## MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 4811 Cumberland Ave., Chevy Chase Meeting Date: 7/15/2020

**Resource:** Primary (Pre-1915) Resource **Report Date:** 7/8/2020

(Somerset Historic District)

**Public Notice:** 7/1/2020

**Applicant:** James Belikove & Vanessa Piala

(Jason Arce, Agent) Tax Credit: N/A

Review: Preliminary Consultation Staff: Michael Kyne

Case Number: N/A

**PROPOSAL:** Construction of new rear addition, hardscape alteration

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the applicants make any revisions based upon the HPC's comments and return with a HAWP application.

### **ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:**

SIGNIFICANCE: Primary (Pre-1915) Resource within the Somerset District

DATE: c. 1917



Fig. 1: Subject property, as marked by the blue star.

#### **PROPOSAL:**

The applicants propose a new rear addition and hardscape alterations at the subject property.

#### **APPLICABLE GUIDELINES:**

When reviewing alterations and new construction within the Somerset Historic District several documents are to be utilized as guidelines to assist the Commission in developing their decision. These documents include *Montgomery County Code Chapter 24A* (*Chapter 24A*), and *the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (Standards)*. The pertinent information in these documents is outlined below.

#### Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A-8

- (a) The commission shall instruct the director to deny a permit if it finds, based on the evidence and information presented to or before the commission that the alteration for which the permit is sought would be inappropriate, inconsistent with or detrimental to the preservation, enhancement or ultimate protection of the historic site or historic resource within an historic district, and to the purposes of this chapter.
- (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 the 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." Standards 2, 9, and 10 most directly apply to the application before the commission:

- #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.
- #9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.
- #10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

#### **STAFF DISCUSSION:**

The applicants propose to remove an existing porch from the rear/right (northeast) corner of the house. Additionally, the applicants propose to remove an existing walkway connecting the porch to be removed to another porch in the rear/left (northwest) corner of the house. A new one-story building addition is proposed in place of the porch and walkway to be removed. A bay window on the right (east) side of the house will also be removed, with French doors installed in its place. Although the application states that there have been three or four previous additions to the historic house, it is unclear whether the features to be removed are original to the house or previous additions.

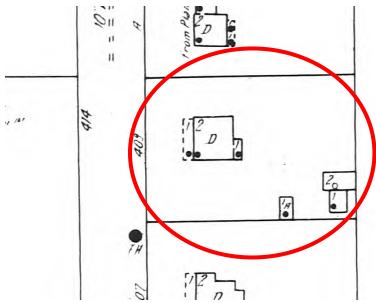
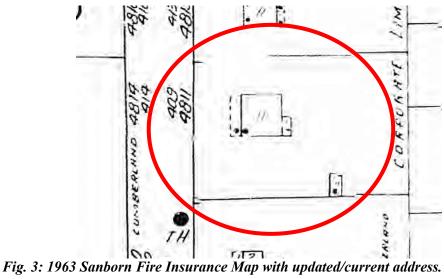


Fig. 2: 1927 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map.



The applicants also propose to replace an existing crumbling stone wall at the east property line. According to the submitted photographs, at least a portion of the exiting stone wall has a wooden picket fence on top of it. The application states that stone retaining wall will be replaced with a similar retaining wall, but specifications for the replacement retaining wall have not been submitted. The applicants have also not indicated whether fencing is proposed on top of the replacement retaining wall.

Staff seeks additional information from the applicants regarding the date of construction of the features to be removed (i.e., porch, walkway, bay window). Staff also seeks additional regarding the proposed replacement retaining wall information (i.e., height, materials, fencing or other features). Staff asks for the Commission's guidance regarding the proposed demolition/alterations, based upon any additional information provided by the applicants.

Staff seeks the Commission's guidance regarding the appropriateness of the proposed location for the new addition. The Commission typically requires additions to be entirely at the rear and inset from each corner of the historic house. This reduces the visibility of additions from the public right-of-way and ensures that they do not detract from the historic house or surrounding streetscape. As depicted in the submitted plans, the proposed addition will project beyond the right (east) side of the historic house. The applicants have not indicated whether there are setback or programming requirements that preclude an addition entirely at the rear.

Material specifications for the proposed addition have not been submitted as of this writing. In order to determine appropriateness and compatibility, staff asks for specifications for all proposed building materials, including siding, roofing, doors, and windows.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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# **APPLICATION FOR** HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301.563.3400

APPLICANT:	AP	PL	IC/	AN	T:
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LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE: MIHI			
Is the Property Located within an Historic Is there an Historic Preservation/Land Trus map of the easement, and documentation	District?Yes/Dist No/Indiv st/Environmental Ea	trict Name Somer vidual Site Name sement on the Proper	ty? If YES, include a
Are other Planning and/or Hearing Examin (Conditional Use, Variance, Record Plat, etc supplemental information.			
Building Number:	Street:		
Town/City:	Nearest Cross Stree	t:	
Lot: Block:	Subdivision:	_ Parcel:	
Addition Fence Demolition Hards Grading/Excavation Roof I hereby certify that I have the authority to and accurate and that the construction will	this application. In oply: /Porch e scape/Landscape o make the foregoing ill comply with plans	Shed/Garage Solar Tree removal, Window/Door Other: Retaining g application, that the	ons will not /Accessory Structure /planting r   wall application is corrected by all necessary
agencies and hereby acknowledge and ac	cept this to be a col	101tion for the Issuand 06.24.20	e or this permit.

Signature of owner or authorized agent

Description of Property: Please describe the building and surrounding environment. Include information on significant structures, landscape features, or other significant features of the property:

The house is a historic house that has had 3-4 additions in the past. There is a slope up on the right side of the property that leads to the neighbors property. This is being held up by a masonry wall that is completely crumbling. The rear yard (location of proposed addition) is flat.

Description of Work Proposed: Please give an overview of the work to be undertaken:

The first floor will be reconfigured to provide better circulation and unify a chopped up floor plan which includes relocating the kitchen, powder room and laundry/mud room. We are proposing a master suite addition off of the back in order for the owners to have a home that they can age in place in, avoiding stairs. The existing retaining wall on the right side of the property will be replaced with a similar retaining wall.

## Work Item 1: First floor renovation

Description of Current Condition: Poor

circulation with very narrow cooridors (not wheel chair friendly). Very dark floor layout Proposed Work: Open up the floor plan to provide a wheel chair friendly layout allowing more light to come in. Relocation of kitchen, powder room and laundry room for better circulation and open space.

## Work Item 2: Master suite addition

Description of Current Condition: Existing

master
bedroom is
upstairs and is
becoming hard
for owners to
move up and
down stairs

Proposed Work: First floor addition off of the back of the house will allow for owners to age in place and be wheel chair friendly.

Master suite will be taking the place of an existing rear roofed porch that will be removed. No trees will be affected.

# Work Item 3: Replacement of retaining wall

Description of Current Condition: Existing

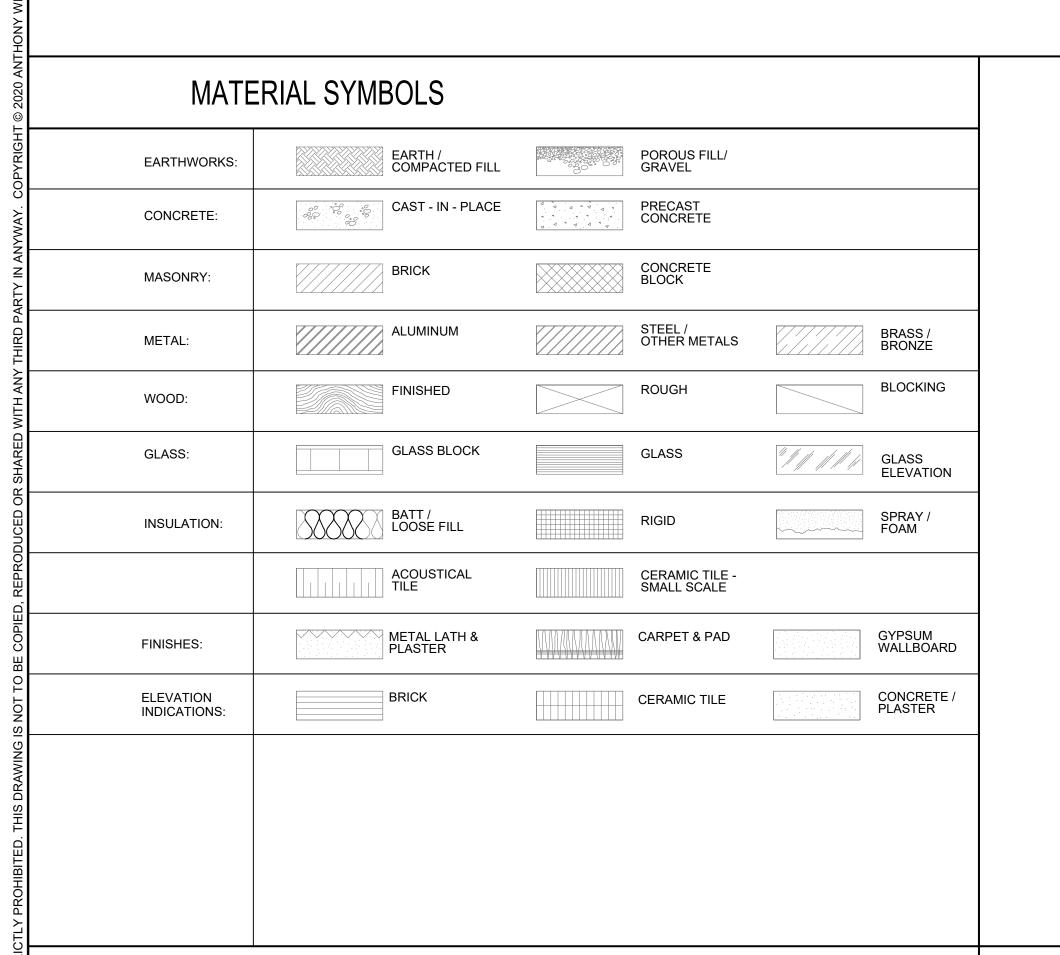
retaining wall
is crumbling
and damaging
the existing
landscape and
allowing the
neighbors
water run off
to accumulate
on the property

Proposed Work:Replace the existing masonry wall with a similar masonry wall. Wall will be hand dug to avoid damaging or removing any existing trees

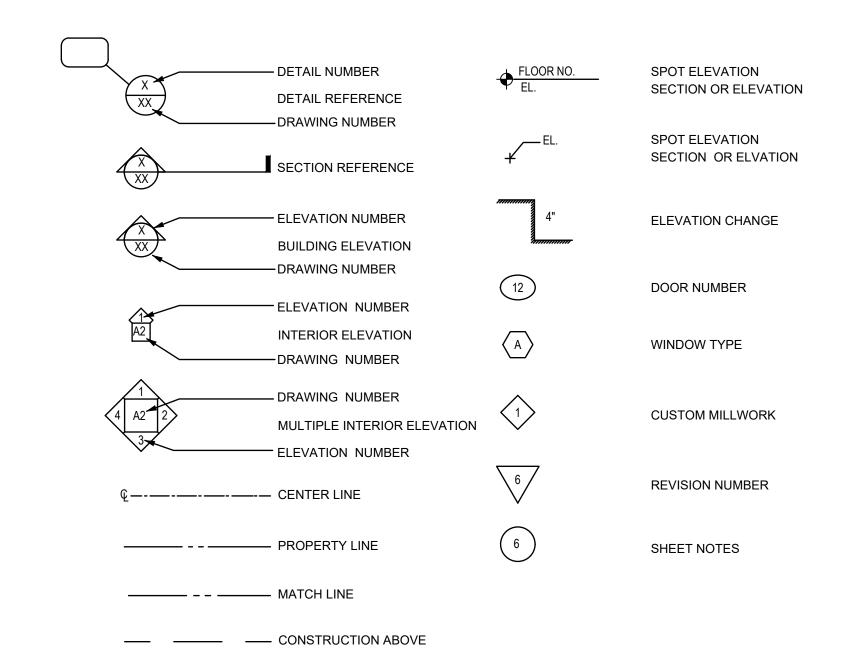
## HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT CHECKLIST OF APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

	Required Attachments						
Proposed Work	I. Written Description	2. Site Plan	3. Plans/ Elevations	4. Material Specifications	5. Photographs	6. Tree Survey	7. Property Owner Addresses
New Construction	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Additions/ Alterations	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Demolition	*	*	*		*		*
Deck/Porch	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Fence/Wall	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Driveway/ Parking Area	*	*		*	*	*	*
Grading/Exc avation/Land scaing	*	*		*	*	*	*
Tree Removal	*	*		*	*	*	*
Siding/ Roof Changes	*	*	*	*	*		*
Window/ Door Changes	*	*	*	*	*		*
Masonry Repair/ Repoint	*	*	*	*	*	852	*
Signs	*	*	*	*	*		*

# Belikove-Piala Residence







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**Zoning Regulations**: Montgomery County Code, Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 59

**APPLICABLE ZONING REGULATIONS:** 

**ZONING SUMMARY** 

**MAIN BUILDING:** Allowable Street Setback:

**Existing Street Setback: Proposed Street Setback:** 

Existing Side Yard:

Zoning District:

Allowable Side Yard: 8' - 18' Total Minimum

R-60

**Proposed Side Yard:** 

Allowable Rear Yard: **Existing Rear Yard:** 

Allowable Building Height: 30' measured to mean height between the eaves and ridge

Existing Building Height:

**Proposed Rear Yard:** 

Proposed Building Height:

Allowable Lot Occupancy: 35%

Existing Lot Occupancy:

Proposed Lot Occupancy:

**REVISIONS** 

LIST OF DRAWINGS

COVER SHEET

BASEMENT DEMOLITION PLAN

FIRST FLOOR DEMOLITION PLAN

PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR PLAN

EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS

PROPOSED SECOND FLOOR PLAN

PROPOSED BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN

SECOND FLOOR/ROOF DEMOLITION PLAN

SITE PLAN

# PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Location: 4811 Cumberland Ave., Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815

Lot Description: Somerset Heights, Lot 11, Block 1

Site Area: 15,563 sf

Jim Belikove & Vanessa Piala

## SCOPE OF DESIGN

Addition with new Master Suite off back of house Renovate main floor to add new kitchen, laundry room, mud room,

powder room, butler's pantry, and office Existing retaining wall on right side of the property to be removed

## CODE INFO

## DESIGNED PER IRC & IECC 2015

LOADS, IRC 2015 & MONTGOMERY COUNTY AMENDMENTS LIVE LOADS:

LIVING AREA: 40 PSF ROOF: 30 PSF LATERAL LOADS:

WIND PER IRC 115 MPH

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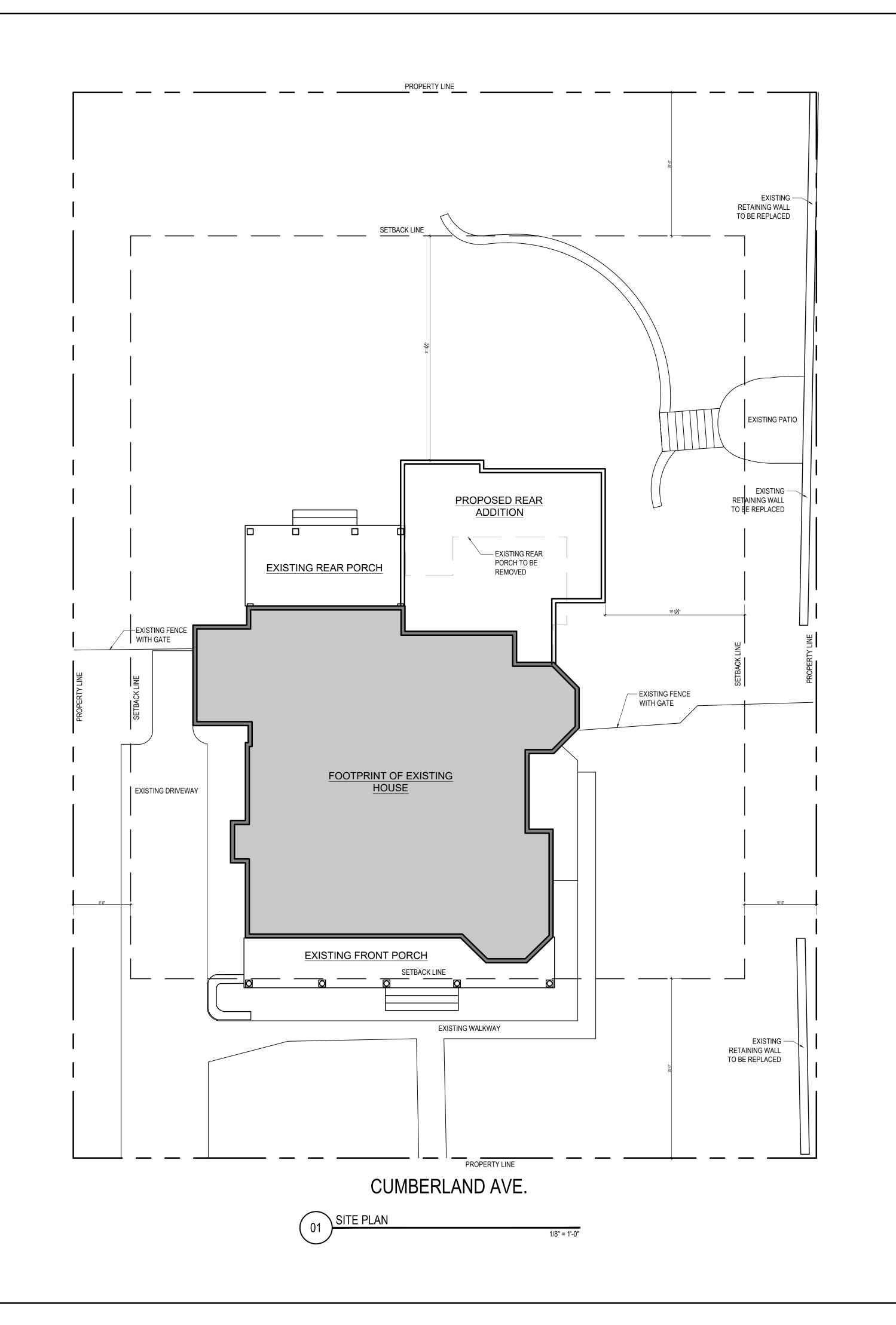
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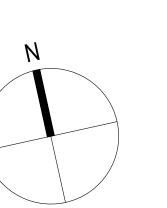
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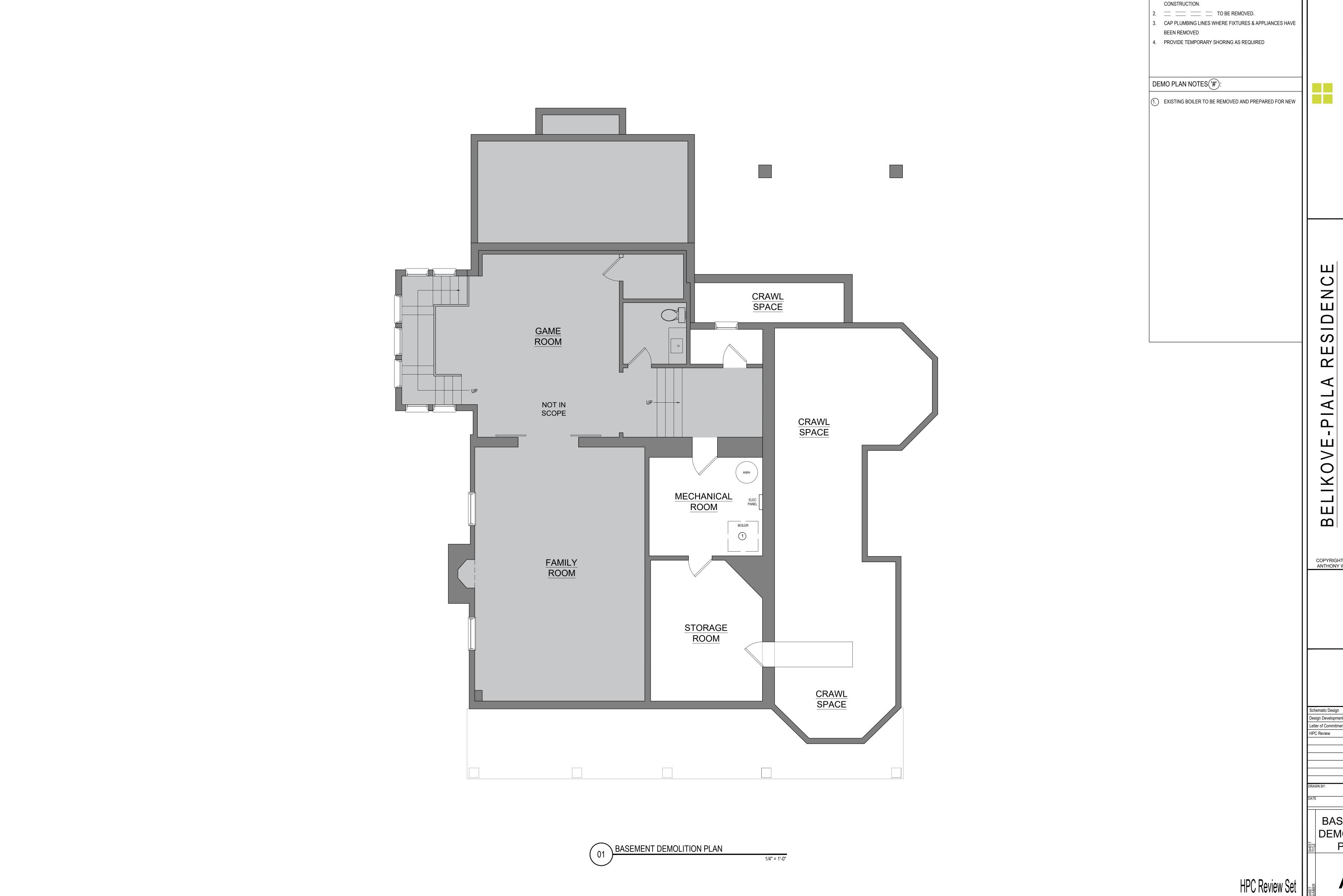
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Letter of Commitment June 23, 2020 May 27, 2020 June 11, 2020

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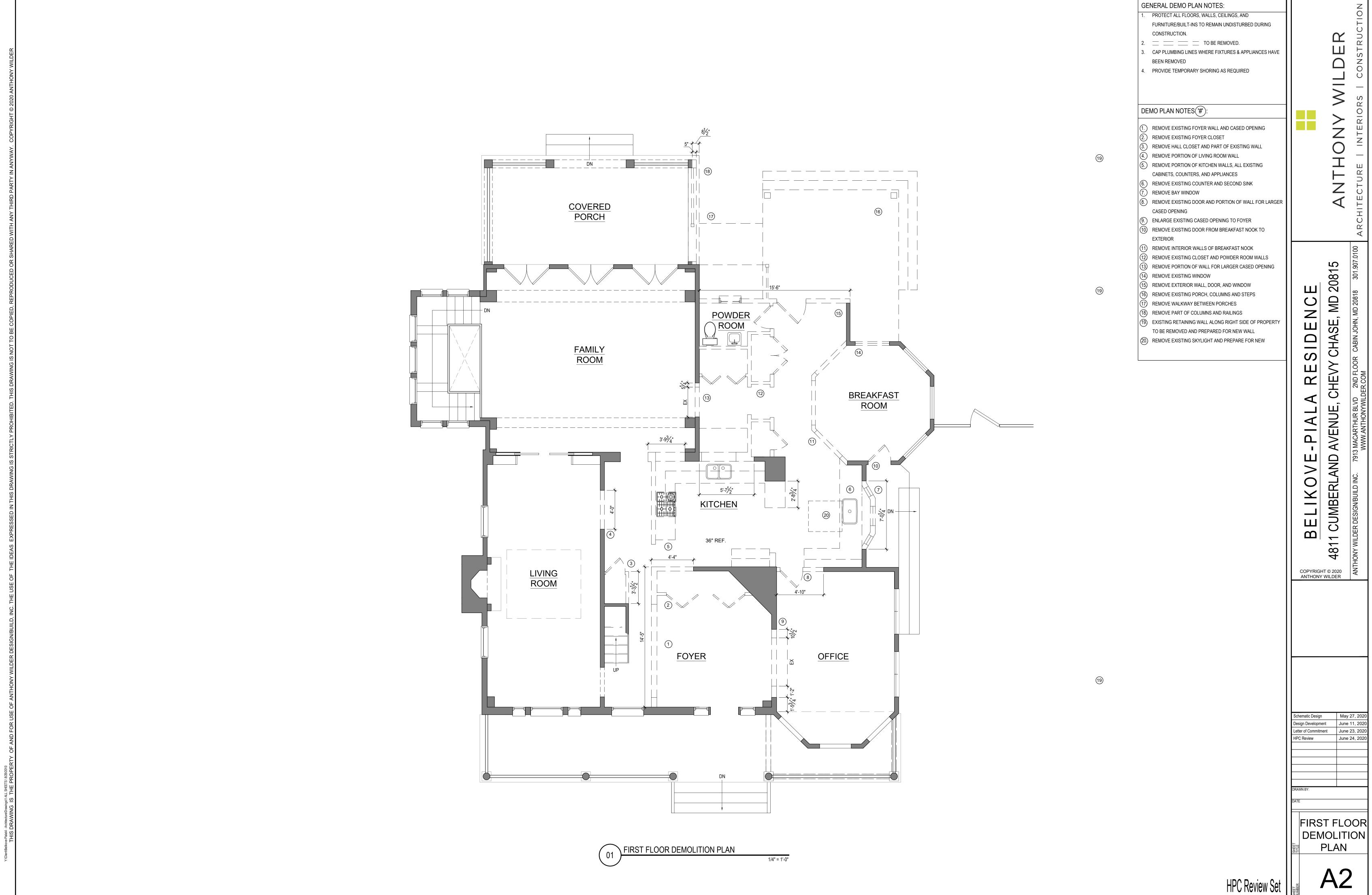


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GENERAL DEMO PLAN NOTES:

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PROPOSED BASEMENT PLAN

1/4" = 1'-0"

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WALLS TO REMAIN.

NEW WALLS - EXTERIOR WALLS 2x6 @ 16" O.C. U.O.N.; NON BEARING AND BEARING INTERIOR WALLS 2x4 or 2x6 @ 16" O.C.

4. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE TO FACE OF STUD U.O.N. <u>VERIFY ALL</u> DIMENSIONS IN FIELD.

RELOCATE MECHANICAL DUCTS AND PLUMBING AS REQUIRED.

6. PROVIDE NEW WOOD FLOOR TO MATCH EXISTING IF NOT ENOUGH EXISTING CAN BE SALVAGED DURING DEMO. WINDOW AND DOOR TRIM, BASE AND CROWN: SEE FINISH

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12. GLASS SHOWERS ENCLOSURES

12.1. MINIMUM ¾" THICK DOORS 12.2. MINIMUM ½" THICK STATIONARY PANELS

ARCHITECTURE PLAN NOTES (#):

1. BOILER/FURNACE TO BE REPLACED IF NECESSARY 2. EXISTING CRAWL SPACE TO BE INSULATED AND

SEMI-CONDITIONED

(3.) FOUNDATION TO BE INSPECTED FOR WATER DAMAGE

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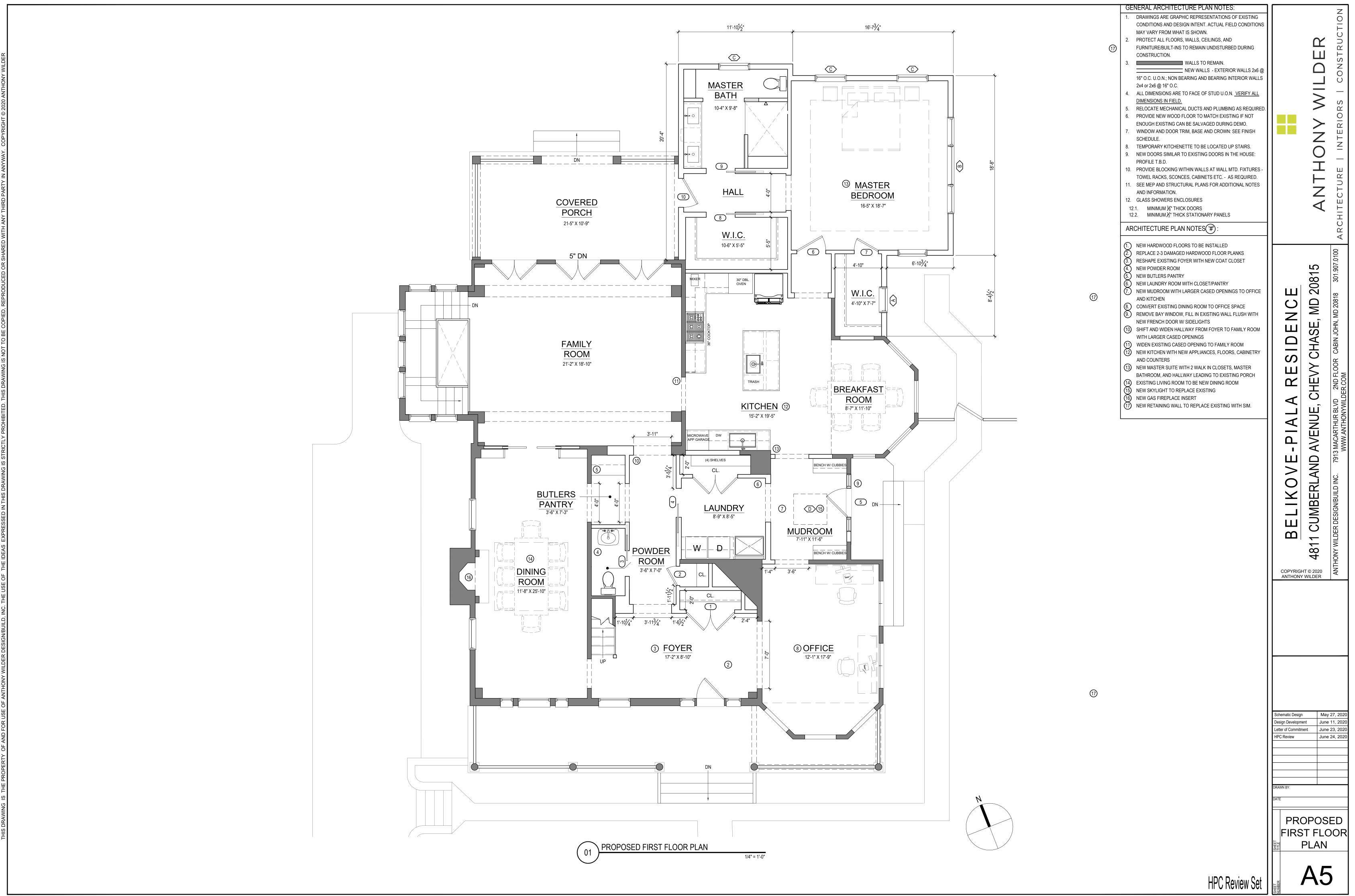
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EXISTING SECOND FLOOR & PROPOSED ROOF PLAN

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## ARCHITECTURE PLAN NOTES(#):

- 1.) NEW HARDWOOD FLOORS TO BE INSTALLED
- (3.) EXISTING ROOFS TO REMAIN

(2.) NEW ROOF OVER ADDITION TO TIE INTO EXISTING

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PROPOSED SECOND FLOOR PLAN

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