

EXPEDITED
MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

Address:	15120 Turkey Foot Road, Darnestown	Meeting Date:	10/13/2021
Resource:	Master Plan Site #24/19-1 (<i>Darnestown Presbyterian Church</i>)	Report Date:	10/6/2021
Applicant:	Darnestown Presbyterian Church (Kathy Kurkjian, Agent)	Public Notice:	9/29/2021
Review:	HAWP	Tax Credit:	N/A
Permit Number:	966085	Staff:	Michael Kyne
PROPOSAL:	New signage		

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

☒ Approve
☐ Approve with conditions

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

SIGNIFICANCE: Master Plan Site
STYLE: Greek Revival w/ Gothic & Shingle Style influences
DATE: 1856 w/ c. 1897 & c. 1953 Additions

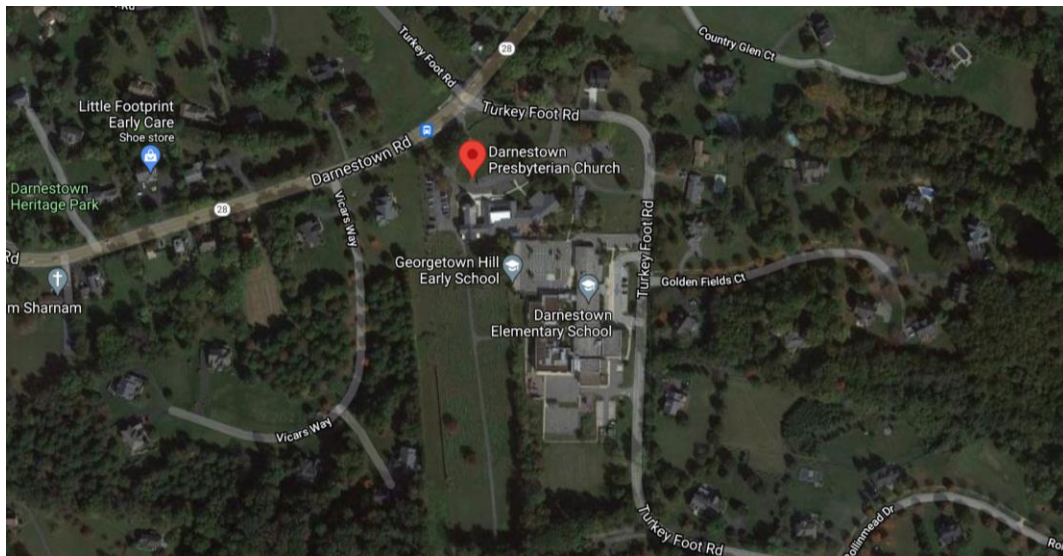


Fig. 1: Subject property.

PROPOSAL:

The applicants propose the installation of new signage at the subject property. Specific work items include the following:

- Replacement of one existing church entrance sign at the northwest side of the property (west of the driveway).
- Removal of one sign at the north side of the property (east side of the driveway).
- Installation of one new cemetery entrance sign.
- Installation of four new freestanding building identification signs.
- Installation of one new building-mounted delivery sign.
- Installation of one new handicap accessibility sign.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES:

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.
6. Signs that are in conformance with all other County sign regulations.

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.

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 applicable *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.

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.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

and with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation* #2 and #9;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall present an electronic set 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 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;

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.

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.



FOR STAFF ONLY:
HAWP# 966085
DATE ASSIGNED 9/7/21

APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
301.563.3400

APPLICANT:

Name: Darnestown Presbyterian

E-mail: dpchurch@comcast.net

Address: 15120 Turkey Foot Rd

City: Darnestown Zip: 20878

Daytime Phone: 301 948-9127

Tax Account No.: 06-000388556

AGENT/CONTACT (If applicable):

Name: Kathy Kuo Kian

E-mail: kpl1@comcast.net

Address: 12830 Tulley Lane

City: Darnestown MD Zip: 20878

Daytime Phone: 240 461-3269

Contractor Registration No.: _____

LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE: MIHP # of Historic Property Record Plat 25364

Is the Property Located within an Historic District? Yes/District Name _____
X No/Individual Site Name _____

Is there an Historic Preservation/Land Trust/Environmental Easement on the Property? If YES, include a map of the easement, and documentation from the Easement Holder supporting this application.

Are other Planning and/or Hearing Examiner Approvals /Reviews Required as part of this Application? (Conditional Use, Variance, Record Plat, etc.?) If YES, include information on these reviews as supplemental information.

Building Number: 15120 Street: Turkey Foot

Town/City: Darnestown Nearest Cross Street: Route 28

Lot: _____ Block: _____ Subdivision: _____ Parcel: _____

TYPE OF WORK PROPOSED: See the checklist on Page 4 to verify that all supporting items for proposed work are submitted with this application. Incomplete Applications will not be accepted for review. Check all that apply:

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Deck/Porch | <input type="checkbox"/> Shed/Garage/Accessory Structure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addition | <input type="checkbox"/> Fence | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demolition | <input type="checkbox"/> Hardscape/Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree removal/planting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grading/Excavation | <input type="checkbox"/> Roof | <input type="checkbox"/> Window/Door |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Signs</u> |

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

[Signature]
Signature of owner or authorized agent

9/7/21
Date

STATEMENT TO ACCOMPANY HAWP APPLICATION TO THE HPC

Description of Existing Structures and the Environmental Setting

The Subject Property is known as the Darnestown Presbyterian Church (“DPC”), located at 15120 Turkey Foot Road in Darnestown, MD. The Subject Property is approximately 9.7 acres in size, and located at the intersection of Turkey Foot Road and Darnestown Road (Rt. 28) in the heart of Darnestown, MD.

DPC was listed on the Montgomery County Master Plan for Historic Preservation as an individual resource in 1985 (“the Historic Designation”), site #24/19-1. The Historic Designation includes the main church structure, and the remainder of the Subject Property as part of the environmental setting, inclusive of two adjoining buildings, known as the Andrew Small Building, and the Manse.

The Historic Designation focused on criteria 1A, 1D, 2A and 2E, as set forth in Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code, and restated herein:

Criteria 1: Historical and cultural significance. The historic resource:

- (a): has character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the county, state or nation;
- (d): Exemplifies the cultural economic, social, political or historic heritage of the county and its communities.

Criteria 2: Architectural and design significance. The historic resource:

- (a): Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction;
- (e): Represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or county due to its singular physical characteristic or landscape.

The cornerstone of the original Greek Revival Darnestown Presbyterian Church structure is believed to have been laid in 1856. In 1897, the church parlor and bell tower were added to the front of the building, giving it a Victorian Gothic Revival appearance, with touches of Stick Style and Queen Anne also apparent in the robust tower element. In 1953, a chancel and classroom addition was constructed south and east of the original building, and the interiors of the original church were completely renovated.

In 1961, the current Manse was constructed as a parsonage, and was later converted to classroom use. In 1969 a free-standing educational building was constructed, known as the Andrew Small Building (ASB). The Manse sits east of the Andrew Small Building and cannot be seen from the historic church area.

In 2020, a major renovation and construction project was completed that replaced the 1953 addition with a new chancel, and connected the old church with the Andrew Small Building.

Description of the Project

This project includes the installation of new wayfinding signs on campus, as well as replacing the existing sign facing Route 28. More details are included in this package.

Adjacent and Confronting Properties:

Gaithersburg, MD 20878

15030 Turkey Foot Road
15018 Turkey Foot Road
15020 Turkey Foot Road
15101 Turkey Foot Road
15111 Turkey Foot Road
15121 Turkey Foot Road
15141 Turkey Foot Road
15109 Vicars Way
15113 Vicars Way
15117 Vicars Way
13813 Golden Fields Court

Picture of Current Situation



This sign will be eliminated.

This is a temporary sign
(already gone)

This sign will be replaced.

This is looking east on the campus.





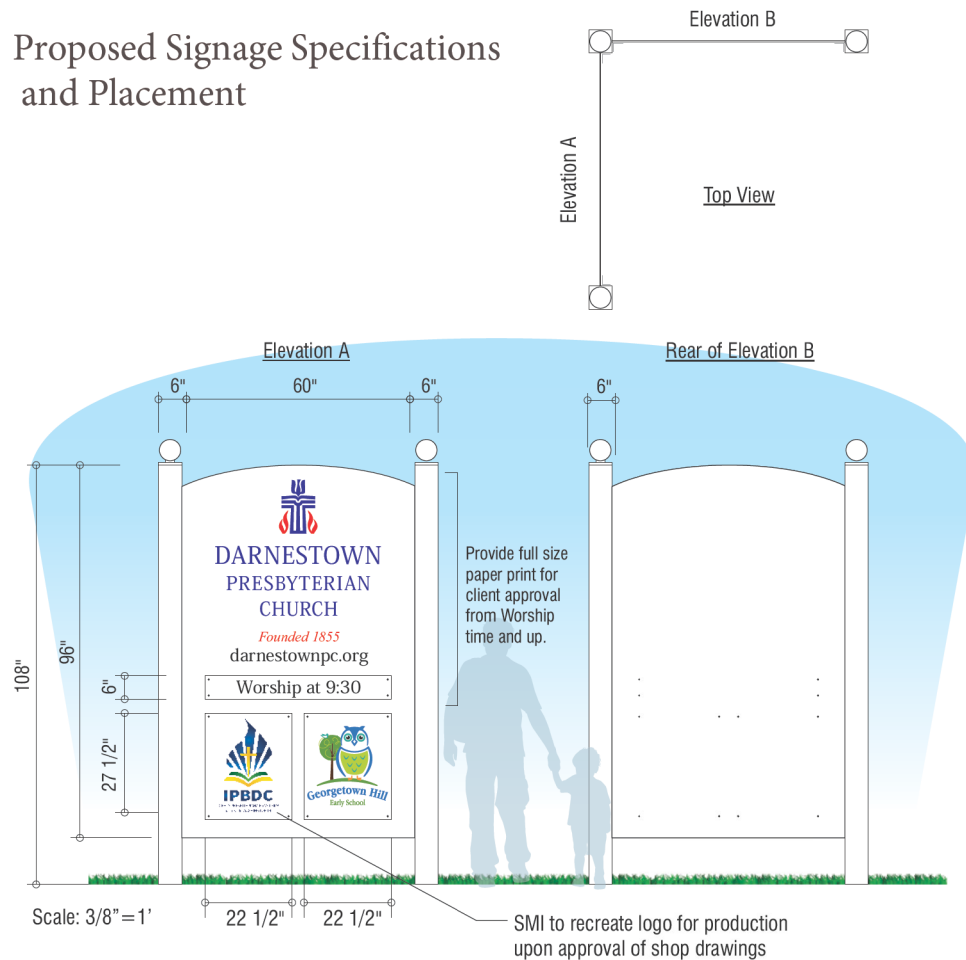
This is looking west on the campus.

The specification document includes pictures of the proposed sign placements.

The following is a list of the adjoining property owners:

06-01809565	Clayton W. Eisinger, et al.	14211 Dufief Mill Road	Gaithersburg	MD	20878
06-00399128	Charlene M. Williams	13731 Darnestown Road	Gaithersburg	MD	20878
06-00390801	Jerry D. Miller & Koshell Burham-Miller	13735 Darnestown Road	Gaithersburg	MD	20878
06-00387676	Alexander C. Cook	13805 Darnestown Road	Gaithersburg	MD	20878
06-01704714	Dinesh C. & MR Gupta	15200 Turkey Foot Road	Gaithersburg	MD	20878
06-00389551	Shiguang A. Yang	15121 Turkey Foot Road	Gaithersburg	MD	20878
06-00394637	Libra Investments LLC	1009 Willowleaf Way	Rockville	MD	20854
06-01704736	Edward M. & BL Crough	15201 Turkey Foot Road	Gaithersburg	MD	20878
06-02714423	Edward M. & BL Crough	15201 Turkey Foot Road	Gaithersburg	MD	20878
06-00388476	Board of Education	850 Hungerford Drive	Rockville	MD	20850
06-00388465	Board of Education	850 Hungerford Drive	Rockville	MD	20850
06-00395756	William J. & KS Herrington	15101 Turkey Foot Road	Gaithersburg	MD	20878
06-00388603	Arthur H. Ciatto	1511 Turkey Foot Road	Darnestown	MD	20878
06-03225401	Juana Bautista, et al.	13813 Golden Fields Court	Darnestown	MD	20878
06-03225456	Robert J. Baer Revoc. Trust	15204 Country Glen Court	Darnestown	MD	20878
06-03369721	Michael A. & Veronica W. Cooper	15117 Vicars Way	Darnestown	MD	20878
06-03369732	Louis R. & Ashley S. Forbrich	15109 Vicars Way	Darnestown	MD	20878
06-03369743	Kevin & Tamara Wade	15113 Vicars Way	Darnestown	MD	20878

Proposed Signage Specifications and Placement



x1 Feature Entrance Sign

V-Shaped

Sign Panel (x2): 1/4" White ACM OR 1/2" White MDO Plywood (**OPTION**)

With Radius CNC Cut Top, All Edges Painted White.

Graphics: Applied Vinyls to Include Sapphire Blue, Cardinal Red and Black

Removable Panels (x6): 1/8" Aluminum with Printed Graphics

Screws in four corners.

Posts (x3): 6" X 6" Pressure Treated Pressure Post With White PVC Sleeves

With Aluminum Angle Mounting Channels, Top Caps, and Finial Balls

Note: Mechanical Fasteners to Receive White Snap Caps

Install: Direct Burial 30" Below Grade in Sakrete



Existing Sign

Note: remove and dispose of existing, landscape remediation by others.



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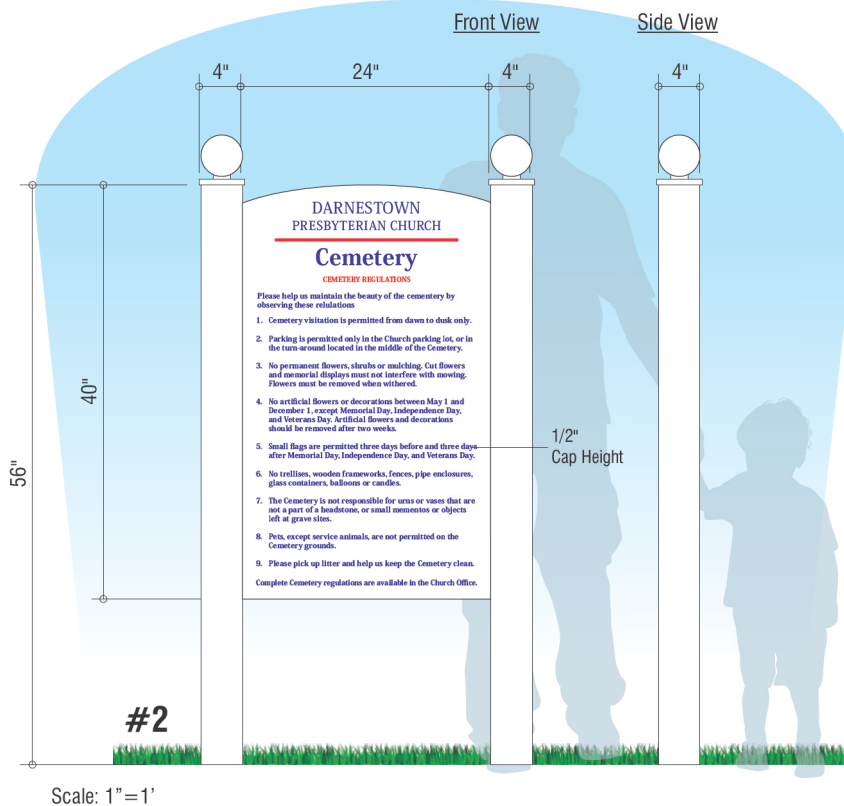
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x1 Building Freestanding Sign

Single Sided

Sign Panel: 1/2" White Ready To Go MDO Plywood With Radius CNC Cut Top, All Edges Painted White.

Posts: 4" X 4" Pressure Treated Pressure Post Painted White With Top Caps And Finial Balls

Install: Direct Burial

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OPTION B

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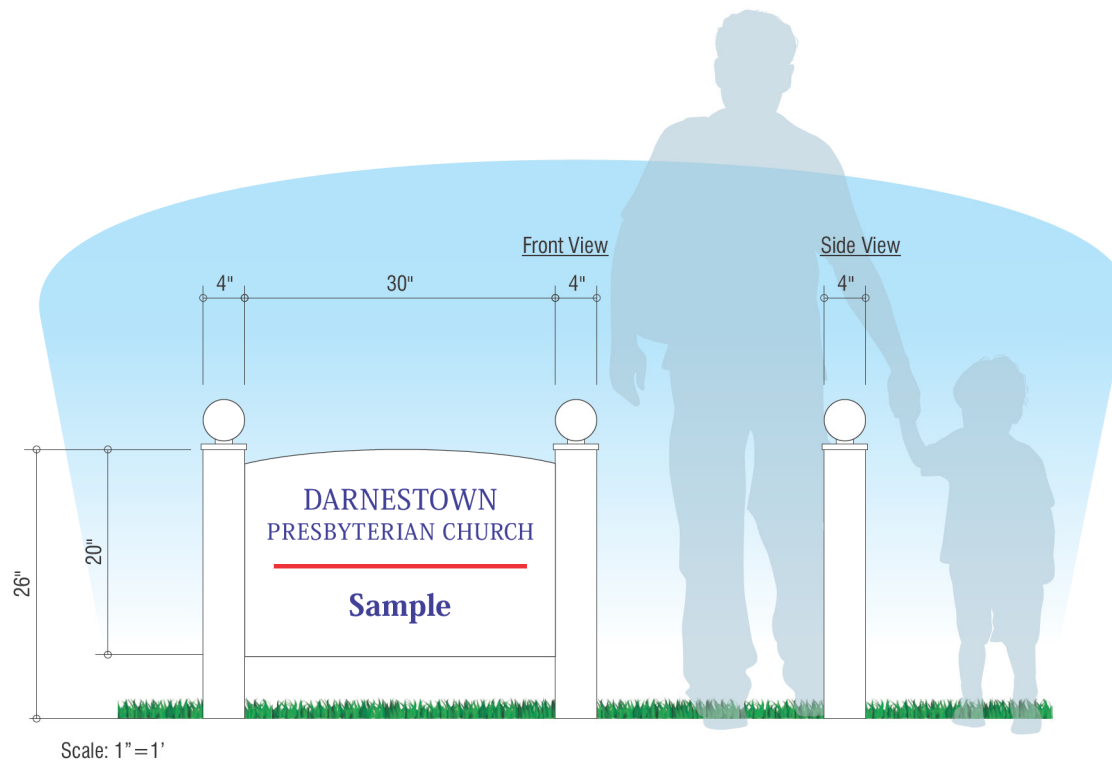
Cemetery Freestanding

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TYPICAL. REFERENCE ONLY



x4 Building Freestanding Sign

Single Sided

Sign Panel: 1/2" White Ready To Go MDO Plywood
With Radius CNC Cut Top, All Edges Painted White.

Posts: 4" X 4" Pressure Treated Pressure Post Painted White
With Top Caps And Finial Balls

Install: Direct Burial



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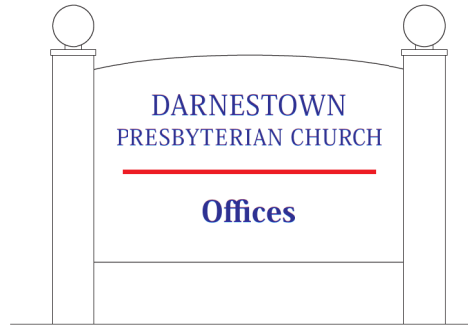
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Current GHES sign in front yard to be removed



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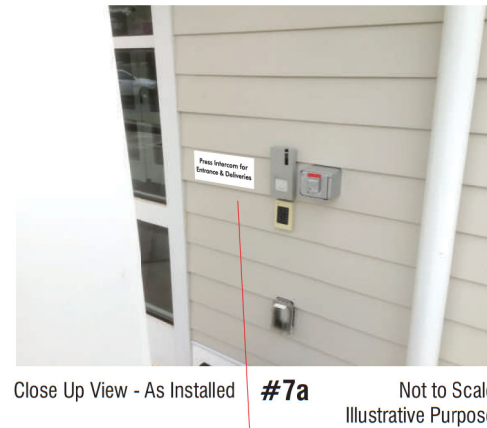
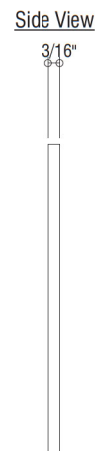
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x1 Delivery Plaque

5" h x 12" w

Material: 3/16" Non-Glare Acrylic

Graphics: Second Surface Digitally Printed Copy.

Mount: 3M Exterior Grade VHB

2nd location installed at direction of client at time of installation
at Georgetown Hill Entrance



Sanctuary & Chapel Entrance

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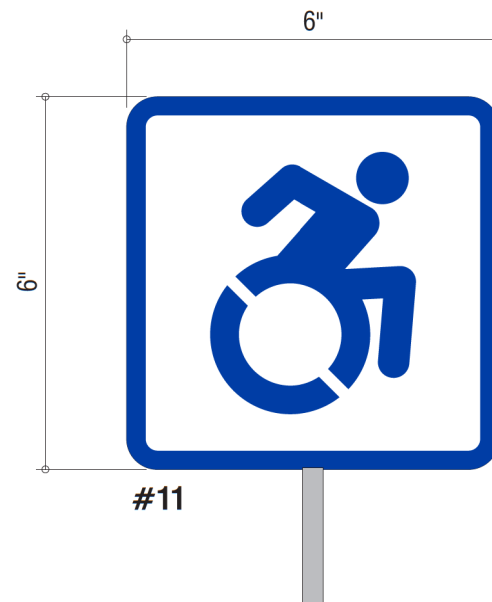
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x1 Handicap Accessible Symbol
Material: .063 White Aluminum
Graphics: Digitally Printed PMS 293c
Mount: Single metal stake to be placed in garden
 in front of wheelchair ramp at direction of client
 at time of install

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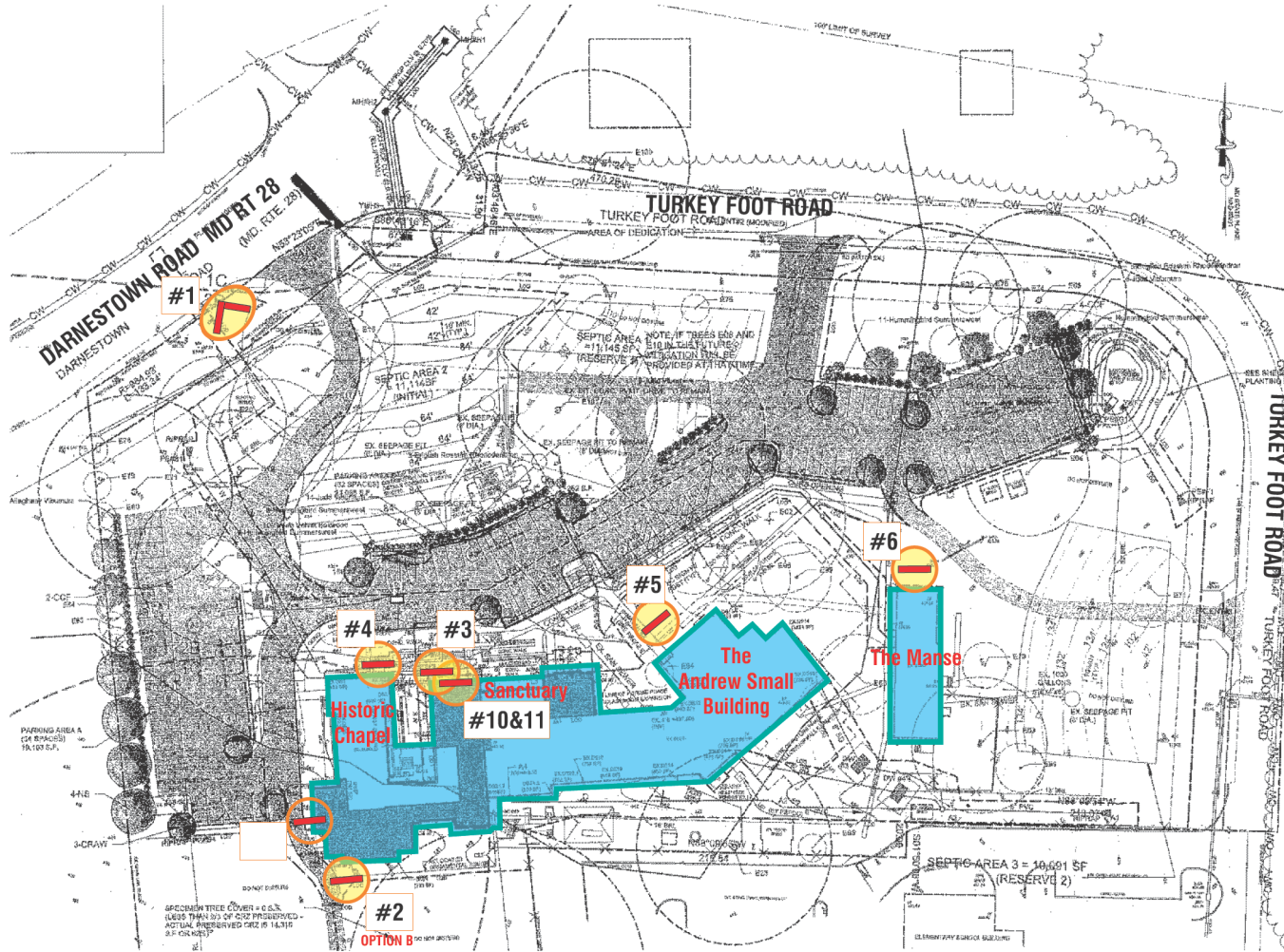
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Sign Location Plan

- 1 Entrance Feature
- 2 Cemetery
- 3 Sanctuary
- 4 Offices
- 5 Georgetown Hill
- 6 The Cottage
- 7 Deliveries
- 8 Handicap Icon



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