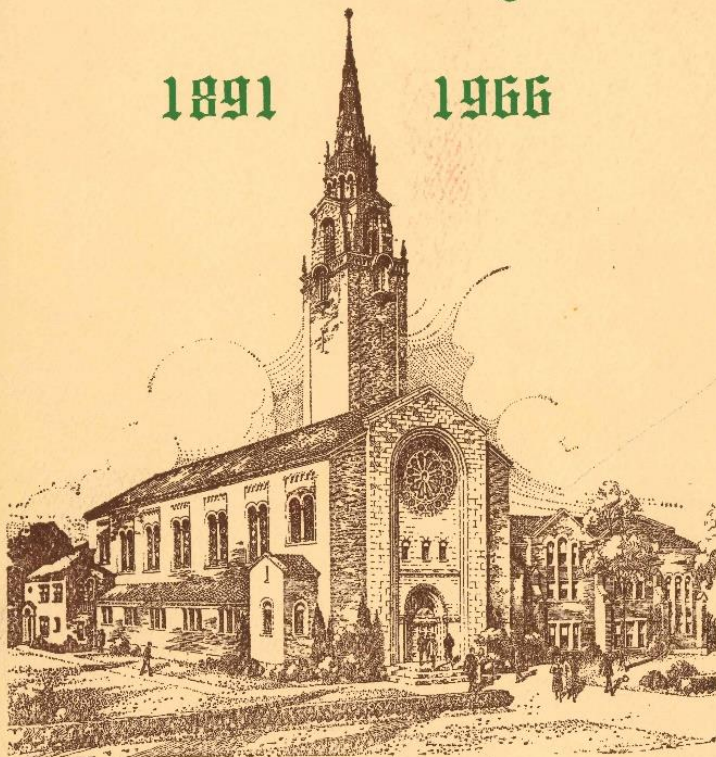
A LELEPÁSZTOR KALAPACSTÉSE AZ ALAPKÖVÖN
THE TAPPING ON THE CORNERSTONE BY PASTOR

75

Anniversary

1891

1966



First Hungarian Reformed Church
of Cleveland, Ohio



Building History

- Second New Hope Baptist Church
- Formed in 1924 as the “New Home Chorus”
- 1930 – Merged with Neriah Baptist Church and became “Second New Hope Baptist Church”
- November 1943 – Moved into “The Stone Church”

Building History

- 1956 – Steeple removed and opening enclosed
- 1962 – steps replaced
- 1963 – Erect sign
- 1964 – Chain link fence
- 1977 – Install baptismal pool



Building History



2856 E. 79th.

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Building History



Landmark Nomination

- February 1987 – Nomination for Landmark Designation
- March 1987 – Church unanimously agrees to designation
- March 12, 1987 – Council Member Preston Terry consents to designation
- March 19, 1987 – Legislation Introduced for Ord. 775-87
- Approved by Legislation Committee and Planning Commission

Landmark Nomination

- October 5, 1987 – On the agenda for the Finance Committee
- Unknown why Ordinance stopped at this point.
- The building was still not designated in 1989 when the congregation decided to move to 2917 E 116th Street
- Ordinance was tabled ending the designation process

Building History

- November 1989 – Church sold to New Community Apostolic Faith Church
- Very little information about this church
- Another nomination letter sent in October 2002 but no further action taken
- At some point the congregation abandoned the building
- State of Ohio Forfeiture 2017
- Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization 2018

Building History



East Design Review District

Agenda

8:30a.m., Tuesday, June 26, 2018
Cornucopia Place, 7201 Kinsman Avenue

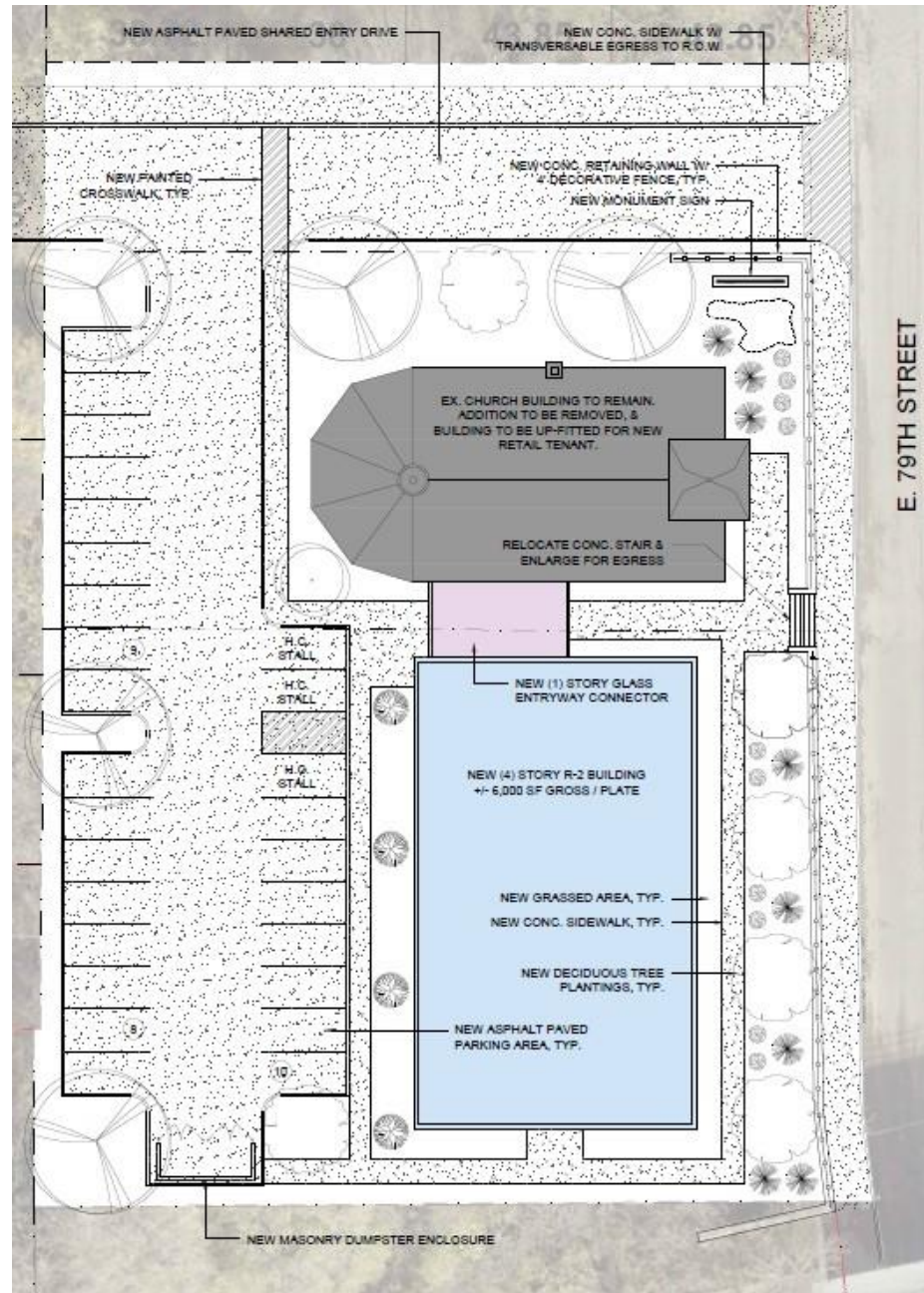
8:30	East 2018-028	New Community Apostolic Demolition 2850 E 79 th Street Opportunity Corridor District Victoria Neenan, Burten, Bell, Carr Development William Willis, Burten, Bell, Carr Development	C
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- After a lengthy discussion the proposal was tabled
 - Consider mothballing to address safety concerns
 - Study how this can be integrated into a development plan
 - Hold for 6-8 weeks for due diligence study of options and potential landmarking

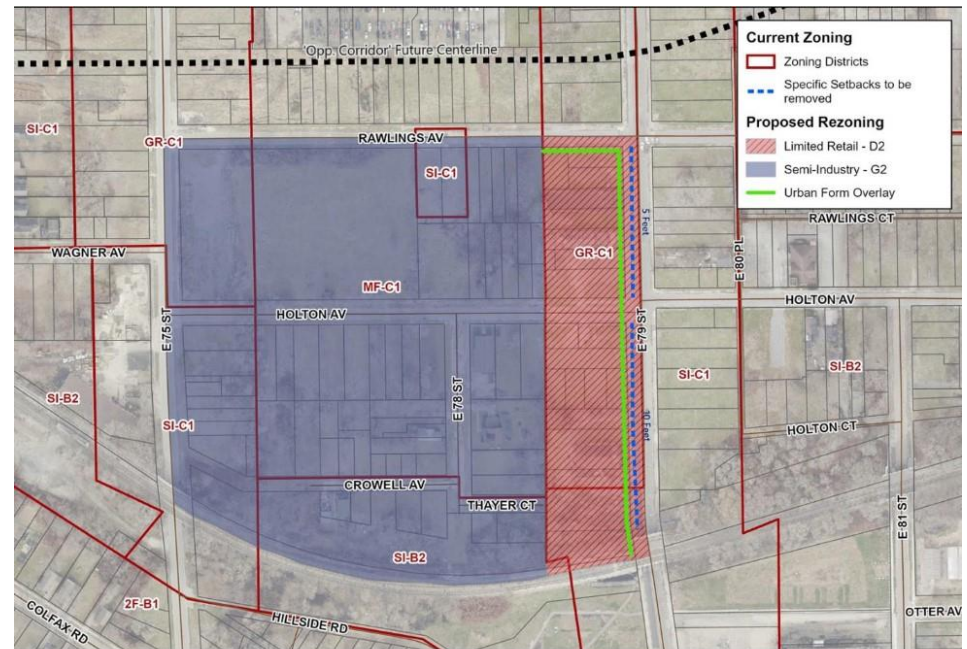
Current Lots



- City of Cleveland Land Reutilization Program
- The Zone LLC
- City of Cleveland



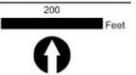
- Prime candidate for reuse
- Zoned Limited Retail
- Changed in 2021



May 24, 2021

Map Change 2641

Changing the Use, Area & Height Districts of parcels of land south of Opportunity Corridor Blvd between East 75th Street and East 79th Street



Conditions 2019















Thank You

