STAFF REPORT						
Address:	7212 Cedar Ave., Takoma Park	Meeting Date:	12/1/2021			
Resource:	Outstanding Resource Takoma Park Historic District	Report Date:	11/24/2021			
Applicant:	Kelly and Marcos Vaena	Public Notice:	11/17/2021			
Review:	HAWP	Tax Credit:	n/a			
Permit No.:	972762	Staff:	Dan Bruechert			
Proposal:	Accessory Structure Construction					

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the HPC **approve** the HAWP.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE:Outstanding Resource to the Takoma Park Historic DistrictSTYLE:Queen AnneDATE:1903



Figure 1: 7212 Cedar Ave., Takoma Park.

PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes to install an accessory structure to the right of the house.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

When reviewing alterations and new construction within the Takoma Park 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 *Takoma Park 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.

Takoma Park Historic District Guidelines

There are two very general, broad planning and design concepts which apply to all categories. These are:

The design review emphasis will be restricted to changes that are at all visible from the public right-of-way, irrespective of landscaping or vegetation (it is expected that the majority of new additions will be reviewed for their impact on the overall district), and,

The importance of assuring that additions and other changes to existing structures act to reinforce and continue existing streetscape, landscape, and building patterns rather than to impair the character of the district.

Outstanding Resources have the highest level of architectural and/or historical significance. While they will receive the most detailed level of design review, it is permissible to make sympathetic alterations, changes and additions. The guiding principles to be utilized by the Historic Preservation Commission are the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*

Specifically, some of the factors to be considered in reviewing HAWPs on Outstanding Resources:

Preservation of original building materials and use of appropriate, compatible new materials is encouraged.

All changes and additions should respect existing environmental settings, landscaping, and patterns of open space.

Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A-8

- (a) 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 ensure 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

Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation:

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 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 proportions, 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 two-story Queen Anne house with clapboard and shingle siding and a wraparound porch. The lot is very deep and slopes steeply away from the street.

The applicants propose installing a shed measuring $8' \times 12'$ (eight feet by twelve feet) near the right property boundary. This location will require a variance, which the applicants have applied for separately. The proposed shed will be stick-built, with asphalt shingles, T1-11 siding, with a door with 'barn trim' (see below). The representative image shows two four-over-four sash windows. The applicant does not also specify if the proposed structure will be installed on a gravel bed or concrete pad as a foundation.



Figure 2: Representative image of the proposed shed.

Even considering the missing information, Staff finds that the proposal appears to meet the required criteria in 24A and the *Design Guidelines*. While accessory structures are required to be placed behind

the principal structure, this location presents several unique features. First, the rear of the lot slopes steeply down away from the street, creating a challenge in finding level ground to construct the structure. Second, not all houses along Cedar Ave. front Cedar Ave. The neighboring property at 7204 Cedar Ave. is oriented toward Tulip Ave. so that the proposed structure will be to its rear and not visually compete with its front yard. Third, the houses on the north side of Cedar Ave. are spaced irregularly, so the proposed structure will not interrupt the pattern of open space on the block.

Staff additionally finds the size, materials, and style of the proposed structure are compatible with the house and surrounding district. The single-story shed will not overwhelm the streetscape and is sufficiently set back from the terra cotta sidewalk that it will not detract from the surrounding district. Additionally, Staff finds the T1-11 siding and asphalt shingles are appropriate materials for the district and will blend in with the surrounding district. Finally, Staff finds the style of the proposed structure draws from a traditional architectural vocabulary which will blend in with the mix of Queen Anne, Craftsman, and Colonial Revival houses in the surrounding district.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission **approve** the HAWP application; under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b)(2) and (d), and the *Takoma Park Historic District Guidelines*, 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, 9, and 10;

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 <u>contact the staff person</u> assigned to this application at 301-563-3400 or <u>dan.bruechert@montgomeryplanning.org</u> to schedule a follow-up site visit.

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APPLICANT:				
Name:	E-mail:			
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LOCATION OF BUILDING/PF	REMISE: MIHP # of Historic Property			
Is the Property Located within	n an Historic District? <u>_X</u> Yes/District N	lame_Takoma Park Site Name		
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Building Number:	Street:			
Town/City:	Nearest Cross Street:			
Lot: Block: _	Subdivision: Parc	el:		
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New Construction	Deck/Porch	Solar		
Addition	Fence	Tree removal/planting		
Demolition	Hardscape/Landscape	Window/Door		
Grading/Excavation	Roof	Other:		
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Description of Property: Please describe the building and surrounding environment. Include information on significant structures, landscape features, or other significant features of the property:

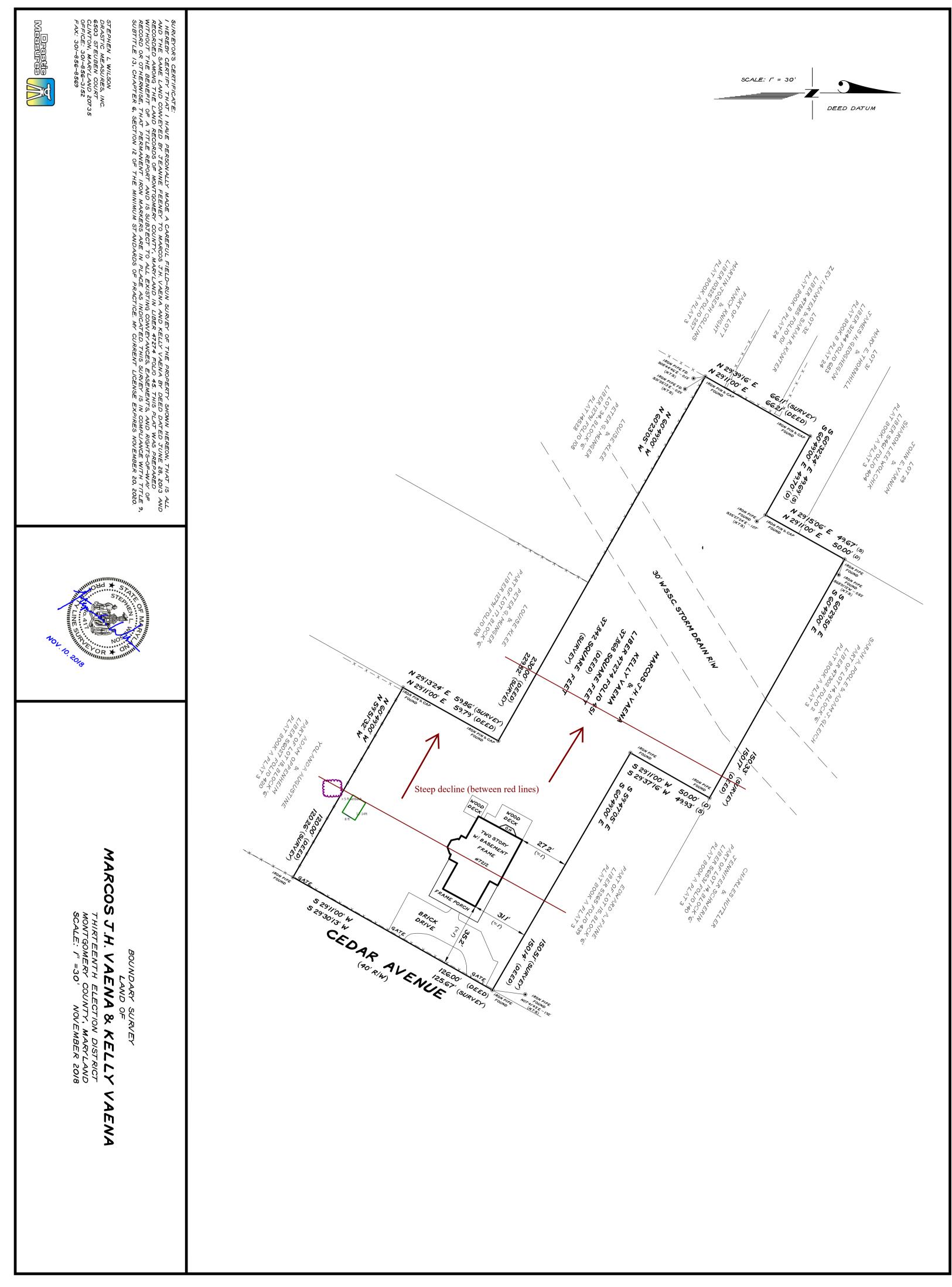
Description of Work Proposed: Please give an overview of the work to be undertaken:

Work Item 1:					
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:				
Work Item 2:	Work Item 2:				
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Work Item 3:		
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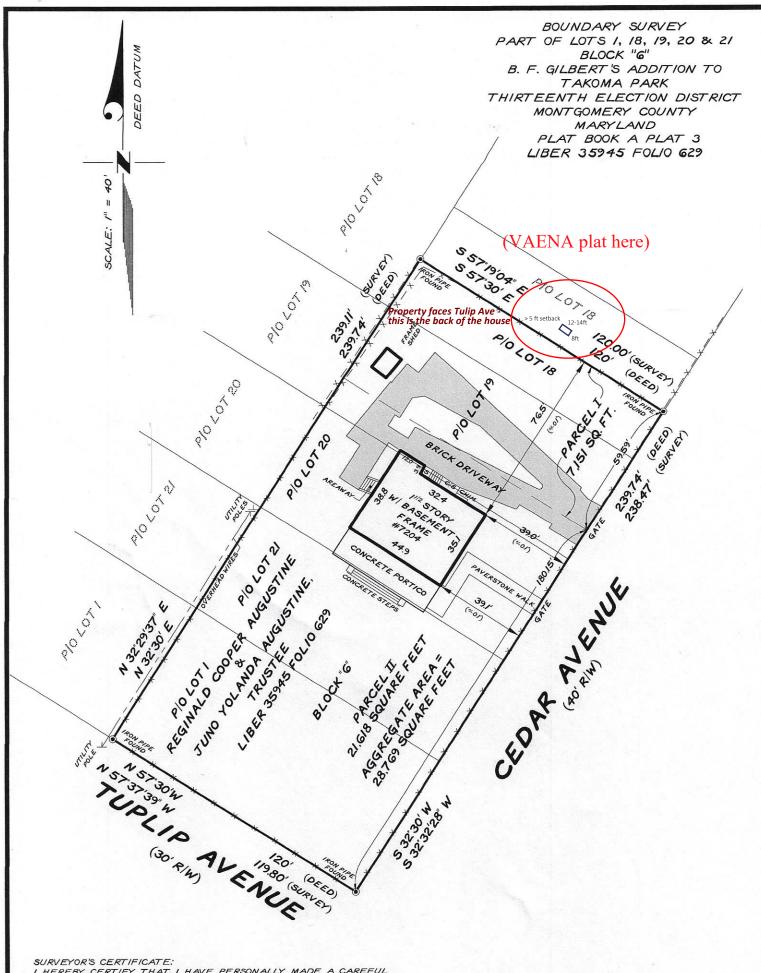
HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT CHECKLIST OF APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

	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	*	*	*	*	*		*



NEIGHBORING PLAT

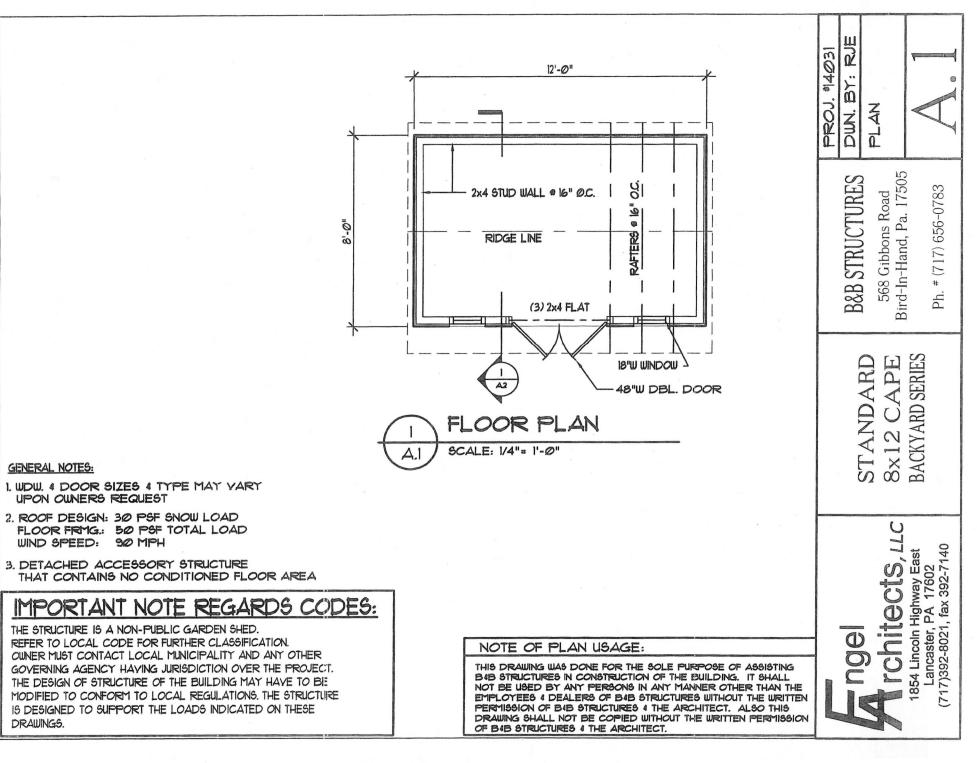
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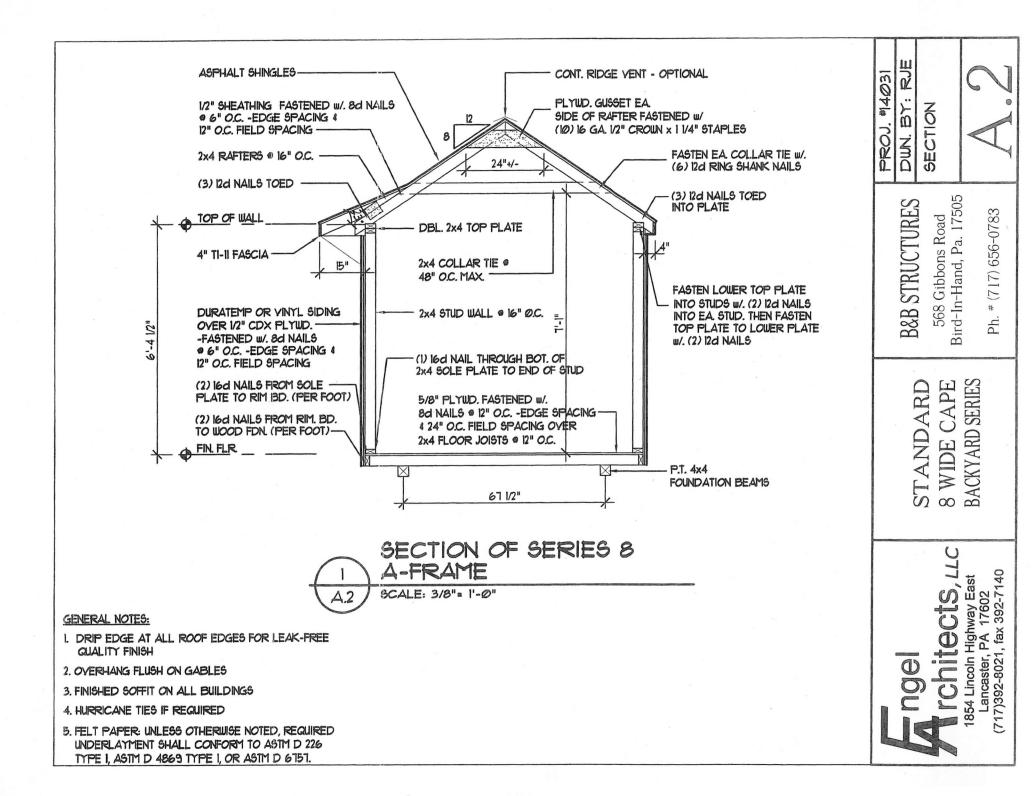


SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE:

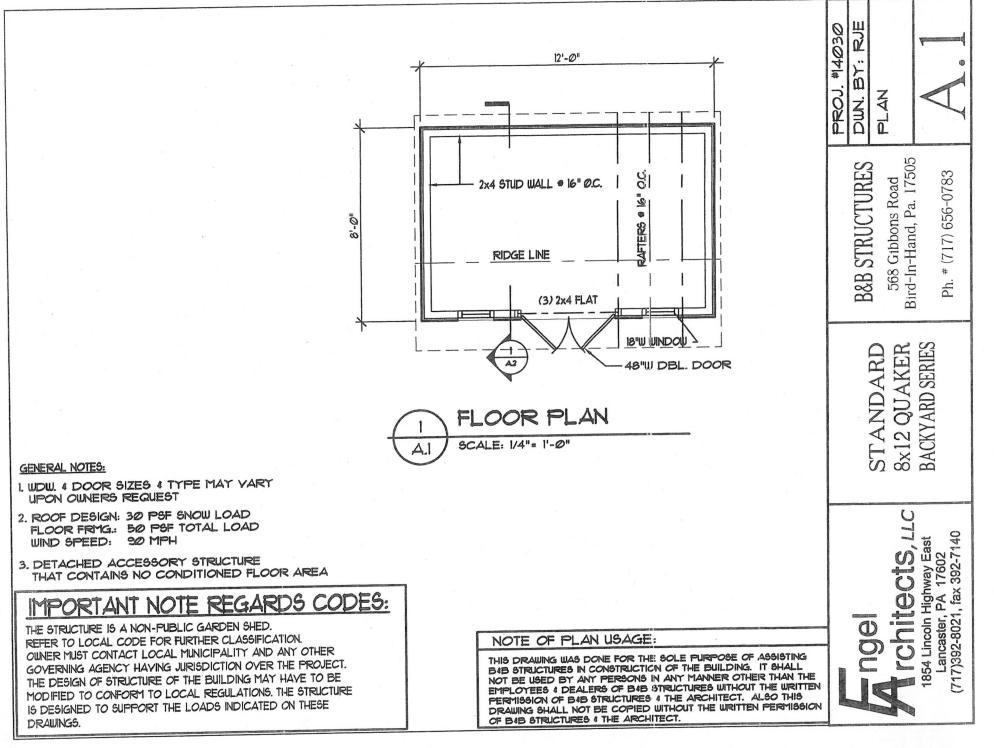
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE PERSONALLY MADE A CAREFUL FIELD-RUN SURVEY OF THE PROPERTY SHOWN HEREON, THAT IT IS ALL AND THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED BY JUNO YOLANDA AUGUSTINE AND REGINALD COOPER AUGUSTINE TO JUNO YOLANDA

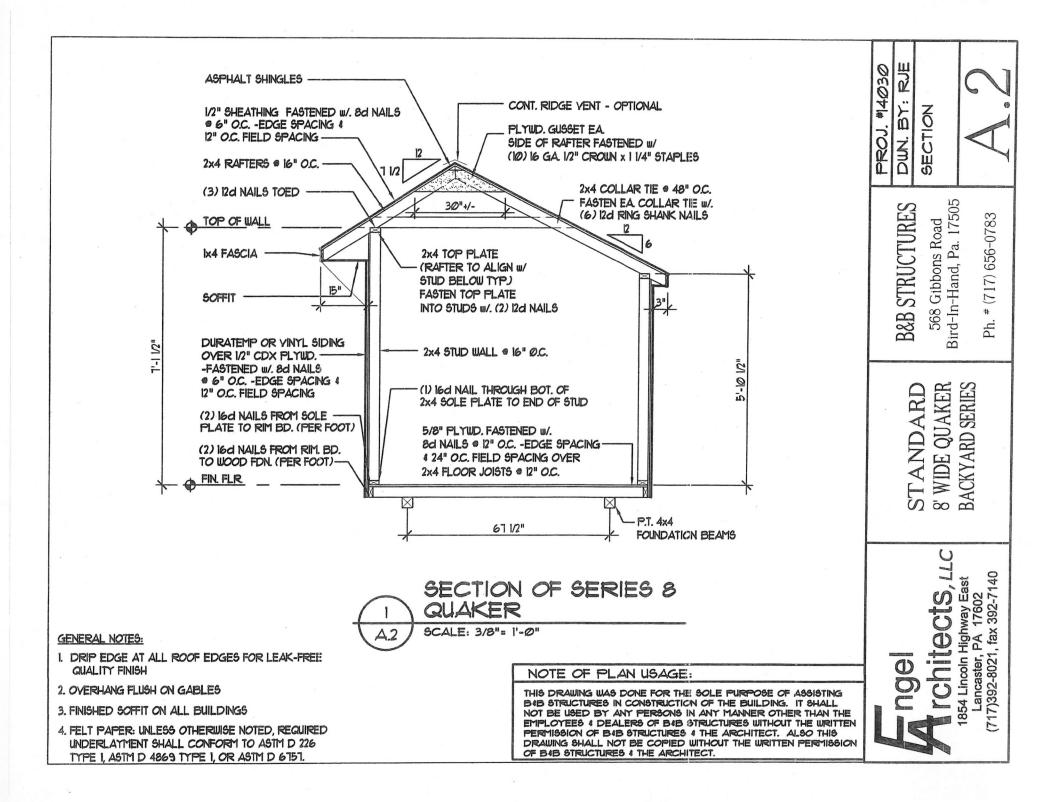
DESIGN EXAMPLE 1





DESIGN EXAMPLE 2





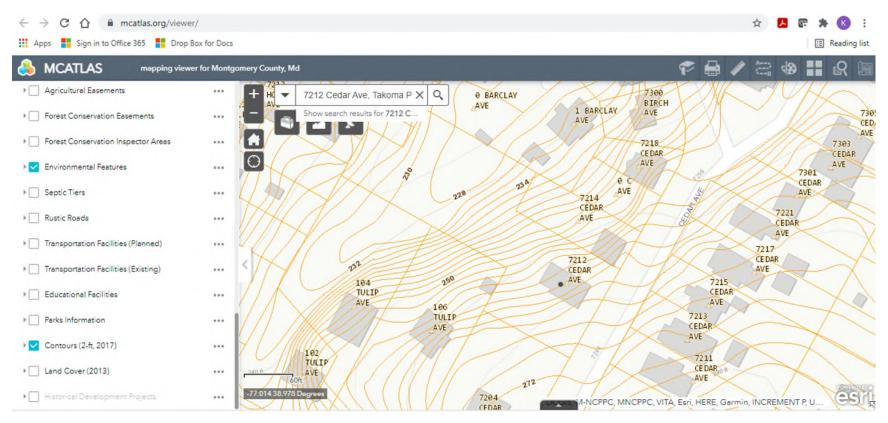
Abutting and Confronting Properties <u>Name</u> AUGUSTINE NANCY YOLANDA OPPENHEIM ADAM	<u>Address</u> 7204 CEDAR AVE	Lot/Parcel P18	<u>Block</u> 6
KLEE LOUISE & PETER G MUNGER	106 TULIP Ave	P1	6
MERGNER WOLFGANG J & GERTRUD W	104 TULIP	34	6
MARTIN JOSEPH COLLINS	7211 HOLLY AVE	P7	6
KANTER ZEV KANTER SARAH	7213 HOLLY AVE	32	6
THORNHILL MARY ELIZABETH & JAMES H GEOGHEGAN	7215 HOLLY AVE	31	6
VARNUM JOHN E ET AL	7217 HOLLY AVE	29	6
POOLE SARAH A GLEICH ADAM J	4 BARCLAY AVE	P14	6
HUTZLER CHARLES SCHWERIN JENNIFER	1 BARCLAY AVE	4	6C
FAINE EDWARD A	7214 CEDAR AVE	P15	6
CLARK JAMES M & CATHERINE A FORSTER	7213 CEDAR AVE	8	5
MORNINGSTAR JILL E & ALASTAIR M FITZPAYNE	7211 CEDAR AVE	7	5
COLWELL JAMES C ET AL	7209 CEDAR AVE	5	5
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS	NA		
CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS Code CW1135 CA1441 CW6785 CA0693	Association Montgomery Preservation Friends of Sligo Creek Montgomery County Rente Takoma Park Community C	ers Alliance	

Photo 1: Proposed site of shed, centered in liriope, at the required set-back from chain link fence bordering neighbor's back yard. Note: Tree Assessment has been requested from Takoma Park (no impact foreseen – one branch will require trimming).



Photo 2: Steep sloping of back lot, starting from middle of the house.





Topography of property – dropping from 270 feet to 228 ft with steep decline beginning within the boundaries of the house.