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To: Conservation Commission Board

Dear To Whom this May Concern,

I am writing this letter regarding the permission of building on the property of 20 Taft Road in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The two significant structures in the backyard of the property include a deck, that is one story above ground level and a 4 foot deep above ground pool, situated adjacent and below the deck. The new structure would be a lower level continuation of the existing deck, that surrounds the pool and connects the existing deck to the pool through the construction of a small set of stairs. This added deck would create convenience for usage of the pool.

Because the pool and deck are situated in a fenced in backyard, it is not visible from the front or sides of the property, therefore not devaluing the rest of the neighborhood or have any effect on property values of neighbors. Also, no trees or plants that are currently on the property will be disturbed or removed during the construction of the deck. The new addition of the deck will be built on an existing clear spot of land, covered in landscaping rocks. The woods behind the property will not be touched. The surroundings and environment will remain intact and identical to what it is currently.

There will be no disturbance to the wetlands or natural environment within and/or surrounding the property. We plan to put three footings along the back portion of the deck (16' section). These will be set on the property. Holes will only be dug where there is a need for the footings. We will not be grading or moving any soil or plants, as it is not necessary to build the deck as purposed.

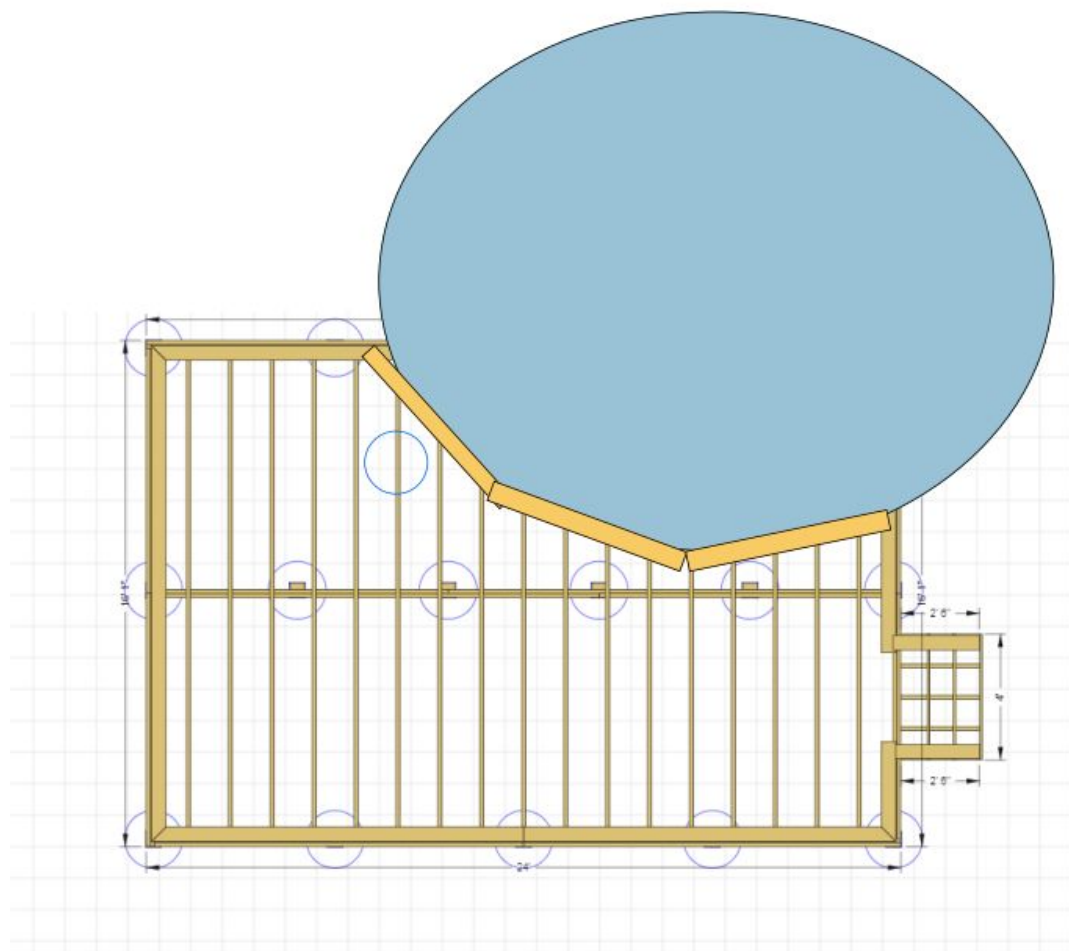
In order to enrich the environment and aesthetic of our backyard, we plan on planting more foliage, plants and vegetation in both our garden and surrounding areas.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you soon,

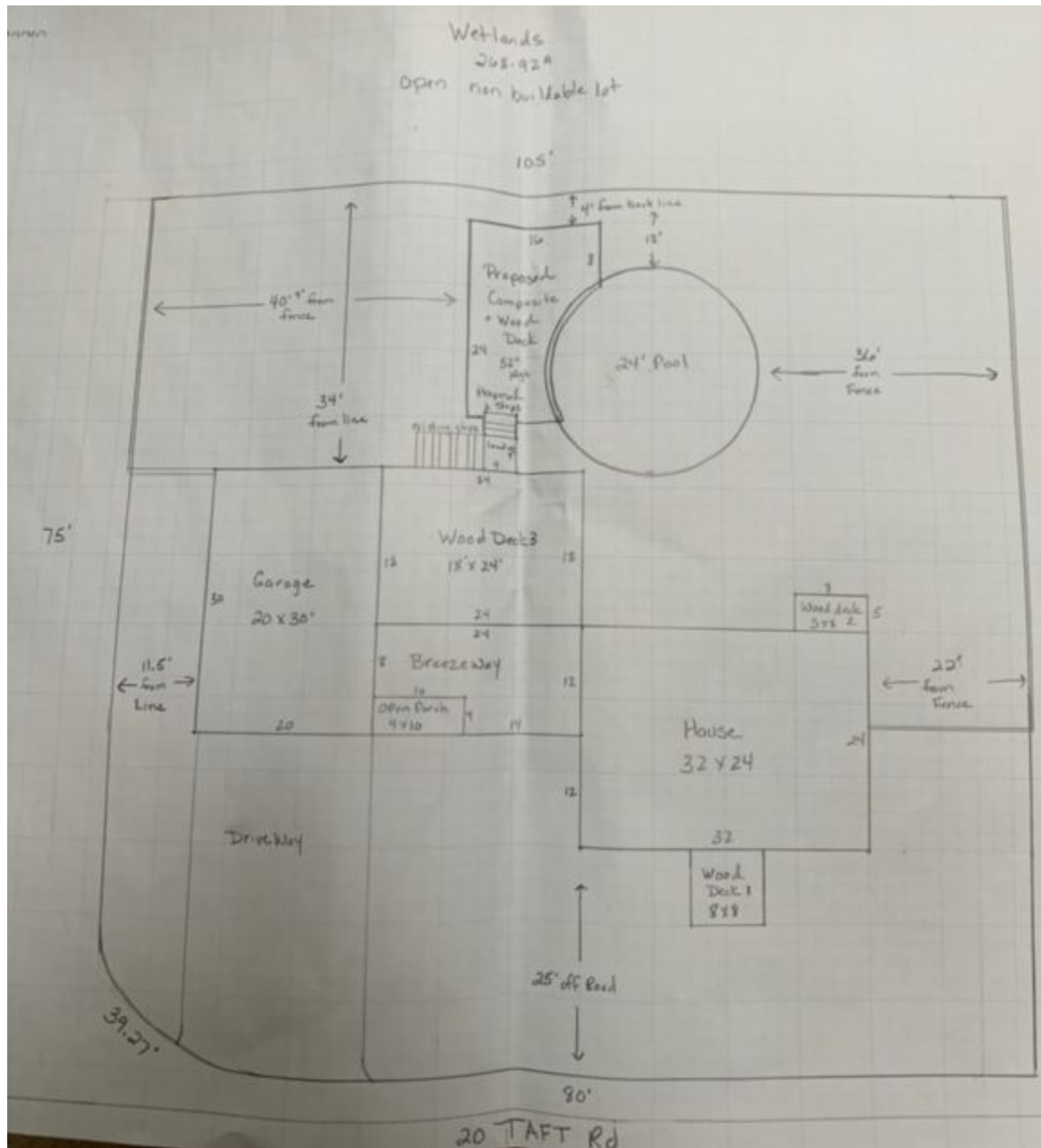
Shannon Harrington and James St. Pierre, owners of 20 Taft Road



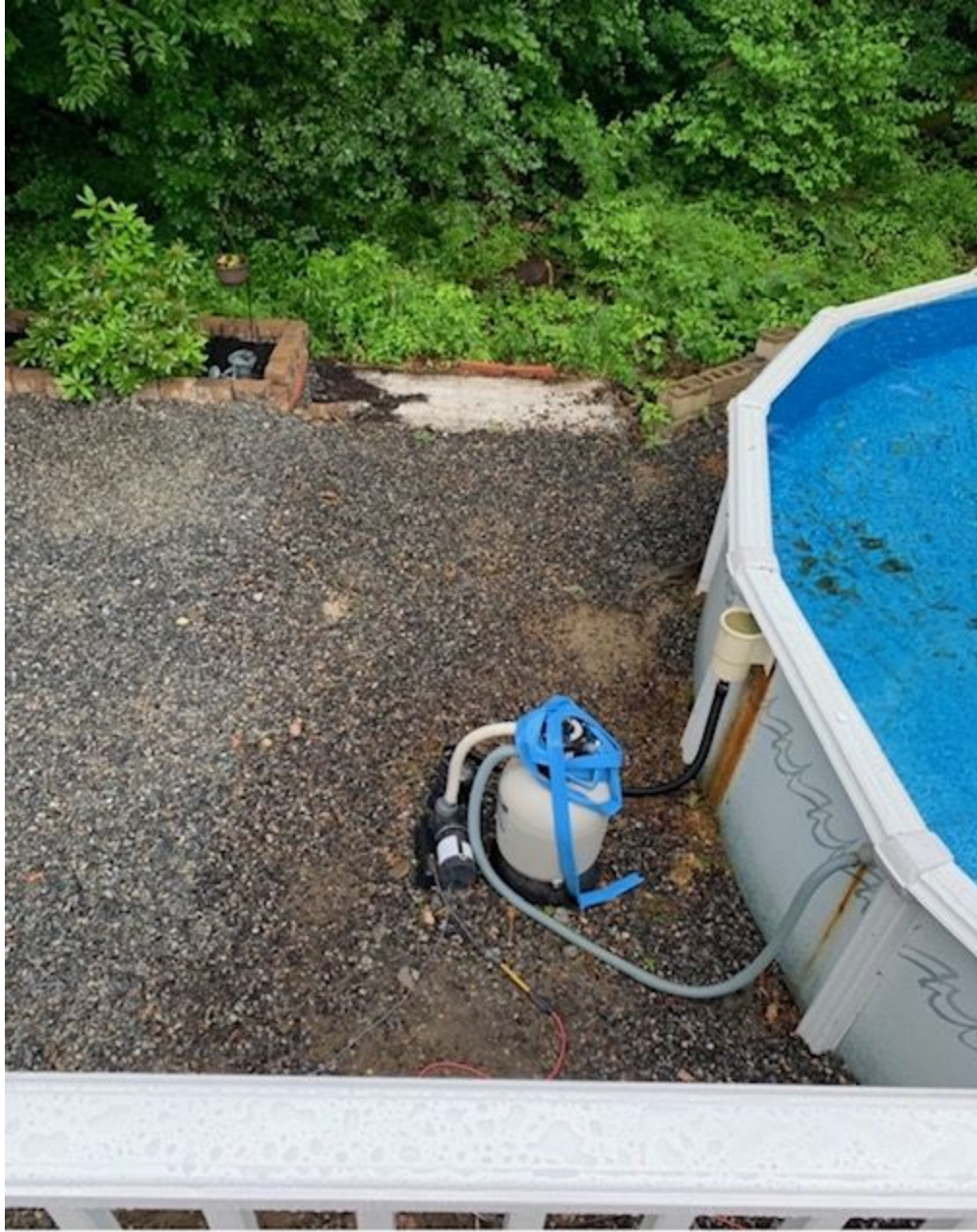
Wetland Edge and Buffer Visual with proposed deck



Proposed Deck and Dimensions

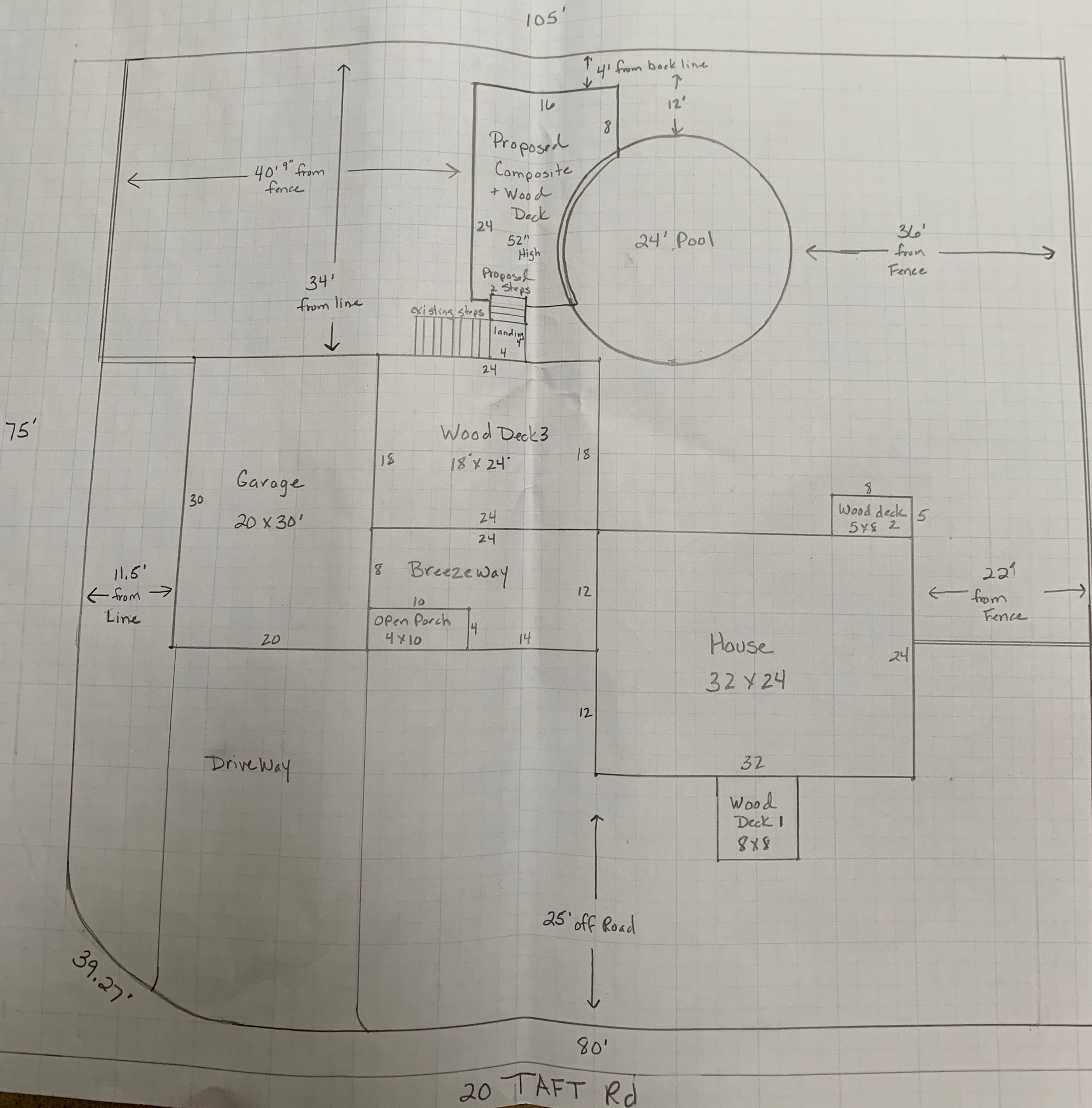


Total Property Layout and Dimensions



Location for proposed deck

Wetlands
268-92A
Open non buildable lot

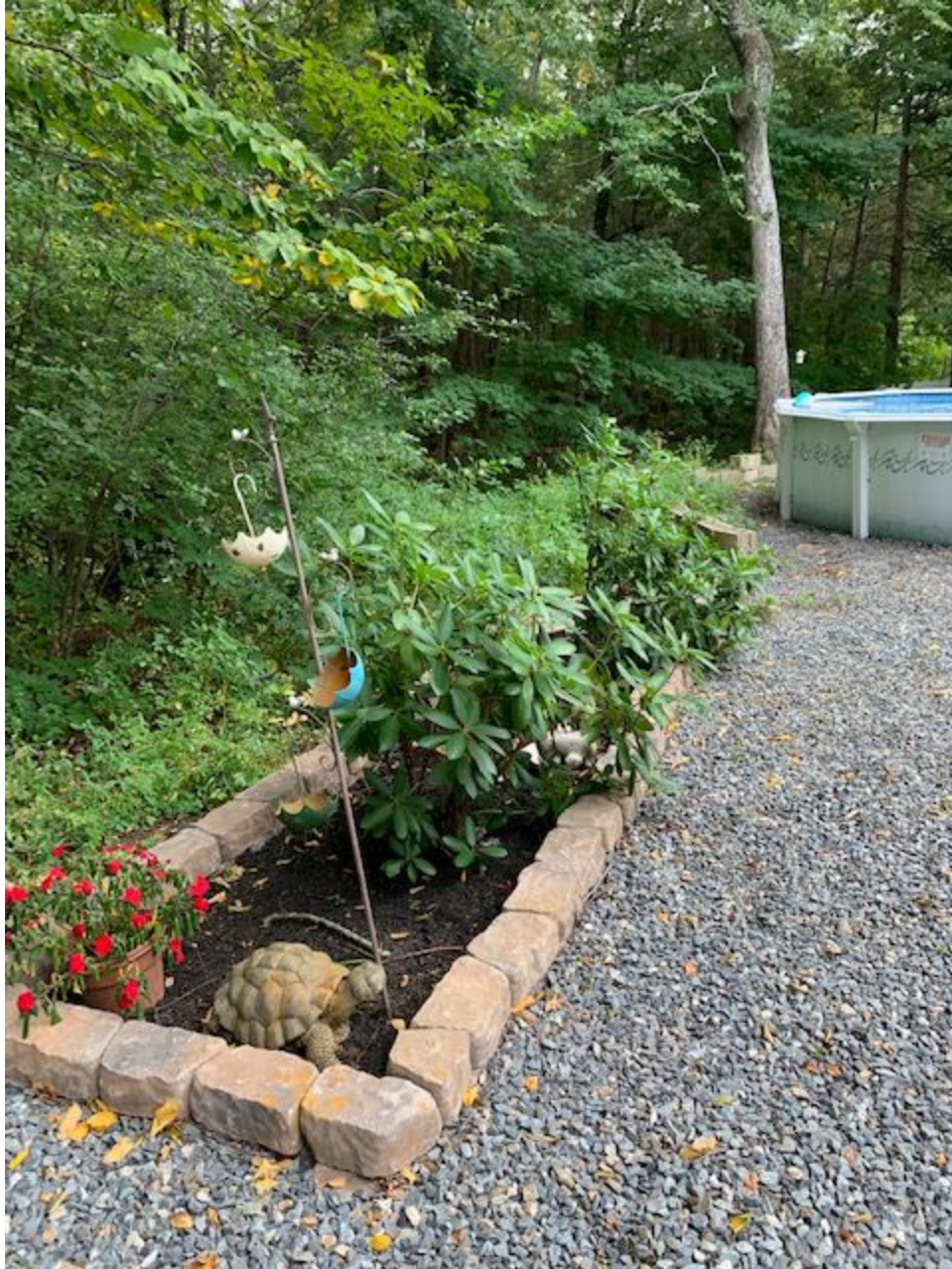




Existing deck and additional plants



Right side of yard, room for more plants in back garden



Additional bushes surrounding the yard



Plot for more plants on left side of backyard



Blueberry bushes on left side of pool