Preliminary Consultation MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 3 Primrose Street, Chevy Chase Meeting Date: 3/24/2021

Resource: Contributing Resource **Report Date:** 3/17/2021

Chevy Chase Village Historic District

Public Notice: 3/10/2021

Applicant: William Curtin

Outerbridge Horsey, Architect

Review: Preliminary Consultation **Staff:** Dan Bruechert

PROPOSAL: Building Modifications

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the applicant make any modifications recommended by the HPC and return for a HAWP.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

SIGNIFICANCE: Contributing Resource within the Chevy Chase Village Historic District

STYLE: Tudor Revival

DATE: 1918



Fig. 1: 3 Primrose St.

PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes work in the following areas:

- Construction of a vestibule addition at the rear;
- A new window assembly on the east side of the house; and,
- The construction of a new dormer on the west roof slope,

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

When reviewing alterations and new construction within the Chevy Chase Village Historic District several documents are to be utilized as guidelines to assist the Commission in developing their decision. These documents include the historic preservation review guidelines in the approved and adopted amendment for the Chevy Chase Village Historic District (*Guidelines*), *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.

Chevy Chase Village Historic District Guidelines

The *Guidelines* break down specific projects into three levels of review - Lenient, Moderate and Strict Scrutiny.

"Lenient Scrutiny" means that the emphasis of the review should be on issues of general massing and scale, and compatibility with the surrounding streetscape, and should allow for a very liberal interpretation of preservation rules. Most changes should be permitted unless there are major problems with massing, scale or compatibility.

"Moderate Scrutiny" involves a higher standard of review than "lenient scrutiny." Besides issues of massing, scale and compatibility, preserving the integrity of the resource is taken into account. Alterations should be designed so that the altered structure still contributes to the district. Use of compatible new materials, rather than the original building materials, should be permitted. Planned changes should be compatible with the structure's existing design, but should not be required to replicate its architectural style.

"Strict Scrutiny" means that the planned changes should be reviewed to insure that the integrity of the significant exterior architectural or landscaping features and details is not compromised. However, strict scrutiny should not be "strict in theory but fatal in fact" i.e. it does not mean that there can be no changes but simply that the proposed changes should be reviewed with extra care.

- o <u>Dormers</u> should be subject to moderate scrutiny if they are visible from the public right-of-way, lenient scrutiny if they are not.
- Exterior trim (such as moldings on doors and windows) on contributing resources should be subject to moderate scrutiny if it is visible from the public right-of-way, lenient scrutiny if it is not. Exterior trim on Outstanding resources should be subject to strict scrutiny if it is visible from the public right-of-way.
- Roofing materials should be subject to moderate scrutiny if they are visible from the public right-of-way, lenient scrutiny if they are not. In general, materials differing from the original should be approved for contributing resources. These guidelines recognize that for outstanding resources replacement in kind is always advocated
- o <u>Siding</u> should be subject to moderate scrutiny if it is visible from the public right-of-way, lenient scrutiny if it is not.
- o <u>Windows</u> (including window replacement) should be subject to moderate scrutiny if they are visible from the public right-of-way, lenient scrutiny if they are not. Addition of compatible

exterior storm windows should be encouraged, whether visible from the public-right-of-way or not. Vinyl and aluminum windows (other than storm windows) should be discouraged.

- The *Guidelines* state five basic policies that should be adhered to, including:
 - Preserving the integrity of the Chevy Chase Village Historic District. Any alterations should, at a minimum, perpetuate the ability to perceive the sense of time and place portrayed by the district.
 - o Preserving the integrity of contributing structures. Alterations to should be designed in such a way that the altered structure still contributes to the district.
 - o Maintaining the variety of architectural styles and the tradition of architectural excellence.
 - o Design review emphasis should be restricted to changes that will be visible from the front or side public right-of-way, or that would be visible in the absence of vegetation or landscaping.
 - Alterations to the portion of a property that are not visible from the public-right-of-way should be subject to a very lenient review. Most changes to the rear of the properties should be approved as a matter of course.

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
- (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.

Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation:

#2: The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.

#9: New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

#10: New additions and adjacent or related new construction will 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 subject property is a Tudor Revival house with an asymmetrical front gable roof with a side gable

roof projecting to the right. While the scope of work identified above includes three items, Staff finds that the new rear vestibule and window assembly on the east elevation are toward the rear of the house, are not visible from the right-of-way, and should be approved when they come in for a HAWP as these alterations are designed in a compatible manner constructed of appropriate materials. The primary area under consideration for this preliminary consultation is the construction of a dormer on the left (west) roof slope of the front, asymmetrical gable.

The applicant provided several precedent images of dormer additions within the Chevy Chase Village Historic District with the application materials.

The first question for the HPC to consider is whether or not a dormer in the proposed location is acceptable under the *Design Guidelines*. Staff finds that under a review of moderate scrutiny, it can be, provided the design preserves the historic roof outline and is constructed using compatible materials.

The submitted drawings include three design concepts for the HPC's consideration. All three options would match the stucco walls and slate roof found throughout the house. The Options are as follows:

- Option 1: a single shed dormer;
- Option 2: a pair of smaller gables with a shed roof in the center; and,
- Option 3: a pair of large gables with half-timbering.

Under a moderate scrutiny review, Staff finds that any of the three designs are approvable. Staff strongly supports Option 1 because its simple form will better blend in with the historic house without calling undue attention to a new architectural element that will be very visible from the streetscape. Staff finds Options 2 and 3, while well-designed, create additional roof shapes that could visually distract from the already complex house form.

Staff requests the HPC feedback on:

- Whether a dormer can be supported under the *Design Guidelines*?
- If the Commissioners support one design over the others? Or
 - o If the Commissioners find one design to be incompatible with the historic character of the house or the surrounding district.
- Any comments on the alterations to the window assembly or rear vestibule.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends the applicant makes revisions based on the HPC's feedback and returns for a HAWP.



APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301.563.3400

DATE ASSIGNED____

FOR STAFF ONLY:

HAWP#__

APPLICANT:

Name:	william.curtin@hoganlovells.com
3 Primrose Street Address:	E-mail:
202-257-6600 Daytime Phone:	03248663
AGENT/CONTACT (if applicable):	
Outerbridge Horsey Name:	oh@outerbridgehorsey.com E-mail:
1228 1/2 31st Street, NW Address:	Washington, DC 20007
202-714-4826	7663 Architect
Daytime Phone:	Contractor Registration No.: 3 Primrose Street P # of Historic Property
Is there an Historic Preservation/Land Trus	Chevy Chase Villa District?Yes/District NameNo/Individual Site Name st/Environmental Easement on the Property? If YES, include a from the Easement Holder supporting this application.
<u> </u>	er Approvals / Reviews Required as part of this Application? c.?) If YES, include information on these reviews as
supplemental information.	
3	Primrose Street:
Building Number: \$ Chevy Chase	Connecticut Avenue Nearest Cross Street:

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 existing house is a single family house built in 1916-27 in the Tudor Revival style. It sits on the north side of Primrose Street, near the intersection with Connecticut Avenue. The driveway is on the east side of the house and well-maintained formal gardens extend front to back on the west side of the property. The house has an asymmetrical front gable which rises from one story on the west to a two-story peak above two-story bay window in the center. The front door is set back from the front of the house at the base of a two-story gabled wing that faces east. A second story bay extends over the driveway and side entrance on the east side. All of the doors in the existing house and rear addition are wood and all of the windows are double hung wood windows with the exception of the metal casement windows in the two-story front bay window. A rear addition and garage were added to the property in 2011.

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

The work proposed includes the following:

- A new vestibule addition with wood doors and windows at the rear of the east side of the house (Lenient Scrutiny)
- A dormer addition to the west side of the front wing (Moderate Scrutiny)
- A new wood window assembly to replace the existing east-side kitchen double window along the driveway to the rear. (Lenient Scrutiny)

There are three design options provided for the proposed west dormer, all of which are taken from examples gathered in the immediate area of historic Chevy Chase Village, photos of which are included at the end of the submission packet (area bordered by Quincy Street on the north, Brookville Road on the east, East Kirke Street on the south and Connecticut Avenue on the west).

Within the Moderate Scrutiny that the proposed dormer is subject to, two areas of relevance could be considered.

- a. The proposed dormer in the overall context of the architectural vocabulary of Chevy Chase which has houses in a variety of architectural styles, many of which have dormers of varying sizes that are an original, integral part of the house design. This context might dictate a dormer style that is in keeping with the overall architectural style of the house. Sheet P 200 in the submission has many such examples.
- b. The proposed dormer in the more limited context of dormers which are non-original, later additions to an earlier structure. This context might dictate a dormer style that deviates from the style of the existing house or that is otherwise easily distinguishable as a later addition. Sheet P 300 has 3 4 examples.

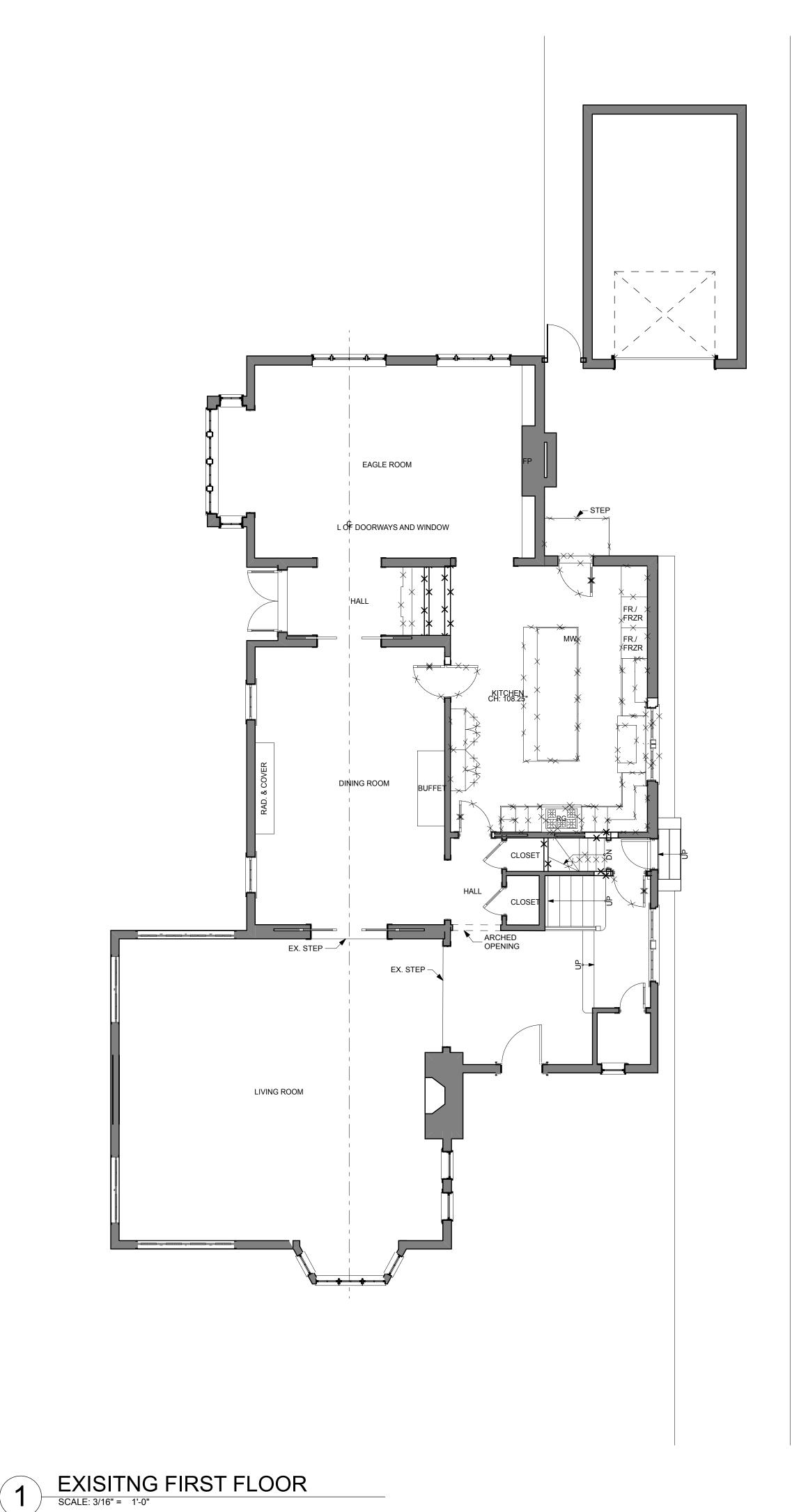
Given the position of the proposed dormers on the expansive slate roof of the asymmetrical front gable, near to the front of the house, we believe that a dormer designed in a style that is keeping with the overall architectural style of the house and perhaps not as easily distinguishable as a later addition is the better course of action so that the overall stylistic harmony and composition of the house is maintained and perhaps even embellished. The proposed dormer could be seen as providing a balance on the west side of the house to the large two-story, set-back, east wing. The roof material of the dormer would match the existing slate and the dormer walls would match the existing stucco and painted trim. The windows would be wood casement windows.

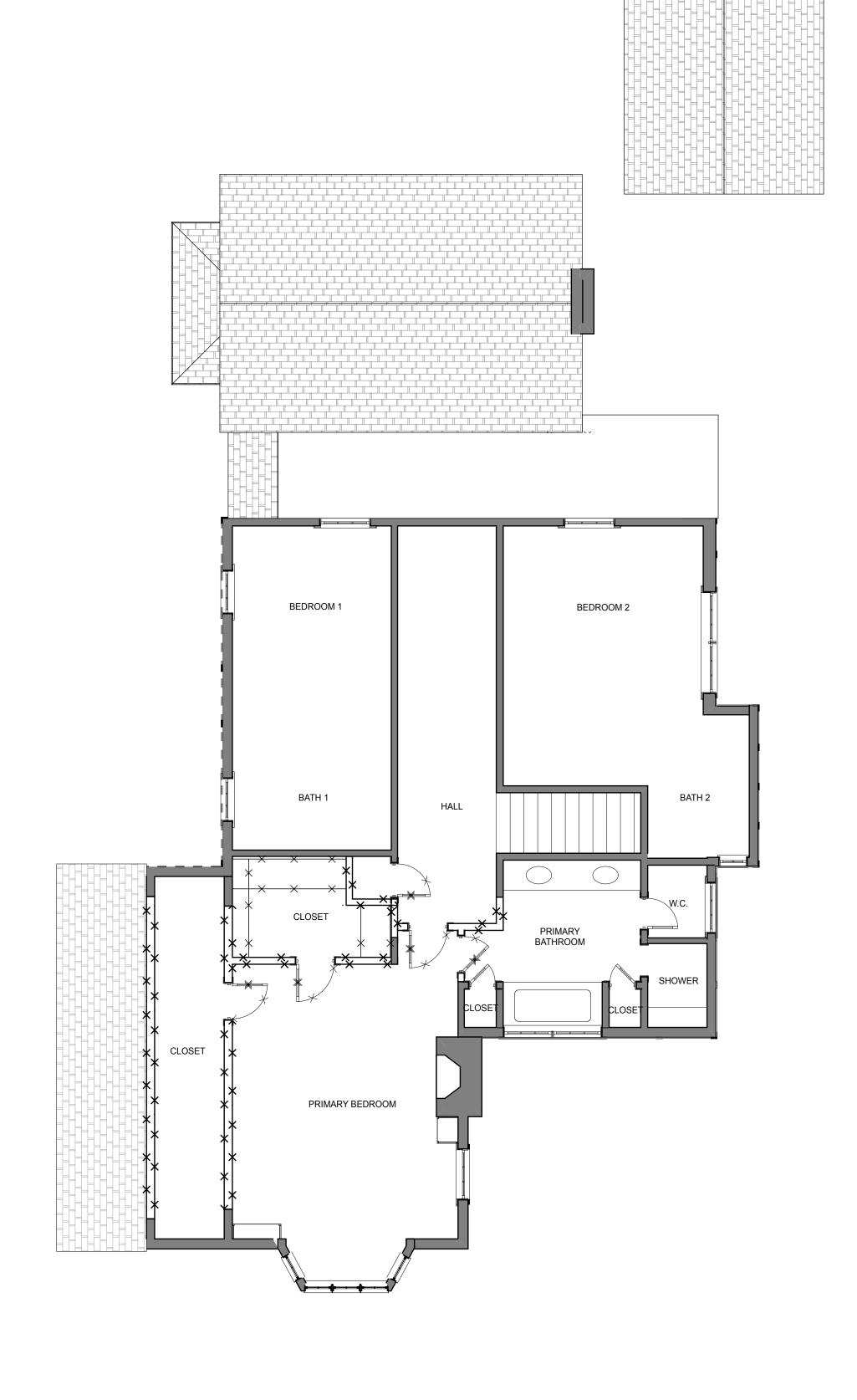
We believe that all three dormers design options meet the standard for Moderate scrutiny and are compatible with the character of the Chevy Chase Village historic district.

		_
Tork Item 1:		
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:	
Work Item 2:		
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:	
Work Item 3:		
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:	

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	*	*	*	*	*		*
Signs	*	*	*	*	*		*





1228 ¹/₂ 31st STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20007 TEL 202-337-7334 FAX 202-337-7331 www.outerbridgehorsey.com COPYRIGHT 2021 OUTERBRIDGE HORSEY ASSOCIATES, PLLC

CONSULTANTS:

3 PRIMROSE ST.

CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

DRAWING TITLE:

EXISTING PLANS

SCALE: AS NOTED

SHEET NO. D100

2 EXISTING SECOND FLOOR

SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"





2 EXISTING WEST ELEVATION

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

OUTERBRIDGE HORSEY ASSOCIATES, PLLC

1228 ¹/₂ 31st STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20007 TEL 202-337-7334 FAX 202-337-7331 www.outerbridgehorsey.com

COPYRIGHT 2021 OUTERBRIDGE HORSEY ASSOCIATES, PLLC

CONSULTANTS:

3 PRIMROSE ST.

CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

DRAWING TITLE:

EXISTING SOUTH
AND WEST
ELEVATIONS

SCALE: AS NOTED

ISSUE	DATE

PRINT DATE 3/4/21

SHEET NO.

D200





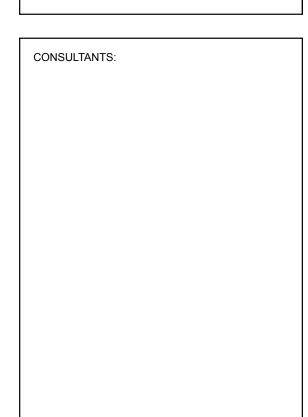
2 EXISTING EAST ELEVATION

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

OUTERBRIDGE HORSEY ASSOCIATES, PLLC

1228 ¹/₂ 31st STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20007 TEL 202-337-7334 FAX 202-337-7331 www.outerbridgehorsey.com

COPYRIGHT 2021 OUTERBRIDGE HORSEY ASSOCIATES, PLLC



3 PRIMROSE ST.

CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

DRAWING TITLE:

EXISTING NORTH AND EAST ELEVATIONS

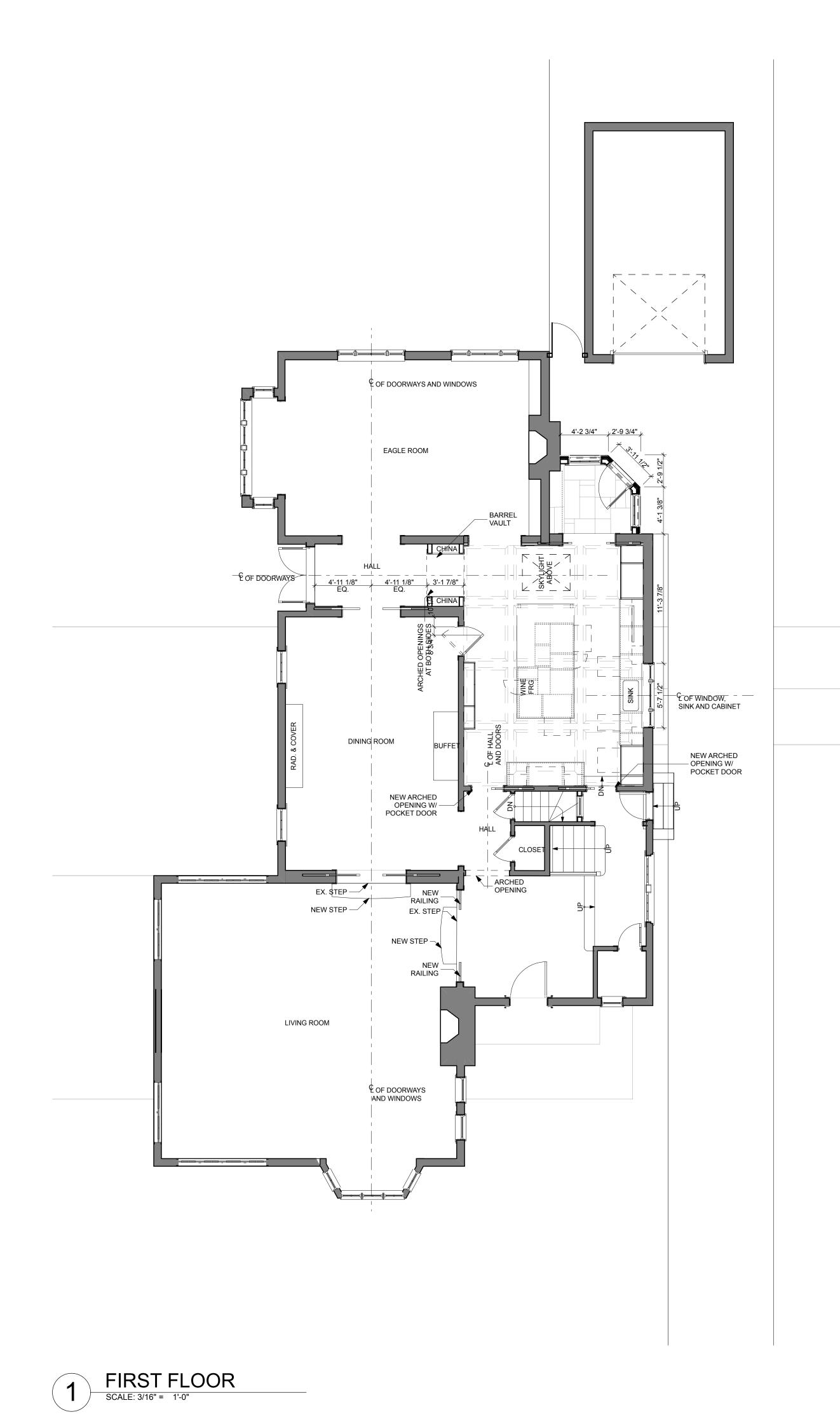
SCALE: AS NOTED

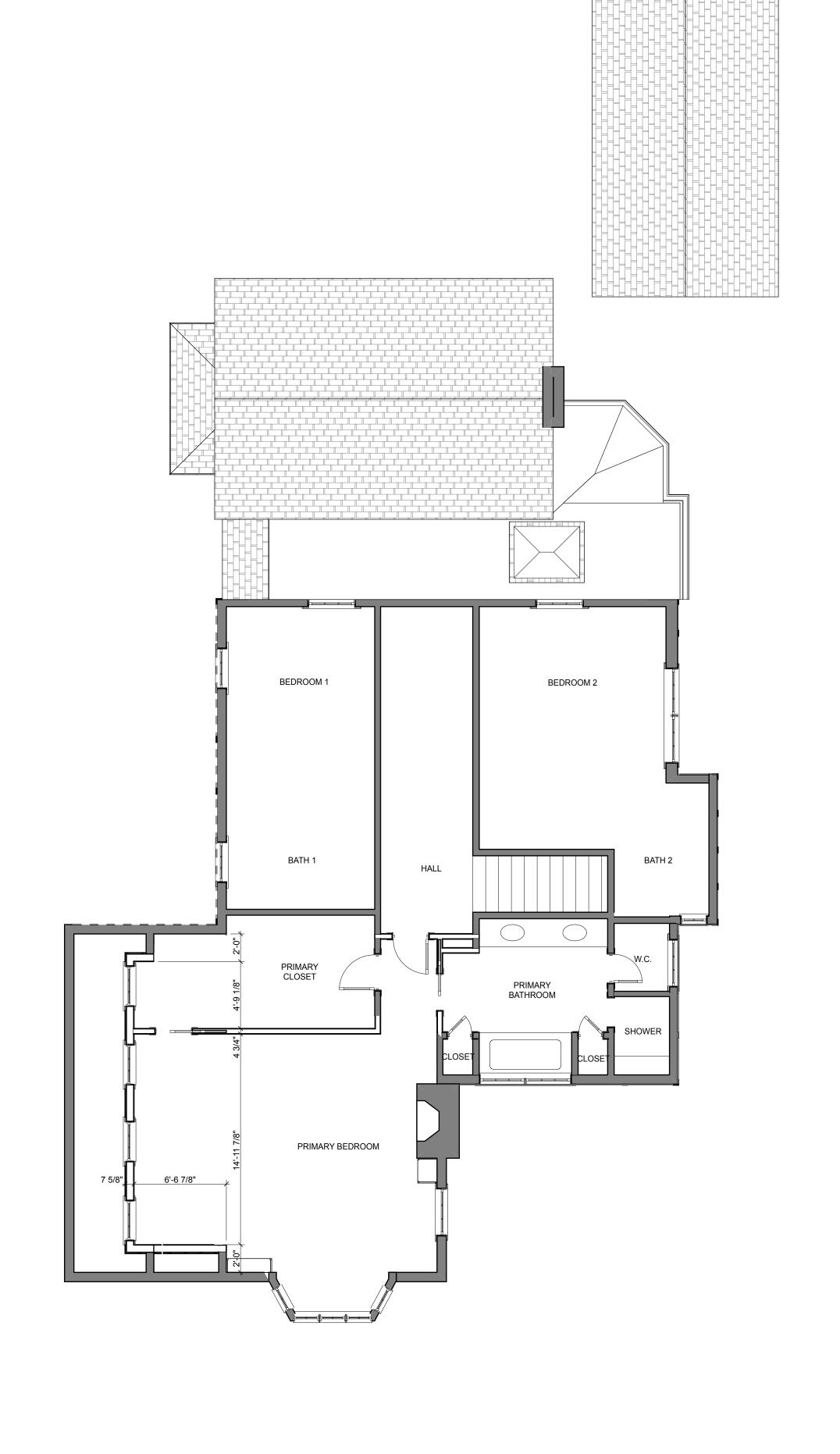
ISSUE	DATE
	<u> </u>
-	

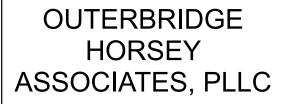
PRINT DATE 3/4/21

SHEET NO.

D201







1228 ½ 31st STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20007 TEL 202-337-7334 FAX 202-337-7331 www.outerbridgehorsey.com COPYRIGHT 2021 OUTERBRIDGE HORSEY ASSOCIATES, PLLC

CONSULTANTS:

3 PRIMROSE ST.

CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

DRAWING TITLE:

PROPOSED FLOOR **PLANS**

SCALE: AS NOTED

A100

SHEET NO.

SECOND FLOOR DORMER OPTION 1 (OPTION 2 AND 3 SIMILAR)

SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"





1228 ¹/₂ 31st STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20007 TEL 202-337-7334 FAX 202-337-7331 www.outerbridgehorsey.com

COPYRIGHT 2021 OUTERBRIDGE HORSEY ASSOCIATES, PLLC

CONSULTANTS:

3 PRIMROSE ST.

CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

DRAWING TITLE:

NORTH AND EAST **ELEVATIONS** OPTION 1

SCALE: AS NOTED

SHEET NO.

A200.1





A200.2

OUTERBRIDGE HORSEY ASSOCIATES, PLLC

1228 ¹/₂ 31st STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20007 TEL 202-337-7334 FAX 202-337-7331 www.outerbridgehorsey.com

COPYRIGHT 2021 OUTERBRIDGE HORSEY ASSOCIATES, PLLC

CONSULTANTS:

3 PRIMROSE ST.

CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

DRAWING TITLE:

NORTH AND EAST **ELEVATIONS** OPTION 2

SCALE: AS NOTED

SHEET NO.





1228 ¹/₂ 31st STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20007 TEL 202-337-7334 FAX 202-337-7331 www.outerbridgehorsey.com

COPYRIGHT 2021 OUTERBRIDGE HORSEY ASSOCIATES, PLLC

CONSULTANTS:

3 PRIMROSE ST.

CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

DRAWING TITLE:

NORTH AND EAST **ELEVATIONS** OPTION 3

SCALE: AS NOTED

SHEET NO.

A200.3





2 EAST ELEVATION

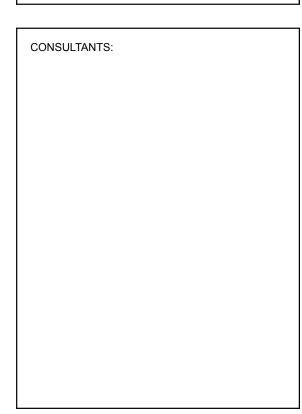
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

SHEET NO. **A201**2' 4' 8'

OUTERBRIDGE HORSEY ASSOCIATES, PLLC

1228 ¹/₂ 31st STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20007 TEL 202-337-7334 FAX 202-337-7331 www.outerbridgehorsey.com

COPYRIGHT 2021 OUTERBRIDGE HORSEY ASSOCIATES, PLLC



3 PRIMROSE ST.

CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

DRAWING TITLE:

SOUTH AND WEST ELEVATIONS

SCALE: AS NOTED

ISSUE	DATE

PRINT DATE 3/4/21

.







3 DORMER OTION 2



2 DORMER OPTION 1



4 DORMER OPTION 3

1228 ¹/₂ 31st STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20007 TEL 202-337-7334 FAX 202-337-7331 www.outerbridgehorsey.com COPYRIGHT 2021 OUTERBRIDGE HORSEY ASSOCIATES, PLLC

CONSULTANTS:

CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

DRAWING TITLE:

RENDERINGS

SCALE: AS NOTED

ISSUE	DATE
	

PRINT DATE 3/4/21

SHEET NO.

R100







DORMER OTION 2



DORMER OPTION 1



DORMER OPTION 3

OUTERBRIDGE HORSEY ASSOCIATES, PLLC

1228 ¹/₂ 31st STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20007 TEL 202-337-7334 FAX 202-337-7331 www.outerbridgehorsey.com COPYRIGHT 2021 OUTERBRIDGE HORSEY ASSOCIATES, PLLC

CONSULTANTS:

3 PRIMROSE ST.

CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

DRAWING TITLE:

RENDERINGS

SCALE: AS NOTED

- 1		
	ISSUE	DATE

SHEET NO.

R200



2 WEST ELEVATION
SCALE: 1:4.18







4 NORTHEAST ENTRY
SCALE: 1:4.17

3 EAST ELEVATION
SCALE: 1:5.46

P100

19

OUTERBRIDGE HORSEY ASSOCIATES, PLLC

1228 ¹/₂ 31st STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20007 TEL 202-337-7334 FAX 202-337-7331 www.outerbridgehorsey.com COPYRIGHT 2021 OUTERBRIDGE HORSEY ASSOCIATES, PLLC

CONSULTANTS:

3 PRIMROSE ST.

CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

DRAWING TITLE:

PHOTOS OF **EXISTING HOUSE**

SCALE: AS NOTED

ISSUE	DATE
	<u> </u>

SHEET NO.









OUTERBRIDGE HORSEY ASSOCIATES, PLLC

1228 ¹/₂ 31st STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20007 TEL 202-337-7334 FAX 202-337-7331 www.outerbridgehorsey.com COPYRIGHT 2021 OUTERBRIDGE HORSEY ASSOCIATES, PLLC

CONSULTANTS:













3 PRIMROSE ST.

GABLE DORMER

HYBRID GABLE/SHED DORMER







REFERENCE PHOTOS OF CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE DORMERS

ISSUE	DATE

P200



ASYMETRICAL GABLE







SHED SIDE DORMER

HYBRID GAMBREL/SHED SIDE DORMER

SHED SIDE DORMER







1228 ¹/₂ 31st STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20007 TEL 202-337-7334 FAX 202-337-7331 www.outerbridgehorsey.com

3 PRIMROSE ST.

CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

REFERENCE

PHOTOS OF

SELECT CHEVY

CHASE DORMERS

COPYRIGHT 2021 OUTERBRIDGE HORSEY ASSOCIATES, PLLC

CONSULTANTS:

1 26 Quincy Street

2 15 Newlands Street

3 12 Oxford Street







SCALE: AS NOTED

DRAWING TITLE:

ISSUE DATE

PRINT DATE 3/5/21

SHEET NO

P300

6 11 Newlands Street VIEW FROM SOUTH WEST

5 11 Newlands Street VIEW FROM SOUTH

4 11 Newlands Street VIEW FROM SOUTHEAST