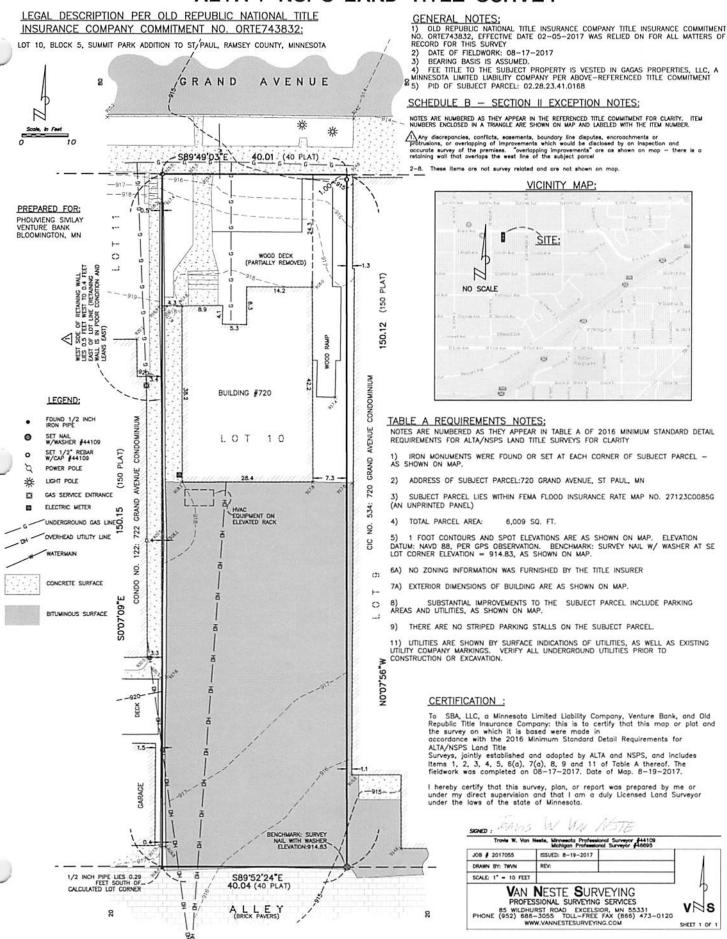
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The rule of lateral support.

Under the rule of lateral support, a landowner has an absolute right to the continued stability of the land in its natural condition and if a neighboring owner alters his or her land so as to remove the lateral support for the landowner's land, that neighbor is liable for any harm caused to the landowner's land. To prevent such damage, the neighbor responsible for making alterations which deprive the landowner's land of support may build a retaining wall. In such a case, the neighbor and all of the neighbor's successors in title, have a continuing duty to maintain that wall. A party who interferes with an owner's right to lateral support is strictly liable for resulting harm to the owner's land, without proof of negligence.