

**To:** Historic Preservation Commission  
**From:** Dan Bruechert, Cultural Resources Planner III, Historic Preservation  
**Subject:** Staff Item – Revision to HAWP #993240 - 7128 Willow Ave., Takoma Park  
(Outstanding Resource, Takoma Park Historic District)  
**Date:** October 12, 2022

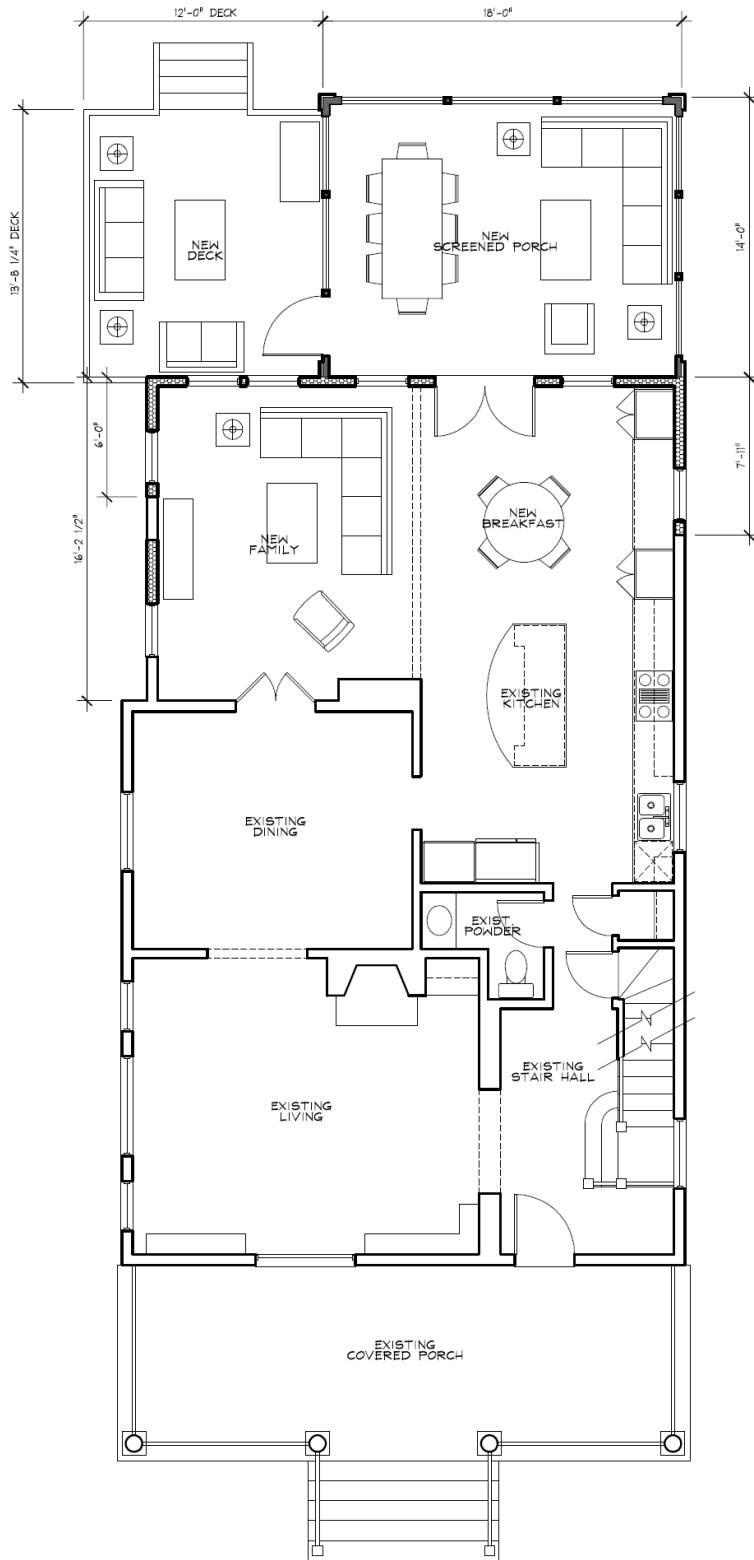
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**Background:** On June 8, 2022, the HPC approved - with a condition - a HAWP for a rear addition, screened-in porch, and rear deck by consent. The condition was that the “composite” material identified for the decking surface was not specific enough for Staff to make a recommendation on the material compatibility and only wood was approved.

**Proposal:** The applicant proposes to use Aeratis synthetic wood decking for the new deck and screened-in porch. A sample of this material and additional product information will be distributed during the work session.

**Recommendation:** Staff supports the proposed porch decking material. First, the new deck and porch will attach to a non-historic building addition, so the material won’t be seen next to historic construction. Second, the material is at the rear and is not at all visible from the public right-of-way. Third, the proposed material is millable and paintable which allows the material to better approximate the look of natural wood. (Alternatives like Trex and Azek are generally not paintable which is why they are not appropriate in most cases.) Staff recommends the HPC approve the proposed deck material.

**HPC Decision:** Approved 8-0



1 PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
 A1.1 1/4" = 1'-0"