



September, 2021

President and Members City Council City of Pittsburgh

RE: VACATE A PORTION OF WATSON STREET

Dear President and Members of City Council:

We have a request for the vacation of an unopened portion of Watson Street in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward, 6<sup>th</sup> Council District, as shown on the attached plan. A copy of the request is also attached.

DLC requests the vacation of Watson Street that has never been opened and is surrounded by DLC property. At this point in time, no work is proposed. Watson Street is located on the easterly side of Moultrie Street and between Fifth and Forbes Avenue.

Your favorable approval of this proposed Resolution is hereby recommended.

Sincerely,

Karina Ricks Director

KR:JM Attachments



### CITY OF PITTSBURGH

### DEPARTMENT OF MOBILITY & INFRASTRUCTURE

CITY-COUNTY BUILDING

# STREET VACATION APPLICATION PACKET

Date: 6-16-2021
Applicant Name: LEE A. TAIT, PLS
Property Owner's Name (if different from Applicant): DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY
Address: 2825 NEW BEAUER AUG., PITTSBURGH PA 15233
Phone Number: 412. 285, 3609 Alternate Phone Number: 412. 393. 8622
Email Address: LTAIT @ Dug LIGHT. COM
Location of Proposed Vacation: MOULTRIE STREET BETWEEN FIFTH AVE. & FARRES AVE.
Ward: 4th Council District: 6 Lot and Block. B=L:11-L-139 (VACANT)
What is the properties zoning district code? R1A-VH (zoning office 255-2241)
Is the proposed vacation developed? Yes  No  VACANT
Width of Existing Right-of-Way (sidewalk or street): (Before vacation)
Length of Existing Right-of-Way (sidewalk or street): 225 (Before vacation)
Width of Proposed Vacation: 10
Length of Proposed Vacation: 25
Number of square feet of the proposed vacation: 2140.2 S.F.
Description of vacation: SSE ATTACHED VACATION RAN
Reason for application:
EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY NOVER OFN OR USED. DUQUESNE
LIGHT COMPANY OWNS ADJACENT PROPORTY. OTHER
SEGMENTS OF WATSON STREET PREVIOUSLY VACATED BY
RESOLUTION 598, RESOLUTION BOOK 125, PG. 425
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KARINA RICKS DIRECTOR

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## Applicant has Read and Acknowledged the Following

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	The applicant should submit all materials outlined in attached checklist for the application to be deemed to complete.				
	The requesting property owner must be the underlying owner of the requested vacation for the application to be accepted.				
	When a street is fully vacated, half the reversionary rights go to the adjacent property owners on each side of the street.				
	If the requested street vacation requires utility easements as part of the vacation, no building of structures will be allowed over the easement area.				
	All vacated street areas are subject to the existing zoning requirements for the area in which they are located.				
	<ul> <li>Most street vacations of unimproved or unopened streets ("paper streets") have no additional cost other than the processing fee.</li> <li>The adjacent owners effectively own half of the street if it has never been opened after 21 years and are also responsible for half of the maintenance.</li> <li>The street vacation legislation essentially validates this ownership and allows for official map changes by the County.</li> </ul>				
	If a street vacation request is limited to one parcel or lot, it may be determined that it is feasible to vacate a larger portion of the street. The requester would then be responsible to have the adjacent property owners sign the petition to support the larger vacation.				
	☐ When legislation is passed supporting the street vacation, DOMI sends a copy of said legislation to the Allegheny County Board of Assessment. The area of the vacated street will then be assigned an assessed value for tax purposes.				
Applica	ant's Signature	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
Date	that a	Date Received			
Print Name		Complete or Incomplete (checkbox) C 🗵 I			
LES	A. TAIR PLS	Notes:			

Karina Ricks
Director of Mobility & Infrastructure

July 28, 2021

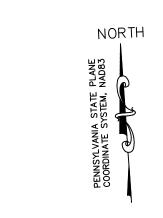
Dear Ms. Ricks:

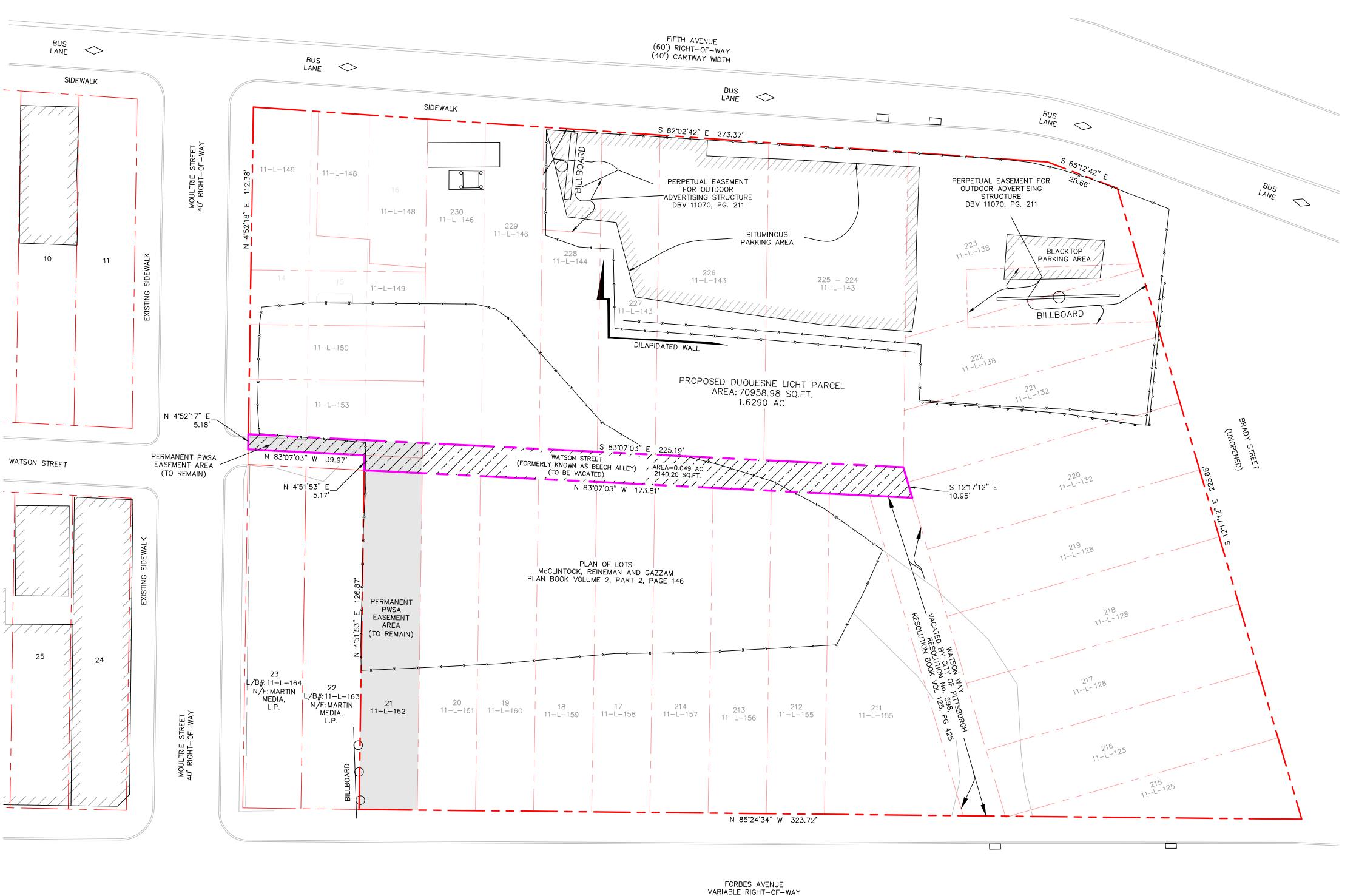
Please see the attached street vacation application. Duquesne Light Company would like to vacate a portion of Watson Street to the East of Moultrie Street in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward, between Fifth Avenue & Forbes Avenue. Duquesne Light Company is the owner surrounding said Watson Street, and it has never been used or opened by the City.

Please review and feel free to call or email with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

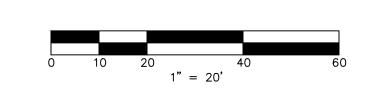
Lee A. Tait Survey Supervisor Duquesne Light Company 2515 Peeble Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15233 412-285-3609 ltait@duqlight.com



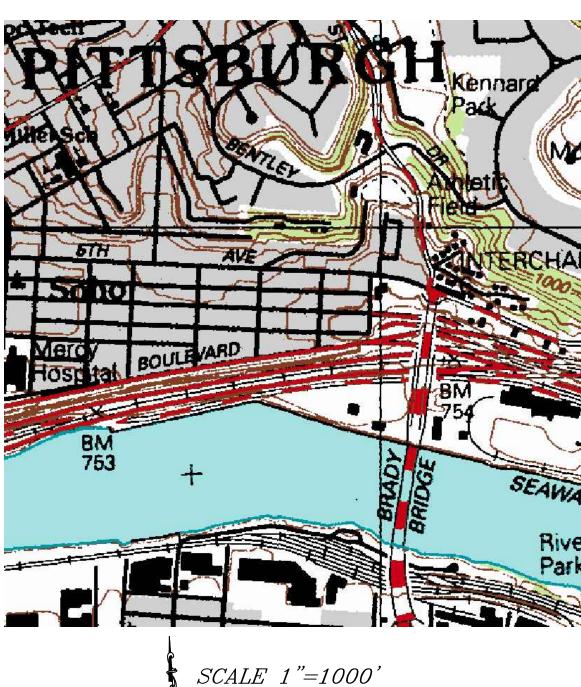


PBV: 308 PG: 106 LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN

FOR DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY



# LOCATION MAP



1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS PRELIMINARY EXHIBIT IS TO VACATE WATSON STREET (FORMERLY KNOWN AS BEECH ALLEY).

2. MAPPING WAS COMPILED BY A COMBINATION OF AERIAL MAPPING AND FIELD SURVEYS PERFORMED ON 9/09/2019 AND 9/23/2019

AND INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM DAWOOD ENGINEERING, INC.

3. THE PROPOSED VACATION EXHIBIT SHOWN IS BASED OFF OF DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY AN OUTSIDE COMPANY

4. ADDITIONAL UTILITIES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE EASEMENTS MAY EXIST. 5. BY GRAPHIC PLOTTING ONLY, THIS PROPERTY IS NOT IN A SPECIAL FLOOD ZONE HAZARD AREA.

6. NO NEW SEWAGE OR WATER SUPPLY IS PROPOSED WITH THIS PLAN.
7. THIS EXHIBIT WAS PREFORMED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A TITLE

8. THIS IS NOT A BOUNDARY SURVEY AND THE ACCURACY OF THIS DRAWING MAY OR MAY NOT BE VALID.

1. TAX MAPS OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH, ALLEGHENY COUNTY,

2. THE PLAN OF LOTS OF McCLINTOCK, REINEMAN AND GAZZA, PLAN BOOK VOLUME 2, PART 2, PAGE 146.

3. ADJOINING DEEDS AND PLATS AS SHOWN HEREON ARE BASED UPON THE RECORDS OF THE ALLEGHENY COURTHOUSE AND REFLECT THE ACCURACIES OR INACCURACIES THEREOF.

# -ZONING DATA —

CITY OF PITTSBURGH ZONING ORDINANCE ZONING DISTRICT: R1A-VH - RESIDENTIAL (VERY HIGH DENSITY).

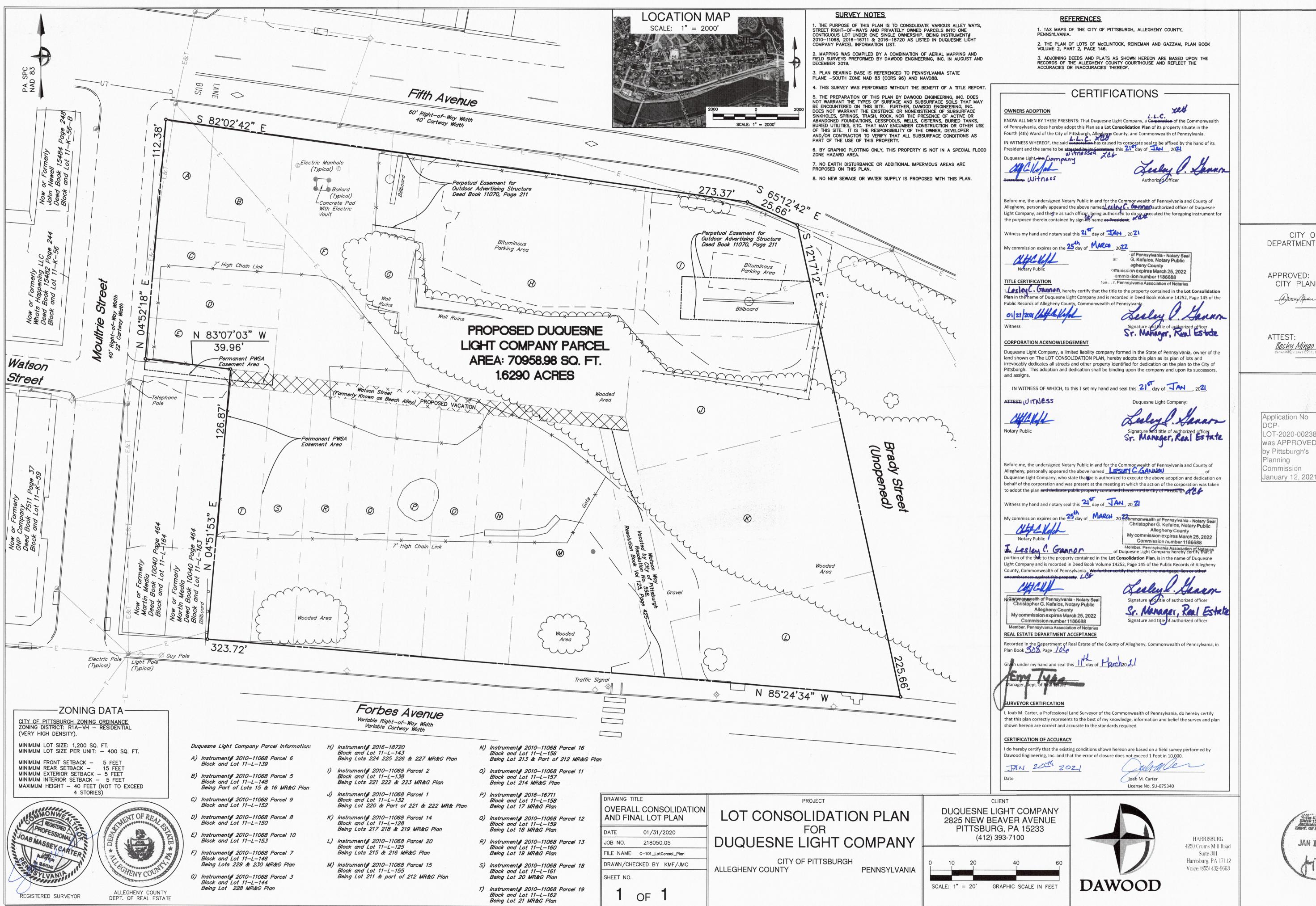
MINIMUM LOT SIZE: 1,200 SQ. FT. MINIMUM LOT SIZE PER UNIT: — 400 SQ. FT.

MINIMUM FRONT SETBACK - 5 FEET MINIMUM REAR SETBACK - 15 FEET MINIMUM EXTERIOR SETBACK - 5 FEET MINIMUM INTERIOR SETBACK - 5 FEET MAXIMUM HEIGHT - 40 FEET (NOT TO EXCEED

4 STORIES)

\*\*NOTE: THIS IS NOT A BOUNDARY SURVEY\*\*

DUQUESNE	DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY  Real Estate/Surveying Dept. Pittsburgh, PA	WATSON STREET VACATION
SCALE	DATE 4/28/2021 ARCH. APP.	DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY FUTURE SITE OF WATSON SUBSTATION
1"=20"	DRAWN J.L.S. ELECT. APP.	CITY OF PITTSBURGH/ALLEGHENY COUNTY
1 -20	CHECKED L.A.T. MECH. APP.	APP. COMPLETE O.F.E.No. F No. 9114
	INSPECTED J.D.J STRUCT. APP.	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$





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CITY OF PITTSBURGH DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING

APPROVED: CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

Application No DCP-LOT-2020-00238 was APPROVED by Pittsburgh's Planning Commission January 12, 2021

# To the Council of the City of Pittsburgh

We, the undersigned, being all of the property owners in interest and number, abutting upon the line of:

Lot & Block & Address of applicant property: 11-L-139 : 2210 FIFTH AVE. (VACAN	7
Lot & Block & Address of abutting property:	
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Respectfully petition Your Honorable body for the passage of a resolution vacating, dedicating or encroaching on the above listed right-of-way and in consideration of the premises, and for the purposes of inducing the corporate authorities of said City to enact a resolution for said purpose, we do hereby stipulate, covenant and agree to release and forever discharge, said City from any and all claims for damages whatsoever which we, or either of us, may, might, or could have, or claim, for any reason of the vacation or encroachment of said public highway between said terminal points: and we further agree to indemnify, save harmless and defend said City from any claims and from the payment of any damages whatsoever resulting to any property owned by us, or either of ask, or by any persons whatsoever, abutting or non-abutting, for or by reason of said vacation or encroachment.

We further waive the right to ask for the appointment of Viewers to ascertain and assess any damages caused by such vacation or encroachment, and in the event of any Viewers proceeding being made necessary for or by reason of the passage of such resolution, we do hereby jointly and severally agree and bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to pay or cause to be paid to the handbills and any other expense incurred in such Viewers' proceedings, and that said amount shall be forthwith paid upon the City Solicitor certifying to the City Treasurer the amount of said costs.

	IN WITNESS WHEREIF, W	e have hereunto set our hands and seals as of th	
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Witness	iat	Property Owners: (Please Sign & Print L&	B) _(seal)
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Personally came LESLEY C. GAMON who being duly sworn says that he is personally acquainted with the owners of the property fronting or abutting upon the within described highway, and that he or she knows said petition is signed by all of said owners, and that the signatures of said petition are the proper and genuine signatures of said owners.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 29 of July

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal Christopher G. Kefalos, Notary Public **Allegheny County** My commission expires March 25, 2022

Commission number 1186688

#### Watson Street Vacation

All that certain street right of way, to be vacated, situate in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward, City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA, being more fully bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Southeasterly corner of the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Moultrie Street, Thence along said Moultrie Street, S 4°52'18" W, a distance of 112.38' to a point on the Northwesterly corner of said Watson Street, said point also on a Southwesterly corner of "Proposed Duquesne Light Company Parcel" in the "Lot Consolidation Plan" as recorded in Plan Book Volume 308, Pg. 106, said point also being the true Point of Beginning; Thence, along the Northerly line of said Watson Street, S 83°07'03" E, a distance of 225.19' to a point; Thence S 12°17'12" E, a distance of 10.95' to a point; Thence N 83°07'03" W, a distance of 173.81' to a point on the Northeasterly corner of land now or formerly Martin Media; Thence through said Watson Street, N 4°51'53" E, a distance of 5.17' to the center line of said street; Thence along said center line, N 83°07'03" W, a distance of 39.97' to a point on the easterly line of said Moultrie Street; Thence along said line, N 4°52'18" E, a distance of 5.18' to a point on the Southwesterly corner of said "Proposed Duquesne Light Company Parcel, said point being the Point of Beginning.

Cont: 2140.20 S.F. 0.049 Ac.



**JULY 2, 2021** 

Brian Ralston DOMI CITY OF PITTSBUGRH 611 2<sup>ND</sup> AVE PITTSBURGH, PA 15219

Re: PROPOSED PROPERTY VACATION

This document was prepared in response to the request made to Verizon-PA. Inc

This is in response to your request for Verizon – PA, Inc. to investigate if there will be any impacts made to Verizon facilities by the property vacation at Watson Street. According to the drawings provided the construction is non impacting to Verizon facilities where as cable and or duct banks will not be affected and/or protected during construction Verizon will have no objection to the proposed property vacation.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding these terms, please contact Gary Redondo (412)237-2293

Sincerely

Gary Redondo
Engineer –Network Operations Engineering
15 E Montgomery Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15212
O 412.237.2293 | M 412.667.8618
Gary.Redondo@verizon.com

### Tait, Lee A

From: Jason R Costa < Jason.Costa@amwater.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, July 1, 2021 5:09 PM

**To:** Tait, Lee A; Jay R Lucas **Cc:** Toni M Colavecchia

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Watson Street Vacation

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Lee,

Pennsylvania-American Water Company (PAW) does not have any facilities located in this area of Pittsburgh. This location is outside of our service area.

Let us know if you have any questions or need any additional information. Thanks.

Jason R. Costa Manager of Operations Pennsylvania American Water 500 Noblestown Road, Carnegie, PA, 15106 412-883-4601 -Office 412-651-0599 -Cell

From: Tait, Lee A < ltait@duqlight.com> Sent: Thursday, July 1, 2021 3:21 PM

To: Jay R Lucas <Jay.Lucas@amwater.com>; Jason R Costa <Jason.Costa@amwater.com>

**Subject:** Watson Street Vacation

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** The Actual Sender of this email is <a href="mailto:ltait@duglight.com">ltait@duglight.com</a> "Think before you click!".

Good afternoon,

I am with Duquesne Light, and we are applying to the City to vacate a portion of Watson Street as shown on the attached plan.

One of the items necessary on the application checklist is to provide documentation from all corresponding utility companies stating approval/easement/agreement. Can you provide this to us? Let me know and if you need anything additional from me.

Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

#### Tait, Lee A

From: RCater@nisource.com

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 9:10 AM

To: Tait, Lee A

Cc: GBachism@nisource.com

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fw: Watson Street Vacation **Attachments:** F-9114 - WATSON STREET VACATION.pdf

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#### Good Morning Lee,

This request was sent my way for review of the area. I can verify that we do not have facilities within the area of question. We approve the proposed vacation of Watson Street as shown in the provided documentation.

Please let me know if you need anything additional.

Thanks,

Rick Cater | Field Engineer | Columbia Gas of PA |

5250 Grand Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15225 | 25: (412) 552-0588

⊠: <u>rcater@nisource.com</u>



A NiSource Company

From: "Tait, Lee A" < !tait@duqlight.com>

To: "gbachism@nisource.com" <gbachism@nisource.com>,

Date: 06/17/2021 11:22 AM Subject: Watson Street Vacation

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Hello Grace,

I am with Duquesne Light, and we are applying to the City to vacate a portion of Watson Street as shown on the attached plan.

One of the items necessary on the application checklist is to provide documentation from all corresponding utility companies stating approval/easement/agreement. Can you provide this to us? Let me know and if you need anything additional from me.



July 8, 2021

Mr. Lee Tait. PLS Survey Supervisor **Duquesne Light Company** 2515 Preble Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Dear Mr. Tait:

As the construction contact for Comcast, I am responding to your inquiry regarding a street vacation for a portion of Watson Street in the City of Pittsburgh, as described in your June 16, 2021, inquiry to Comcast.

As such, Comcast has no conflicts at this location regarding Duquesne Light's plans for this location, as we are aerial and on poles.

Please let us know if you need any further information or confirmation.

Thank you.

Gene Leví

Eugene Levi Comcast Cable Communications Inc Construction / Engineering Eugene Levi@cable.comcast.com 412-996-4188 (c)

Cc: Jennifer M. Cloonan, Director, External & Government Affairs Comcast – Keystone Region Jennifer Cloonan@comcast.com



Janice Saltzman
TEL 412.258.4669
MOBILE 412.580.9744
jsaltzman@peoples-gas.com

July 16, 2021

Karina Ricks, Director Department of Mobility and Infrastructure City of Pittsburgh 611 Second Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15219

RE:

Vacation of portion of Watson Street

4th Ward, City of Pittsburgh

Dear Ms. Ricks:

This letter is in response to a request that Peoples Natural Gas Company (Peoples) received from Duquesne Light Company regarding a request to vacate a portion of Watson Street at the above-referenced location.

Based on the drawings provided to Peoples, the proposed street vacation will not interfere with our gas facilities in this area.

Peoples has no objection to the proposed street vacation.

Sincerely, Jaltyman

Janice Saltzman
Land Department





To: Karina Ricks, Director of the Department of Mobility and

Infrastructure

From: William J. Pickering, PWSA Chief Executive Officer

Date: June 24, 2021

Subject: **Proposed Vacation of Watson Street** 

The following is in response to the attached 6/24/2021 request regarding the vacation of portions of Watson Street (formerly known as Beech Alley) in the 4th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh.

- 1. PWSA indicates that there are no PWSA waterlines within the proposed street vacation.
- 2. PWSA indicates that there is a 20" sewerline in the proposed Street Vacation location. PWSA has no objection to the vacation of said street.

The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) has no objection to vacation of the Watson Street right-of-way as described on the plan dated 4/28/2021 given that PWSA reserves the right to enter upon the ground for the maintenance, repair, or reconstruction of the sewer and associated manholes through the documented "Permanent PWSA Easement Area".

In order for PWSA to maintain accurate records in our mapping, we respectfully request confirmation of the Council approval or denial of this proposed vacation.

If approved by Council, please include the final resolution complete with assigned resolution number.

### Attachment

cc: Nicole Kolesar Jennifer Massacci, Department of Mobility and Infrastructure **PWSA File** 

