

EXPEDITED
MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

Address:	3929 Baltimore St., Kensington	Meeting Date:	11/13/2019
Resource:	Primary One (1880-1910) Resource (Kensington Historic District)	Report Date:	11/6/2019
Applicant:	Nate Engle (Cindy Elmore, Agent)	Public Notice:	10/30/2019
Review:	HAWP	Tax Credit:	No
Case Number:	31/06-19L	Staff:	Michael Kyne
PROPOSAL:	Tree removal		

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

☒ Approve
☐ Approve with conditions

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

SIGNIFICANCE: Primary One (1880-1910) Resource within the Kensington Historic District
STYLE: Queen Anne
DATE: 1898

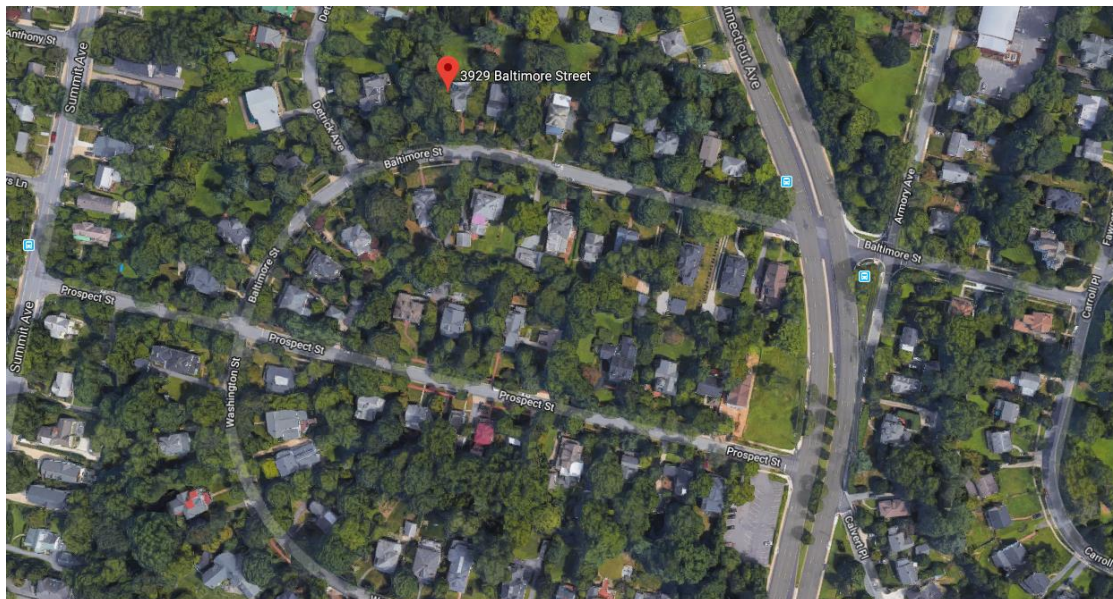


Fig. 1: Subject property.

PROPOSAL:

The applicant proposes to remove two sassafras trees from the rear of the subject property. One additional dead sassafras tree will be removed, but, due to its condition, is not subject to a HAWP.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES:**Policy On Use of Expedited Staff Reports for Simple HAWP Cases**

IV. The Expedited Staff Report format may be used on the following type of cases:

2. Modifications to a property, which do not significantly alter its visual character.
15. Landscaping, or the removal or modification of existing planting, that is compatible with the visual character of the historic site or district.

Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A-8

- (b) The commission shall instruct the director to issue a permit, or issue a permit subject to such conditions as are found to be necessary to insure conformity with the purposes and requirements of this chapter, if it finds that:
 - (1) The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of an historic site or historic resource within an historic district; or
 - (2) The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter; or
 - (3) The proposal would enhance or aid in the protection, preservation and public or private utilization of the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district in a manner compatible with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural value of the historic site or historic district in which an historic resource is located; or
 - (4) The proposal is necessary in order that unsafe conditions or health hazards be remedied; or
 - (5) The proposal is necessary in order that the owner of the subject property not be deprived of reasonable use of the property or suffer undue hardship; or
 - (6) In balancing the interests of the public in preserving the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district, with the interests of the public from the use and benefit of the alternative proposal, the general public welfare is better served by granting the permit.
- (c) It is not the intent of this chapter to limit new construction, alteration or repairs to any 1 period or architectural style.
- (d) In the case of an application for work on an historic resource located within an historic district, the commission shall be lenient in its judgment of plans for structures of little historical or design significance or for plans involving new construction, unless such plans would seriously impair the historic or architectural value of surrounding historic resources or would impair the character of the historic district. (*Ord. No. 9-4, § 1; Ord. No. 11-59.*)

Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation

The Secretary of the Interior defines rehabilitation as “the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features, which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values.” The *Standards* are as follows:

2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission **approve** the HAWP application under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b), (1), (2) & (d) having found that the proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of the historic resource and is compatible in character with the district and the purposes of Chapter 24A;

and with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation* #2;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall present the **3 permit sets of drawings, if applicable, to Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) staff for review and stamping** prior to submission for the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) building permits;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall notify the Historic Preservation Staff if they propose to make **any alterations** to the approved plans;

and with the general condition that final project design details, not specifically delineated by the Commission, shall be approved by HPC staff or brought back to the Commission as a revised HAWP application at staff's discretion.

Once the work is completed the applicant will contact the staff person assigned to this application at 301-563-3400 or michael.kyne@montgomeryplanning.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
301/563-3400

DPS - #8

APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

Contact Email: Dgregg2012@comcast.net Contact Person: Cindy Elmore
Daytime Phone No.: _____
Tax Account No.: _____
Name of Property Owner: Nate Engle Daytime Phone No.: 301-942-5164
Address: 3929 Baltimore St. Kensington MD 20895
Street Number City State Zip Code
Contractor: David Gregg LLC SWICO
Contractor Registration No.: Licence #4112 Phone No.: 240-480-4928
Agent for Owner: Cindy Elmore Daytime Phone No.: 301-942-5164
David Gregg LLC
LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE
House Number: 3929 Baltimore St.
Town/City: Kensington Nearest Cross Street: DuPont Ave
Lot: _____ Block: _____ Subdivision: _____
Liber: _____ Folio: _____ Parcel: _____

PART ONE: TYPE OF PERMIT ACTION AND USE

1A. CHECK ALL APPLICABLE:

- ☐ Construct ☐ Extend ☐ Alter/Renovate
☐ Move ☐ Install ☐ Wreck/Rebuild
☐ Revision ☐ Repair ☐ Revocable

CHECK ALL APPLICABLE:

- ☐ A/C ☐ Slab ☐ Room Addition ☐ Porch ☐ Deck ☐ Shed
☐ Solar ☐ Fireplace ☐ Woodburning Stove ☐ Single Family
☐ Fence/Wall (complete Section 4) ☒ Other: Tree Removal

1B. Construction cost estimate: \$ _____

1C. If this is a revision of a previously approved active permit, see Permit # _____

PART TWO: COMPLETE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND EXTEND/ADDITIONS

2A. Type of sewage disposal: 01 ☐ WSSC 02 ☐ Septic 03 ☐ Other: _____
2B. Type of water supply: 01 ☐ WSSC 02 ☐ Well 03 ☐ Other: _____

PART THREE: COMPLETE ONLY FOR FENCE/RETAINING WALL

3A. Height _____ feet _____ inches

3B. Indicate whether the fence or retaining wall is to be constructed on one of the following locations:

- ☐ On party line/property line ☐ Entirely on land of owner ☐ On public right of way/easement

I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct, and that the construction will comply with plans approved by all agencies listed and I hereby acknowledge and accept this to be a condition for the issuance of this permit.

Cindy L. Elmore
Signature of owner or authorized agent

10/22/19
Date

Approved: _____ For Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission

Disapproved: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application/Permit No.: _____ Date Filed: _____ Date Issued: _____

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND THE
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.**

1. WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

- a. Description of existing structure(s) and environmental setting, including their historical features and significance:

Remove 2 Sassafras trees in
backyard, encroaching on Historic
Magnolia
No Structures - there is a fence
A other foliage that will not
be affected.

- b. General description of project and its effect on the historic resource(s), the environmental setting, and, where applicable, the historic district:

Remove 2 Sassafras to Clear
Historic Magnolia.

2. SITE PLAN

Site and environmental setting, drawn to scale. You may use your plot. Your site plan must include:

- a. the scale, north arrow, and date;
- b. dimensions of all existing and proposed structures; and
- c. site features such as walkways, driveways, fences, ponds, streams, trash dumpsters, mechanical equipment, and landscaping.

3. PLANS AND ELEVATIONS

You must submit 2 copies of plans and elevations in a format no larger than 11" x 17". Plans on 8 1/2" x 11" paper are preferred.

- a. Schematic construction plans, with marked dimensions, indicating location, size and general type of walls, window and door openings, and other fixed features of both the existing resource(s) and the proposed work.
- b. Elevations (facades), with marked dimensions, clearly indicating proposed work in relation to existing construction and, when appropriate, context. All materials and fixtures proposed for the exterior must be noted on the elevations drawings. An existing and a proposed elevation drawing of each facade affected by the proposed work is required.

4. MATERIALS SPECIFICATIONS

General description of materials and manufactured items proposed for incorporation in the work of the project. This information may be included on your design drawings.

5. PHOTOGRAPHS

- a. Clearly labeled photographic prints of each facade of existing resource, including details of the affected portions. All labels should be placed on the front of photographs.
- b. Clearly label photographic prints of the resource as viewed from the public right-of-way and of the adjoining properties. All labels should be placed on the front of photographs.

6. TREE SURVEY

If you are proposing construction adjacent to or within the dripline of any tree 6" or larger in diameter (at approximately 4 feet above the ground), you must file an accurate tree survey identifying the size, location, and species of each tree of at least that dimension.

7. ADDRESSES OF ADJACENT AND CONFRONTING PROPERTY OWNERS

For ALL projects, provide an accurate list of adjacent and confronting property owners (not tenants), including names, addresses, and zip codes. This list should include the owners of all lots or parcels which adjoin the parcel in question, as well as the owner(s) of lot(s) or parcel(s) which lie directly across the street/highway from the parcel in question.

PLEASE PRINT (IN BLUE OR BLACK INK) OR TYPE THIS INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.
PLEASE STAY WITHIN THE GUIDES OF THE TEMPLATE, AS THIS WILL BE PHOTOCOPIED DIRECTLY ONTO MAILING LABELS.

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House Location Plat
Lot 14 - Block 10
KENSINGTON PARK
Montgomery County
Maryland

EXISTING

Date August 11, 1978

Case No. 14116-78

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

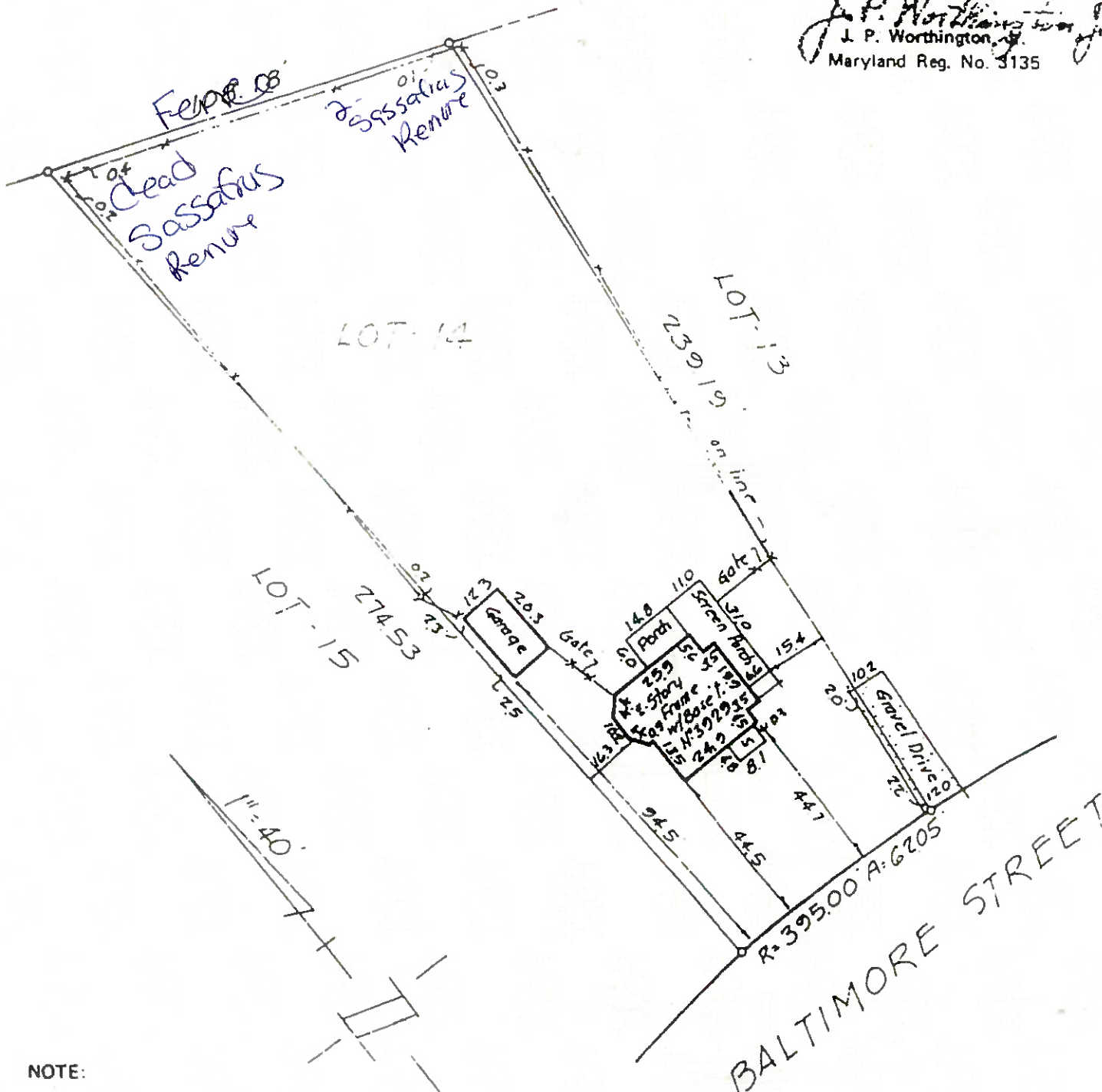
We hereby certify that we have carefully surveyed the property shown hereon in accordance with the descriptions of record and; have located all of the improvements shown hereon by transit-tape survey and; that there are no encroachments either way across property lines other than shown.

Plat Book B
Plat 4

WORTHINGTON & ASSOCIATES, INC.

• Land Surveyors •
Rockville, Maryland

J. P. Worthington
J. P. Worthington
Maryland Reg. No. 3135



NOTE:
No property corners have been set
by this survey unless otherwise noted

File No 18-046

EXISTING



David Gregg Tree Service

4421 Independence St.
Rockville MD. 20853
License #412 and Insured
Office 301/942-5164 Fax 301/942-5759

To: Historic Preservation commission	<u>Date</u> 10/18/19
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<p>Site Location: 3929 Baltimore Ave. Kensington MD 20853</p> <p>Homeowner: Nate Engle</p> <p>We are requesting permits for the removal of 3 Sassafras trees located in the very back of the property by the fence, 1 to the left corner is dead. The other 2 are encroaching on the historic magnolia tree located in front of the sassafras trees. No other structures or trees would be disturbed.</p>	
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Historic
magnolia
that
needs more
room

