MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 109 Elm Ave., Takoma Park Meeting Date: 5/24/2023

Resource: Contributing Resource **Report Date:** 5/17/2023

Takoma Park Historic District

Applicant: Jennifer Gibson & Andreas Smith **Public Notice:** 5/10/2023

Brian McCarthy, Architect

Review: HAWP **Tax Credit:** n/a

Case Number: 993041 REVISION Staff: Dan Bruechert

Proposal: Partial Demolition, 2nd Story Building Addition, Rear Deck, and New Front Door

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Historic Preservation Commission **approve** the HAWP application.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Contributing Resource to the Takoma Park Historic District

STYLE: Craftsman DATE: 1923



Figure 1: The subject property is located at the corner of Elm and Allegheny Aves. at the edge of the Historic District.

BACKGROUND

On June 6, 2023, the HPC approved a HAWP at the subject property to construct a rear addition and a 2nd story addition.¹ The HAWP was approved by consent. The applicant has modified the approved design and seeks HPC approval for the revision.

PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes to demolish non-historic additions at the rear, construct a second-story addition, and construct a rear addition with a deck at the rear. Additionally, the applicant proposes to remove the existing non-historic front door and replace it with a new front door.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

When reviewing alterations and additions for new construction to Contributing Resources within the Takoma Park Historic District, decisions are guided by the Takoma Park Historic District Design Guidelines (*Design Guidelines*) and Montgomery County Code Chapter 24A (*Chapter 24A*) and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (*The Standards*).

Takoma Park Historic District Design 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.

Contributing Resources should receive a more lenient review than those structures that have been classified as Outstanding. This design review should emphasize the importance of the resource to the overall streetscape and its compatibility with existing patterns rather than focusing on a close scrutiny of architectural detailing. In general, however, changes to Contributing Resources should respect the predominant architectural style of the resource. As stated above, 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.

All exterior alterations, including those to architectural features and details, should be generally consistent with the predominant architectural style and period of the resource and should preserve the predominant architectural features of the resource; exact replication of existing details and features is, however, not required,

Minor alterations to areas that do not directly front on a public right-of-way such as vents, metal stovepipes, air conditioners, fences, skylights, etc. – should be allowed as a matter of course; alterations to areas that do not directly front on a public way-of-way which involve the replacement of or damaged to original ornamental or architectural features are discouraged, but may be considered and approved on a case-by-case basis,

Major additions should, where feasible, be placed to the rear of existing structures so that they are less visible from the public right-of-way; additions and alterations to the first floor at the front of

¹ The Staff Report and HAWP application for the approved 2022 HAWP are available here: https://montgomeryplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/I.J-109-Elm-Avenue-Takoma-Park-993041.pdf.

a structure are discouraged, but not automatically prohibited

While additions should be compatible, they are not required to be replicative of earlier architectural styles

Second story additions or expansions should be generally consistent with the predominant architectural style and period of the resource (although structures that have been historically single story can be expanded) and should be appropriate to the surrounding streetscape in terms of scale and massing

Original size and shape of window and door openings should be maintained, where feasible

Some non-original building materials may be acceptable on a case-by-case basis; artificial siding on areas visible to the public right-of-way is discouraged where such materials would replace or damage original building materials that are in good condition

Alterations to features that are not visible from the public right-of-way should be allowed as a matter of course

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

Montgomery County Code, Chapter 24A Historic Resources Preservation

- (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
 - (4) The proposal is necessary in order that unsafe conditions or health hazards be remedied; 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. (Ord. No. 9-4, § 1; Ord. No. 11-59.)

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 one-story, front gable, Craftsman bungalow, with a nearly full-width front porch with a low-pitched gable roof. The original portion of the house is 854 ft² (eight hundred fifty-four square feet). At the rear, there is a non-historic addition covered by two sections of shed roofing that adds an additional 228 ft² (two hundred twenty-two feet); making the total square footage 1082 ft² (one thousand eighty-two feet). The applicant proposes to demolish the non-historic rear addition, construct a second-floor addition, and construct a new addition to the rear with a deck.

The modifications to the previous HAWP approval include:

- Enlarging the east side of the second-story addition by bringing it closer to the front wall plane;
- Adding a window to the east elevation of the second-story addition;
- Widening the west second-story elevation;
- Adding one window to the west second-story elevation;
- Changing the second-story addition cladding from fiber cement shingle to fiber cement clapboard; and,
- Replacing the non-historic front door with a new wood door.

Staff finds the revised proposal is consistent with the Takoma Park Design Guidelines and 24A and recommends the HPC approve the HAWP.

Second Story Addition – East Elevation

The visibility of the east elevation of the second-story addition is limited due to the narrow side setback from the neighboring property. The applicant proposes to widen this elevation to accommodate an additional closet and install a third window on the elevation.

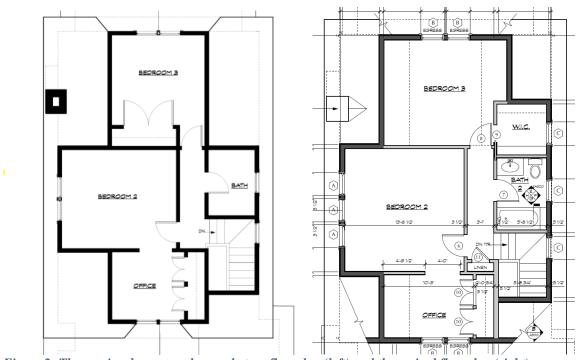


Figure 2: The previously approved second-story floorplan (left) and the revised floorplan (right).

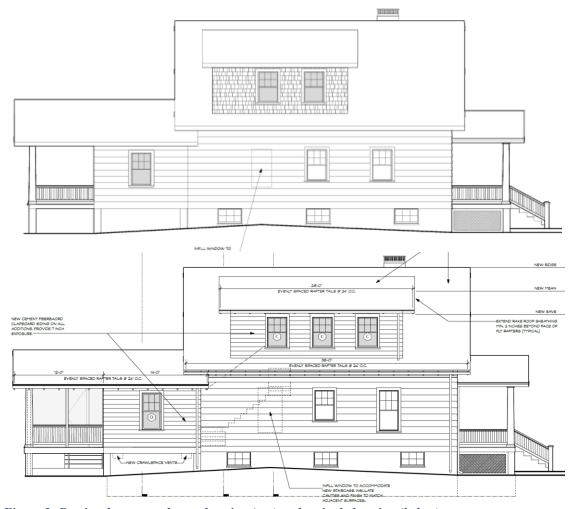


Figure 3: Previously approved east elevation (top) and revised elevation (below).

Staff finds the revised east dormer addition is more balanced than the previous approval; and while the addition comes closer to the front wall plane, it is still sufficiently setback so the increased massing will not overwhelm the surrounding streetscape. Staff recommends the HPC approve the revisions to the east elevation.

Second Story Addition – West Elevation

On the west elevation, the applicant proposes to widen the approved elevation to accommodate a third window in the proposed bedroom. The dormer is approximately 30" (thirty inches) wider than the previous approval.



Figure 4: West elevation comparing the previous approval (above) to the proposed revision (below).

Staff finds the enlarged dormer on the west elevation does not overwhelm the roof or detract from the character of the streetscape. The second-story window assembly retains the balance above the existing dining room windows on the first floor. Staff finds the revisions are compatible with the *Design Guidelines* and recommends the HPC approve the revisions to the west elevation.

Addition Cladding

The applicant proposes to change the second-floor cladding material from fiber cement shingles to fiber cement clapboards that match those on the rear addition. Staff finds this alteration will simplify the addition's design by reducing the number of siding materials from three to two. Staff additionally finds fiber cement clapboards are an appropriate substitute material for building additions and new construction in the Takoma Park Historic District under the *Design Guidelines* and recommends the HPC approve the revision.

Front Door Replacement

The existing front door is a non-historic mid-century smooth wood, three-lite door. The applicant proposes to remove this door and replace it with a wood, two-lite Craftsman-style door.

Staff finds the existing door does not contribute to the historic character of the house or surrounding

district and may be removed. Additionally, Staff finds the proposed door is in keeping with the character of the house and the Craftsman style; and wood is the preferred material. Staff recommends the HPC approve the proposed front door.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission <u>approve</u> the HAWP application under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b)(1), (2), and (d), 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.





APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301.563.3400

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	to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct
	will comply with plans reviewed and approved by all necessary
	accept this to be a condition for the issuance of this permit.
Brian McCarthy	5/3/23

HAWP APPLICATION: MAILING ADDRESSES FOR NOTIFING

[Owner, Owner's Agent, Adjacent and Confronting Property Owners]

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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: See separate/attached memo
Description of Work Proposed: Please give an overview of the work to be undertaken:
See separate/attached memo

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Memorandum

3 May 2023

To: Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission c/o Department of Permitting Services, Montgomery County

From: Brian McCarthy

Re: Historic Area Work Permit for

109 Elm Avenue, Takoma Park Historic District Addenda to HAWP: **Written Description of Project**

Addendum a.

The property is a 1-story wood frame Bungalow-Craftsman with an unfinished cellar, located at 109 Elm Avenue on a 6,350 square foot corner lot at the intersection with Allegheny Avenue. The house, built circa 1910s, is designated as a contributing resource in the Takoma Park Historic District. The form is a simple rectangle with the short side fronting Elm Avenue and the long side parallel to Allegheny. The front façade is embellished by a nearly full width covered porch with a low slope gable roof. The roof structure features open, truss-like gable framing, exposed rafters and timber beams resting on two tapered wood columns. The main roof, like the porch, is a simple gable with deep eaves and exposed rafter tails but with a more pronounced pitch. The south facing rear façade has been altered by a pair of modest, conjoined additions (or enclosed porches) capped by shed roofs.

The exterior frame is clad in large format asbestos shingles. The foundation and chimney are unpainted cement parging/stucco over terracotta block. The roofing material is three-tab fiberglass composition shingles.

Addendum b.

The first floor, which provides the totality of living and bedroom space, is a very modest 1,082 square feet, of which 854 sf is original. The site, while fairly standard in size, is tightly constrained by zoning setbacks, most notably the standard 25 ft "front" setback along Allegheny. The combined setbacks leave a developable area of a mere 1,476 sf; just 23% of the overall lot area. The neighborhood average for developable area is 45%; almost two times larger. Consequently, historic preservation Design Guidelines overlayed with zoning restrictions are the primary drivers influencing potential expansion options. Since our initial correspondence with HPC we have been fortunate to uncover a zoning exception that applies to narrow corner lots platted prior to 1928. It allows us to maintain the current 24 ft wide footprint but no more.

We appreciate the Design Guidelines favor rear additions so we have concentrated roughly half of the new square footage in the rear yard. The one-story addition consists of a family room, screen porch, mudroom, and covered entry stoop. The porch and stoop mimic the style and details of the front porch and the addition will be capped by similar low sloped gable roof.

To address the owners remaining space needs we feel the site constraints necessitate adding a second floor. And we strongly believe the most appealing massing for a second story is over the main house rather than the rear addition. Our design approach is modeled after a nearby precedent at 26 Pine Avenue (also a contributing resource). We are proposing to increase the current roof pitch to allow us to effectively create living space (2 bedrooms and a bath) in the taller "attic" volume, supplemented by shed dormers on the long sides. We have chosen shed roofs for the dormers - rather than gabled roofs - to minimize the height and reduce the scale.

The new roof eaves, rakes, and timber brackets will match the existing features. New windows will be painted wood double hungs where possible and casements (with faux check rails) where required for egress. Roofing will be fiberglass composition shingles. Siding on additions will be cement fiberboard clapboard. The masonry chimney shaft will be extended to clear the higher ridgeline.

We feel the proposed expansions are consistent with and sympathetic to the resource, and the historic district at large.

Work Item 1: Second-story addition	
Description of Current Condition: One-story bungalow with non-historic rear addition.	Proposed Work: Construct a modest second story addition, over the existing house, as shown in the drawings.
Work Item 2: Rear addition	
Description of Current Condition: Non-historic rear addition.	Proposed Work: Demolish existing non-historic rear addition & construct a new rear addition with family room, mudroom, screen porch and covered entry stoop, as shown in the drawings.
Work Item 3:	
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:

Benjamin J. Lambiotte Maria Tsiolis 110 Elm Avenue Takoma Park MD 20912 (202) 744-3534

May 23, 2022

Andreas Smith & Jennifer Gibson

109 Elm Avenue

Takoma Park MD 20912

Re: Consent to Proposed Renovations at 109 Elm Avenue

To: Montgomery Country Historic Preservation Commission

Dear Commission:

We own and reside at 110 Elm Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912, on the North side of Elm Avenue, directly across the street from 109 Elm. The owners and residents of 109 Elm, Mr. Smith and Ms. Gibson, have provided us with copies of the schematic plans and elevations of proposed renovation of the second floor and the rear extension of 109 Elm, and we have discussed with them their intentions. We understand that the proposed revisions require both MHPC approval and a zoning variance.

This letter will memorialize our consent to the proposed modifications, and our sense that, when constructed according to the proposed plans, they will be in keeping with the character of the neighborhood, and enhance the property and surrounding area.

Benjamin J. Lambiotte

Maria Tsiolis

To Whom it May Concern,

We are writing in regard to the proposed additions to Jennifer Gibson and Andreas Smith's home at 109 Elm Avenue. They have shown us the schematic plans and elevations of the new second floor and the rear extension and discussed their intentions. I understand the proposed modifications require approval from both the Historic Preservation Commission - to safeguard character in the historic district - and the Board of Appeals for a zoning variance.

We want to convey that we fully support the proposed modifications and feel the improvements will enhance the property and the neighborhood at large.

Sincerely,

Sarah Boehm

Leonard Newmark

111 Elm Avenue

Takoma Park, Md 20912

May 23, 2022

Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission

Montgomery County Board of Appeals

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We live at 6809 Allegheny Avenue in Takoma Park, Maryland and we write to endorse our neighbor's home renovation at 109 Elm Avenue. We understand Jennifer Gibson and Andreas Smith need permission from both the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission and the Montgomery County Board of Appeals for a zoning variance. Our neighbors have discussed their plans with us and they have shown us the plans from their architect Bennett Frank McCarthy. The small second floor will conserve green space on the corner lot. We believe that the design is in keeping with the historic district and we support the project.

Best regards,

Catrin E. Hohman Jones

Thomas MahlonPerkins

GIBSON-SMITH ADDITION

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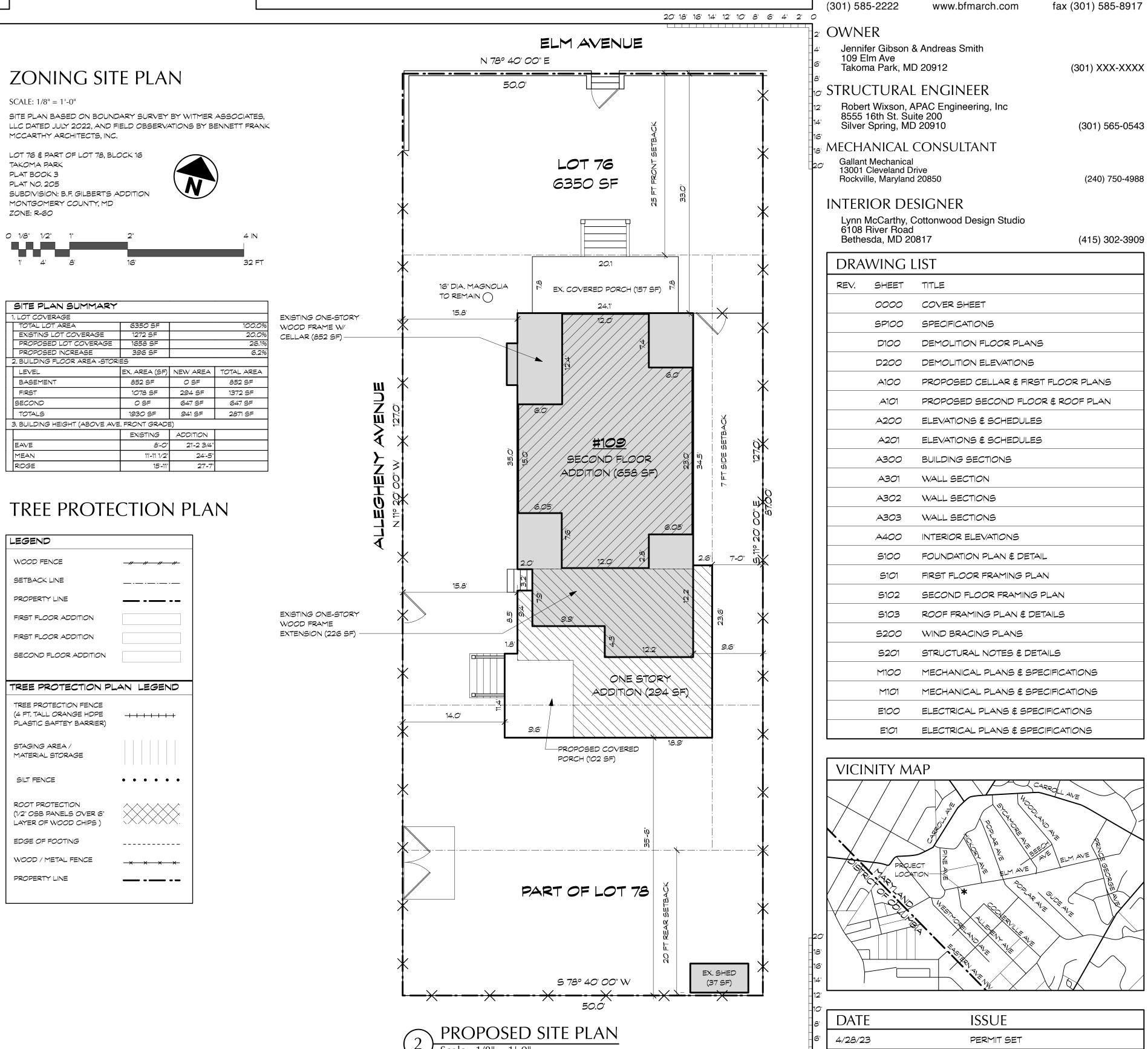
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109 Elm Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20912 - Project # 2115

SPECIFICATIONS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

THE PROJECT INVOLVES BUILDING A NEW SECOND STORY AND A ONE-STORY REAR ADDITION ON A HISTORIC ONE-STORY WOOD FRAME BUNGALOW (W/ CELLAR) LOCATED IN THE TAKOMA PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT. THE REAR ADDITION CONSISTS OF A COVERED REAR STOOP/ENTRY, SCREEN PORCH, MUDROOM/ENTRY, AND FAMILY ROOM. REMODELING SCOPE INCLUDES THE KITCHEN, HALL BATH EXPANSION, AND A NEW STAIRCASE. THE ALL- NEW SECOND FLOOR CONSISTS OF TWO BEDROOMS, A SMALL OFFICE, AND A HALL BATH.



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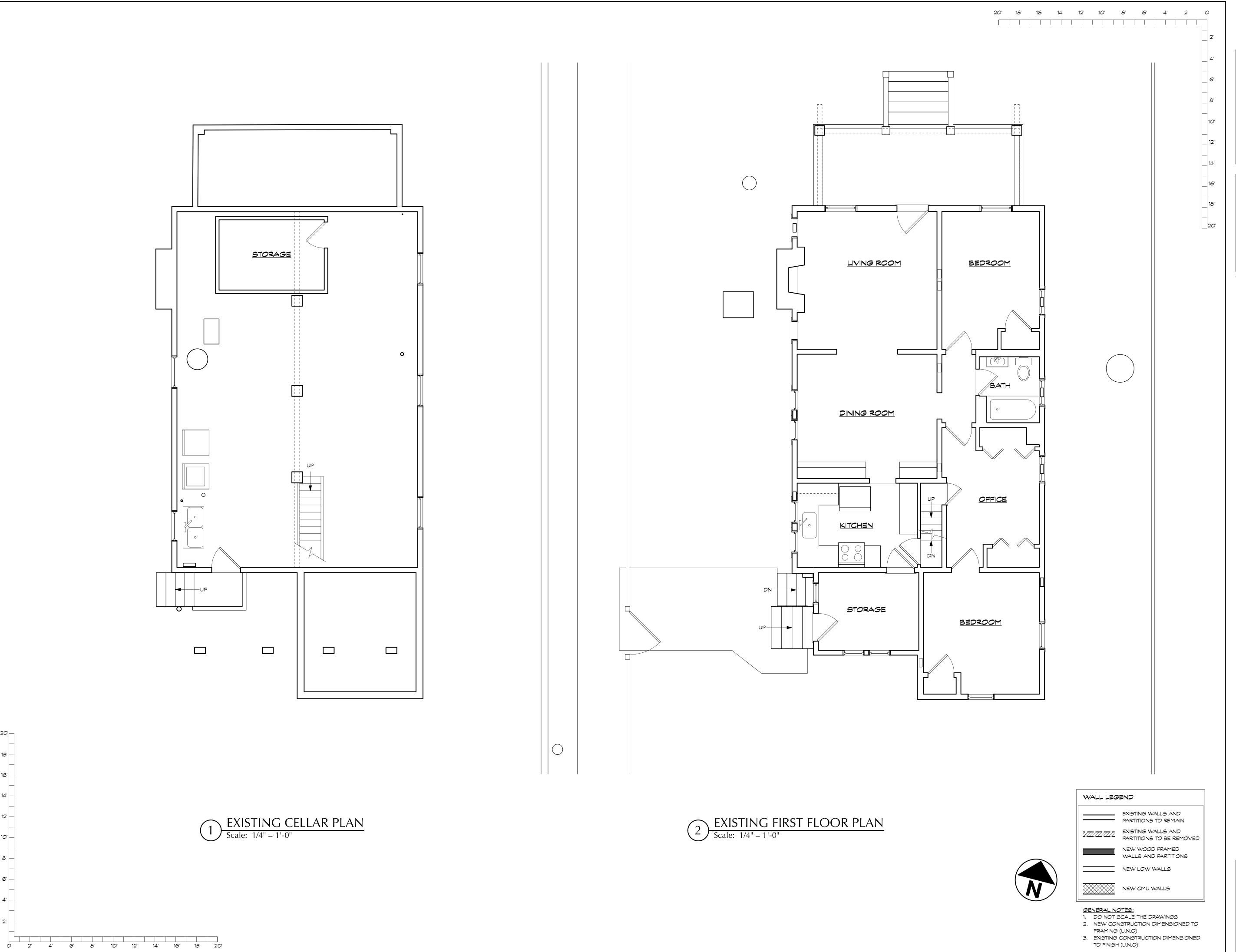
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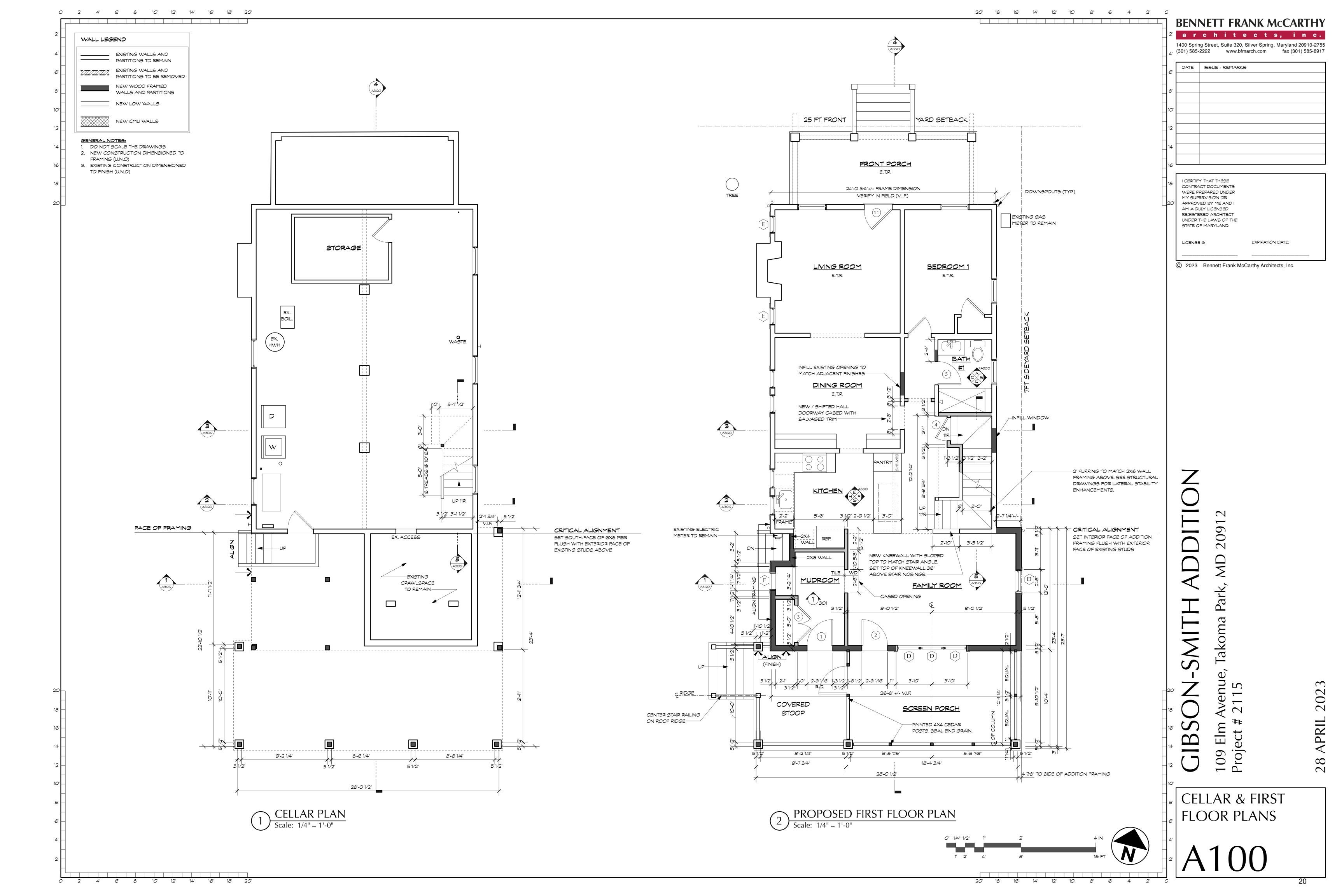
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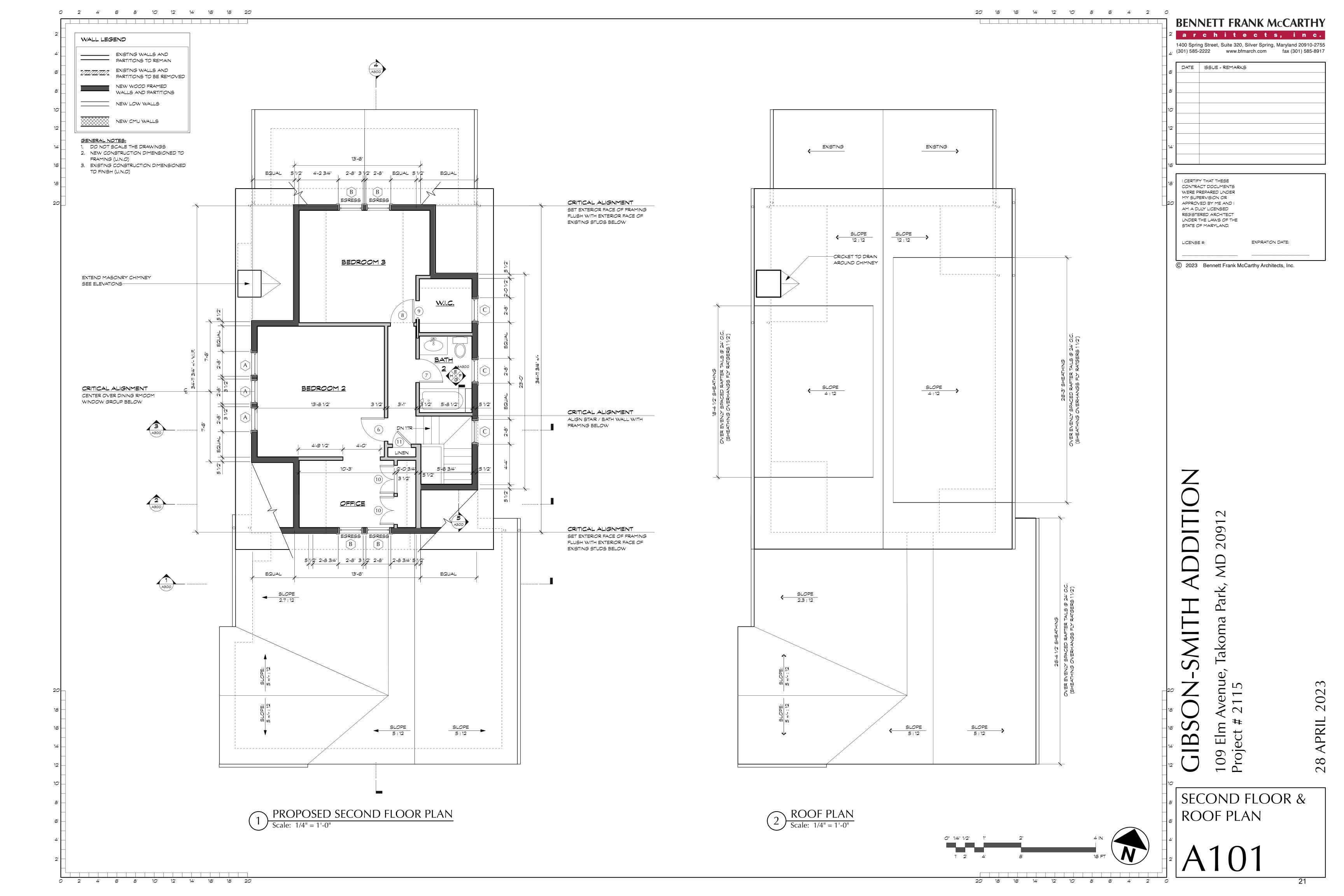
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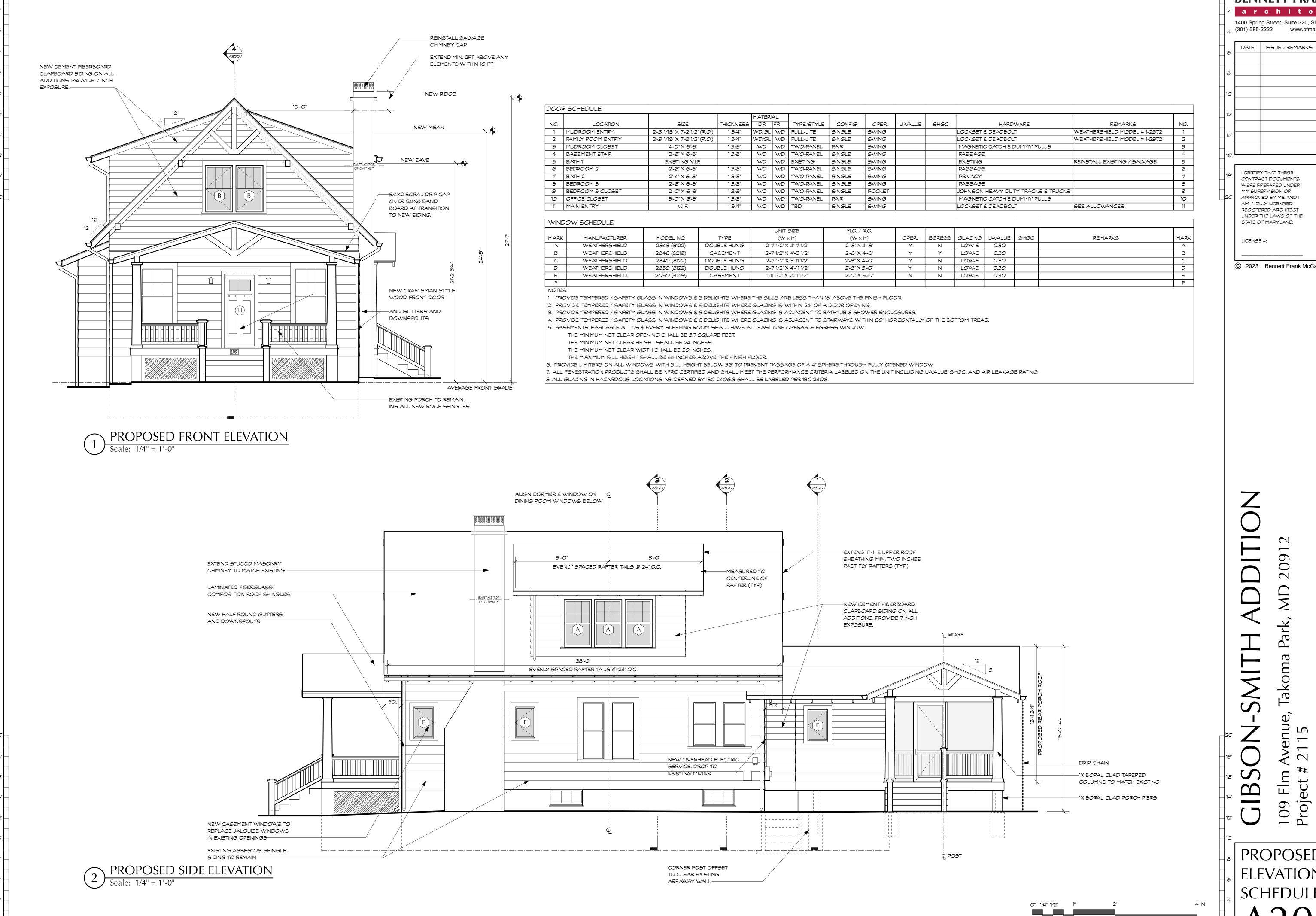
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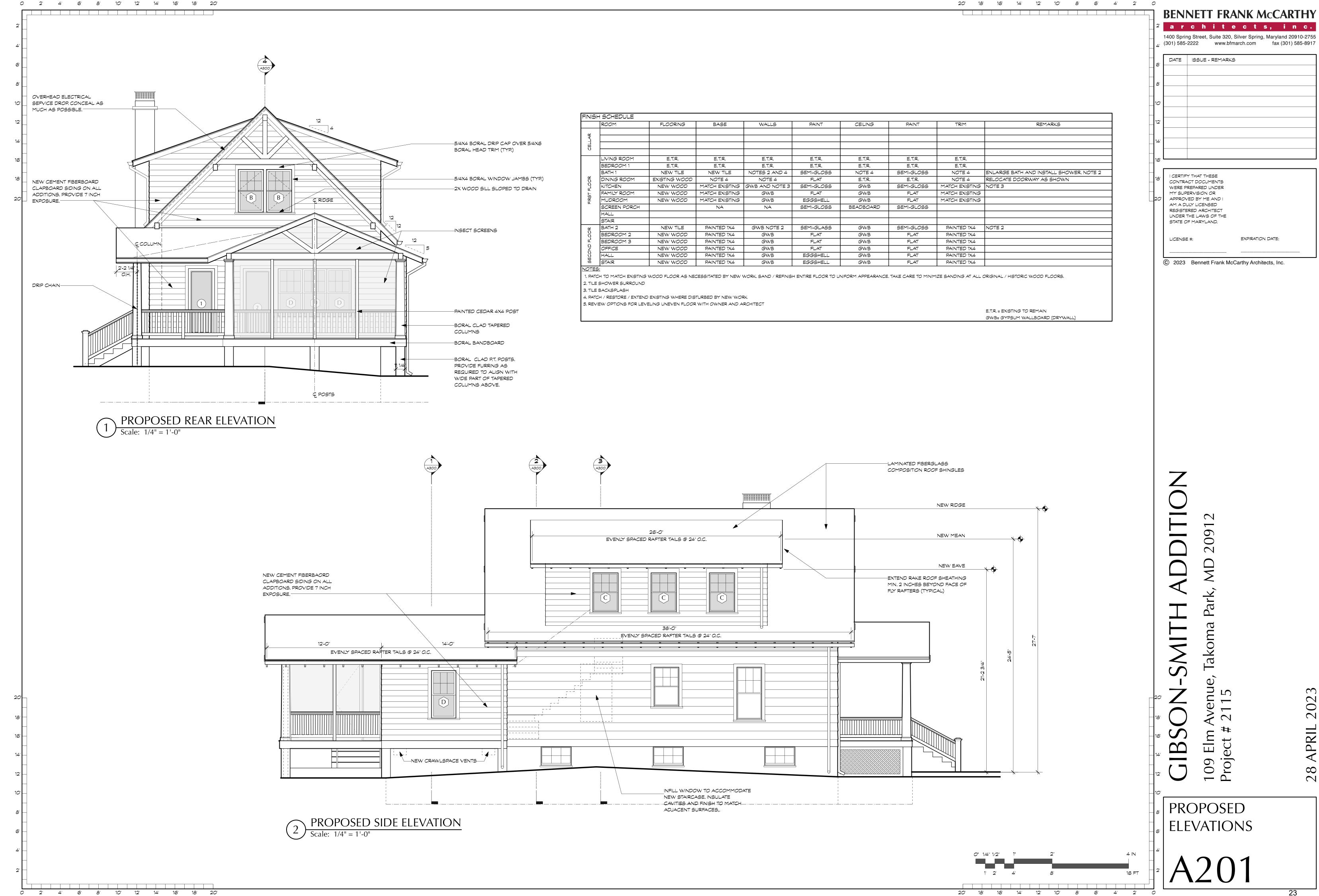
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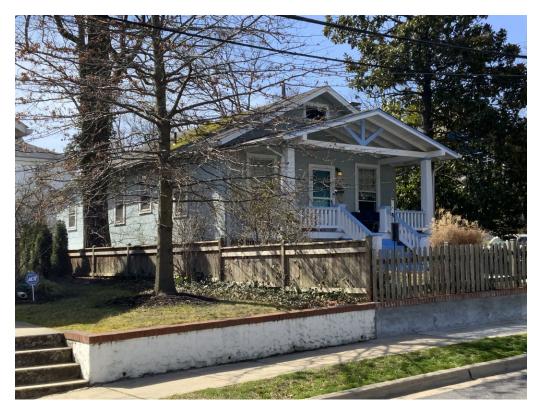
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PROPOSED **ELEVATIONS & SCHEDULES**

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Detail: 109 ELM FRONT



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Detail: 109 ELM REAR WEST



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MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

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Review: HAWP **Tax Credit:** n/a

Case Number: 993041 Staff: Dan Bruechert

Proposal: Partial Demolition, 2nd Story Building Addition, and Rear Deck

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Historic Preservation Commission approve the HAWP application

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Contributing Resource to the Takoma Park Historic District

STYLE: Craftsman DATE: 1923



Figure 1: The subject property is located at the corner of Elm and Allegheny Aves. at the edge of the Historic District.

PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes to demolish non-historic additions at the rear, construct a second story addition, and construct a rear addition with deck at the rear.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

When reviewing alterations and additions for new construction to Contributing Resources within the Takoma Park Historic District, decisions are guided by the Takoma Park Historic District Design Guidelines (*Design Guidelines*) and Montgomery County Code Chapter 24A (*Chapter 24A*) and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (*The Standards*).

Takoma Park Historic District Design 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.

Contributing Resources should receive a more lenient review than those structures that have been classified as Outstanding. This design review should emphasize the importance of the resource to the overall streetscape and its compatibility with existing patterns rather than focusing on a close scrutiny of architectural detailing. In general, however, changes to Contributing Resources should respect the predominant architectural style of the resource. As stated above, 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.

All exterior alterations, including those to architectural features and details, should be generally consistent with the predominant architectural style and period of the resource and should preserve the predominant architectural features of the resource; exact replication of existing details and features is, however, not required,

Minor alterations to areas that do not directly front on a public right-of-way such as vents, metal stovepipes, air conditioners, fences, skylights, etc. – should be allowed as a matter of course; alterations to areas that do not directly front on a public way-of-way which involve the replacement of or damaged to original ornamental or architectural features are discouraged, but may be considered and approved on a case-by-case basis,

Major additions should, where feasible, be placed to the rear of existing structures so that they are less visible from the public right-of-way; additions and alterations to the first floor at the front of a structure are discouraged, but not automatically prohibited

While additions should be compatible, they are not required to be replicative of earlier architectural styles

Second story additions or expansions should be generally consistent with the predominant architectural style and period of the resource (although structures that have been historically single story can be expanded) and should be appropriate to the surrounding streetscape in terms of scale and massing

Original size and shape of window and door openings should be maintained, where feasible

Some non-original building materials may be acceptable on a case-by-case basis; artificial siding on areas visible to the public right-of-way is discouraged where such materials would replace or damage original building materials that are in good condition

Alterations to features that are not visible from the public right-of-way should be allowed as a matter of course

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

Montgomery County Code, Chapter 24A Historic Resources Preservation

- (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
 - (4) The proposal is necessary in order that unsafe conditions or health hazards be remedied; 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. (Ord. No. 9-4, § 1; Ord. No. 11-59.)

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 one-story, front gable, Craftsman bungalow, with a nearly full-width front porch with a low pitched gable roof. The original portion of the house is 854 ft² (eight hundred fifty-four square feet). At the rear, there is a non-historic addition covered by two sections of shed roofing that adds an additional 228 ft² (two hundred twenty-two feet); making the total square footage 1082 ft² (one thousand eighty-two feet). The applicant proposes to demolish the non-historic rear addition, construct a second-floor addition, and construct a new addition to the rear with a deck. Staff finds the proposal is consistent with the Takoma Park Design Guidelines and 24A and recommends the HPC approve the HAWP.

Rear Addition Demolition

The rear building addition (or additions) vary in depth and foundation, but have matching asbestos

shingle siding. The section of the rear addition closest to Allegheny Ave., has an entrance and is used for storage, measures approximately $10^{\circ}\times 8$ (ten feet by eight feet), and has a brick pier foundation. The other section of the addition, used as a bedroom, measures approximately $12^{\circ}\times 12^{\circ}$ (twelve feet square) and has a concrete foundation. The applicant proposes to demolish these sections of the building.

Staff finds that these sections at the rear are neither architecturally nor historically significant and their demolition will not negatively impact the character of the house or the surrounding streetscape. Staff recommends the HPC approve their demolition.

Second Story Addition

Over the existing house, the applicant proposes to construct a second story that will add 613 ft² (six hundred thirteen square feet) and includes two bedrooms, a bathroom, and an office. The proposed addition has the form of a steeply pitched front gable roof, with wall dormers on the east and west elevations. As the project architect points out in the accompanying narrative, this was the same solution the firm applied for the approved second-story addition to the Contributing Resource at 26 Pine Ave.¹ The exterior of the raised gable and dormers will be covered in fiber cement shingles, with six-over-one wood sash windows, and architectural roofing shingles.

The ridge height of the building will rise from 15' 11 1/8" to 24' 1". The front elevation of the second story includes a pair of six-over-one wood sash windows. On the right (west) elevation, facing Allegheny Ave., the applicant proposes a modest-sized shed dormer, with paired six-over-one sash windows, stacked above the existing dining room windows. On the left (east) roof slope, the applicant proposes to construct a larger shed-roofed dormer with two six-over-one sash windows. The rear elevation of the addition includes a pair of six-over-one sash windows.

While the *Design Guidelines* include guidance for second story additions, they are generally disfavored, because they involve more significant alterations to contributing resources than additions to the rear of a structure. However, Staff recognizes that there are times when a second story addition is acceptable or even preferable to a rear addition and that this may be one of those instances. The subject property is a modestly sized, front gable bungalow, on a small corner lot. In fact, under current zoning, the subject house could not be built on this lot. The project architect identified the buildable envelope on the proposed site plan, shown below, which is significantly restricted due to the required two "front" setbacks. Virtually any building on the site, including the addition discussed below, will require a variance.

Constructing a second story on the subject property will involve an additional two changes to the house. To accommodate the staircase, the applicant proposes blocking up one of the historic window openings on the left (east) side of the house. The second proposed change is raising the height of the existing chimney. The parged chimney exterior would not satisfy the height requirements of the new roof, so the applicant proposes to extend the existing chimney, with a parged exterior, to meet code requirements. Staff finds both of these changes will only have a minor impact on the character of the building and notes the removed window on the left side will likely not be visible from the public right-of-way due to the narrow setback between 109 and 111 Elm Ave. Staff additionally finds the change to the chimney is driven by safety considerations. The cumulative effect these two changes will have on the character of the house and surrounding district is minor and Staff recommends the HPC approve these changes under 24A-8(b)(4) and (d).

¹ The Staff Report and HAWP application for the 26 Pine Ave. addition is available here: https://mcatlas.org/tiles/06_HistoricPreservation_PhotoArchives/Padlock/HAR60640009/Box076/37-03-07V_Takoma%20Park%20Historic%20District_26%20Pine%20Avenue_01-03-2008.pdf.

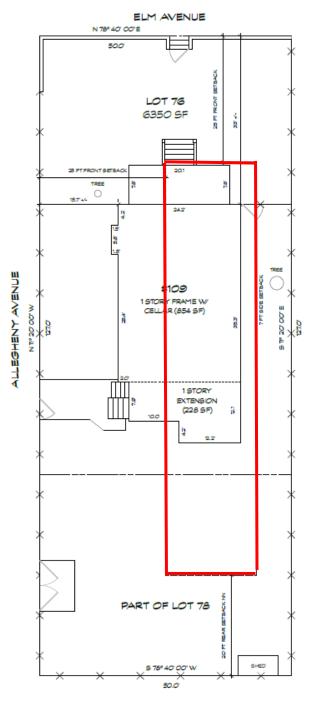


Figure 2: Existing site plan, with the buildable envelope outlined in red.

Staff finds the subject property is not architecturally significant in its own right and, as with all contributing resources, its importance is its contribution to the overall streetscape. Staff finds raising the roof height and adding a second floor will not negatively impact the character of that streetscape, which consists of mostly one-and-a-half and two-story single-family houses. Additionally, Staff finds the proposed addition is consistent with the architectural style of the house, per the *Design Guidelines*. Staff recommends the HPC approve the second story addition under the *Design Guidelines*, 24A-8(d), and Standard 2.

Rear Addition

In place of the existing rear addition, the applicant proposes constructing a one-story addition, measuring 21' 6" × 28' 4" (twenty-one feet, six inches by twenty-eight feet, four inches). The proposed rear addition includes a family room, mudroom, covered stoop, and screened-in porch. The addition will be constructed on parged piers with fiber cement clapboards. The windows and doors proposed for the addition will be wood, most of the windows will be wood six-over-one sash with a single casement window. Doors shown on the submitted plans show two full-lite doors. The roof over the proposed addition is a complex form, with a rear-facing gable over the eastern 2/3s of the addition, while the western portion of the roof includes a section of shed roofing and a street-facing gable roof over the stoop.

Staff finds the size of the proposed rear addition to be compatible with the house and proposed second story. Much of the proposed size increase (from 228 ft² to 347 ft²) comes from the covered stoop and screened-in porch. These elements do increase the area of the house covered by roofing, but these new features will be largely transparent.

Additionally, Staff finds the proposed materials are compatible with the existing construction and are appropriate for building additions to Contributing Resources in the Takoma Park Historic District.

Staff also notes that the adjoining neighbors at 110 Elm Ave. (directly across the street), 111 Elm Ave. (to the right/west), and 6809 Allegheny Ave. (to the rear) have all submitted letters (attached) in support of the proposed second story and rear addition.

Finally, Staff finds the complex roof form at the rear will not detract from the character of the house. While not specified in the application materials, Staff assumes this roof form was developed to avoid impacting the paired second-story windows in the rear gable. Additionally, this roof form helps to keep the ridge heights lower than a single gable could, which reduces the apparent overall mass of the structure. Staff finds the proposed addition is acceptable and recommends the HPC approve the addition under the *Design Guidelines*, 24A-8(d), and Standard 2.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission <u>approve</u> the HAWP application under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b)(1), (2), (4), and (d), 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;

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 dan.bruechert@montgomeryplanning.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.



APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301.563.3400

FOR STAFF ONLY: HAWP# 993041 DATE ASSIGNED____

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Name: Brian McCarthy	E-mail:
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Is there an Historic Preservation/Land Trust/Env map of the easement, and documentation from Are other Planning and/or Hearing Examiner Ap (Conditional Use, Variance, Record Plat, etc.?) If supplemental information.	No/Individual Site Name rironmental Easement on the Property? If YES, include a the Easement Holder supporting this application. provals / Reviews Required as part of this Application?
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HAWP APPLICATION: MAILING ADDRESSES FOR NOTIFING [Owner, Owner's Agent, Adjacent and Confronting Property Owners] Owner's mailing address Owner's Agent's mailing address Jennifer Gibson & Andreas Smith Brian McCarthy Bennett Frank McCarthy Architects 109 Elm Avenue Takoma Park MD 20912 1400 Spring Street Silver Spring, MD 20910 Adjacent and confronting Property Owners mailing addresses Sarah Boehm & Leonard Newmark Thomas Bossuroy & Clara Delavallade-Bossuroy 111 Elm Avenue 107 Elm Avenue Takoma Park, MD 20912 Takoma Park, MD 20912 Benjamin J Lambiotte & Maria Tsiolis Janet Marie Owens 110 Elm Avenue 108 Elm Avenue Takoma Park, MD 20912 Takoma Park, MD 20912 Martina S Barash Catrin Elizabeth Hohman Jones 6807 Allegheny Avenue Thomas Mahlo Perkins Takoma Park, MD 20912 6809 Allegheny Avenue Takoma Park, MD 20912

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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	*	*		*	*	*	*
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Window/ Door Changes	*	*	*	*	*		*
Masonry Repair/ Repoint	*	*	*	*	*		*
Signs	*	*	*	*	*		*

GIBSON-SMITH ADDITION

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ABBREVIATIONS

ABOVE

APARTMENT

BASEMENT

CENTER LINE

CONCRETE

MASONRY UNIT

CONTROL JOINT

BUILDING

CABINET

CLEAR

FINISHED FLOOR

AFF

BLDG

BSMT

CLR

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CONDITION

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

THE PROJECT INVOLVES BUILDING A NEW SECOND STORY AND A ONE-STORY REAR ADDITION ON AN HISTORIC ONE-STORY WOOD FRAME BUNGALOW (W/ CELLAR) LOCATED IN THE TAKOMA PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT. THE REAR ADDITION CONSISTS OF A COVERED REAR STOOP/ENTRY, SCREEN PORCH, MUDROOM/ENTRY, AND FAMILY ROOM. REMODELING SCOPE INCLUDES THE KITCHEN, HALL BATH EXPANSION, AND A NEW STAIRCASE. THE ALL- NEW SECOND FLOOR CONSISTS OF TWO BEDROOMS, A SMALL OFFICE, AND A HALL BATH.

N 78° 40' 00" E

25 FT FRONT SETBACK

TREE

15.7' +/-

ELM AVENUE

LOT 76

6350 SF

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SECOND FLOOR

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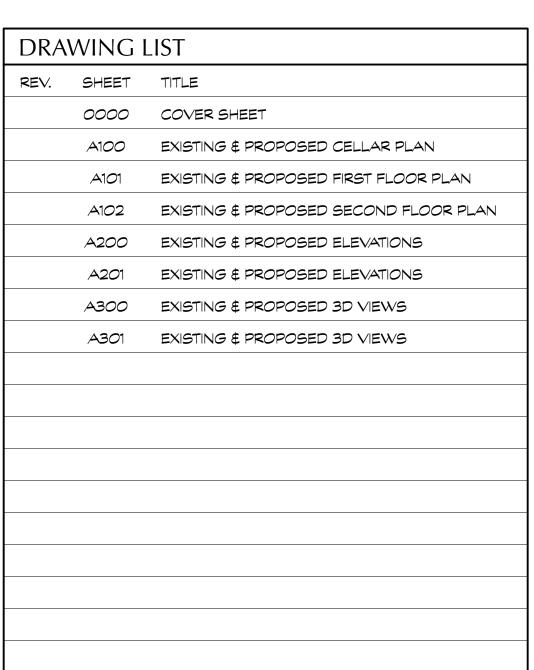
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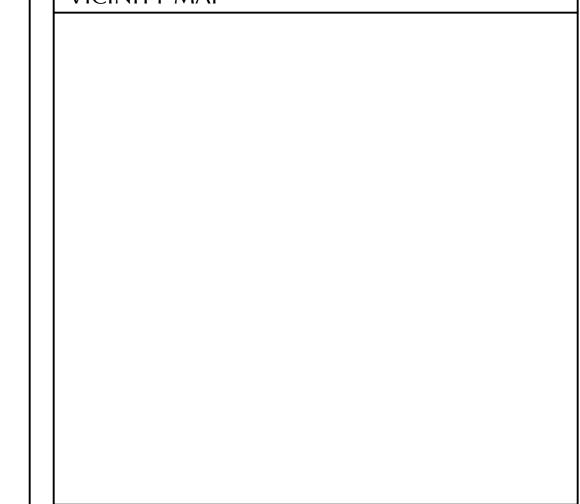


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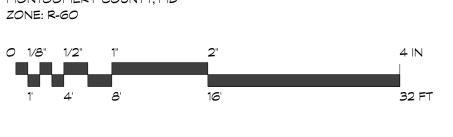
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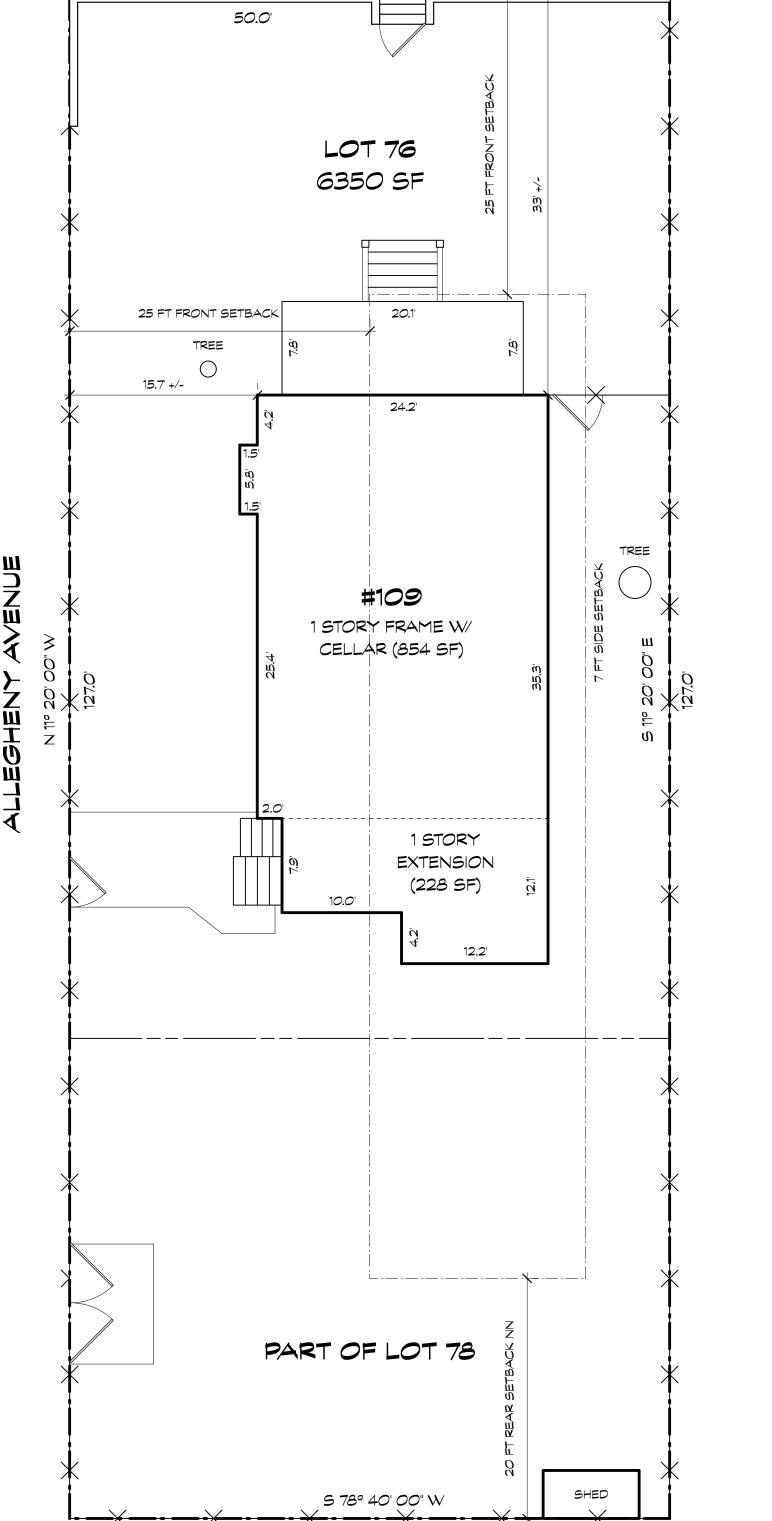
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TAKOMA PARK PLAT BOOK 3 PLAT NO. 205

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ELM AVENUE

N 78° 40' 00" E

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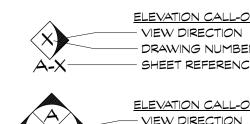
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PROPOSED SITE PLAN

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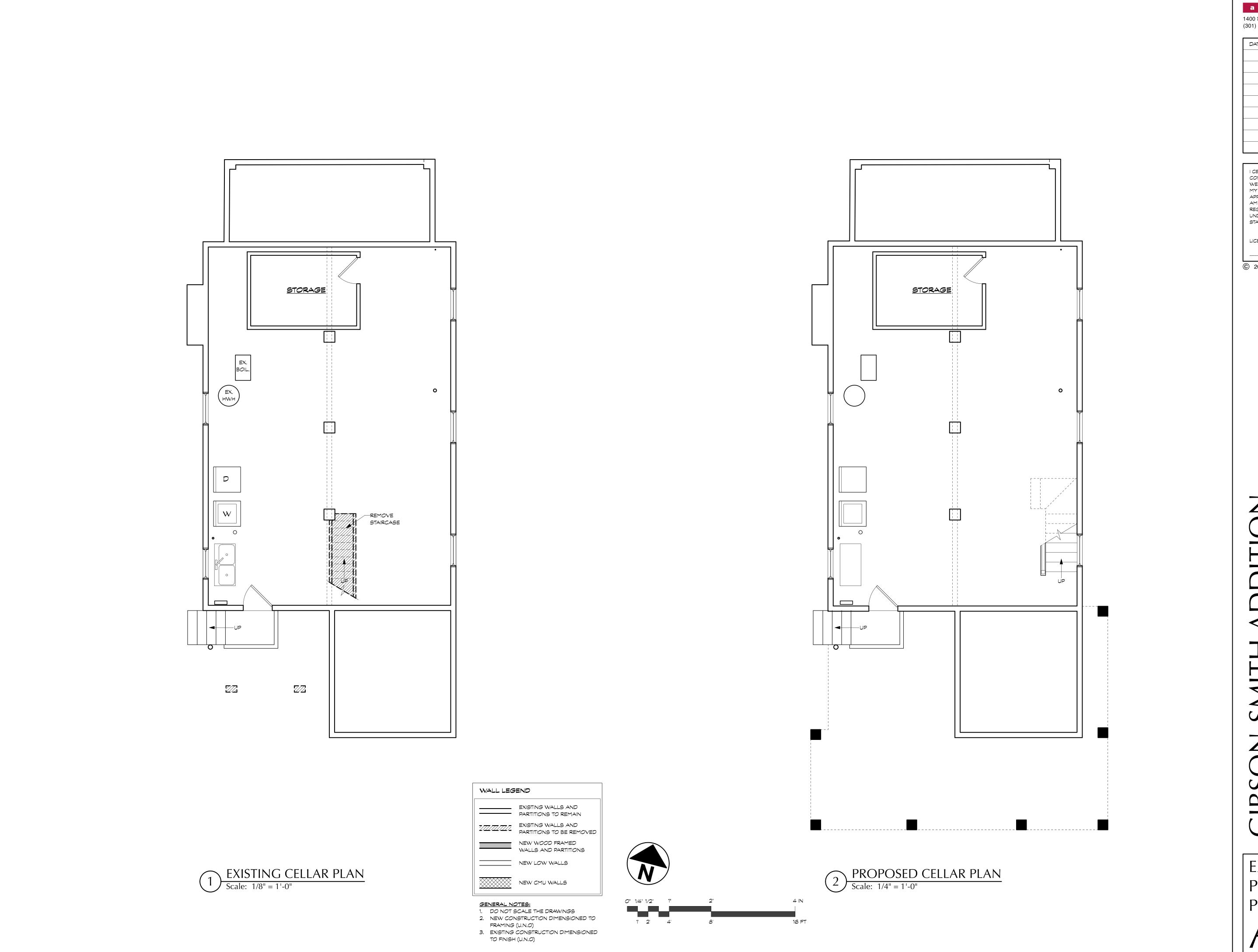
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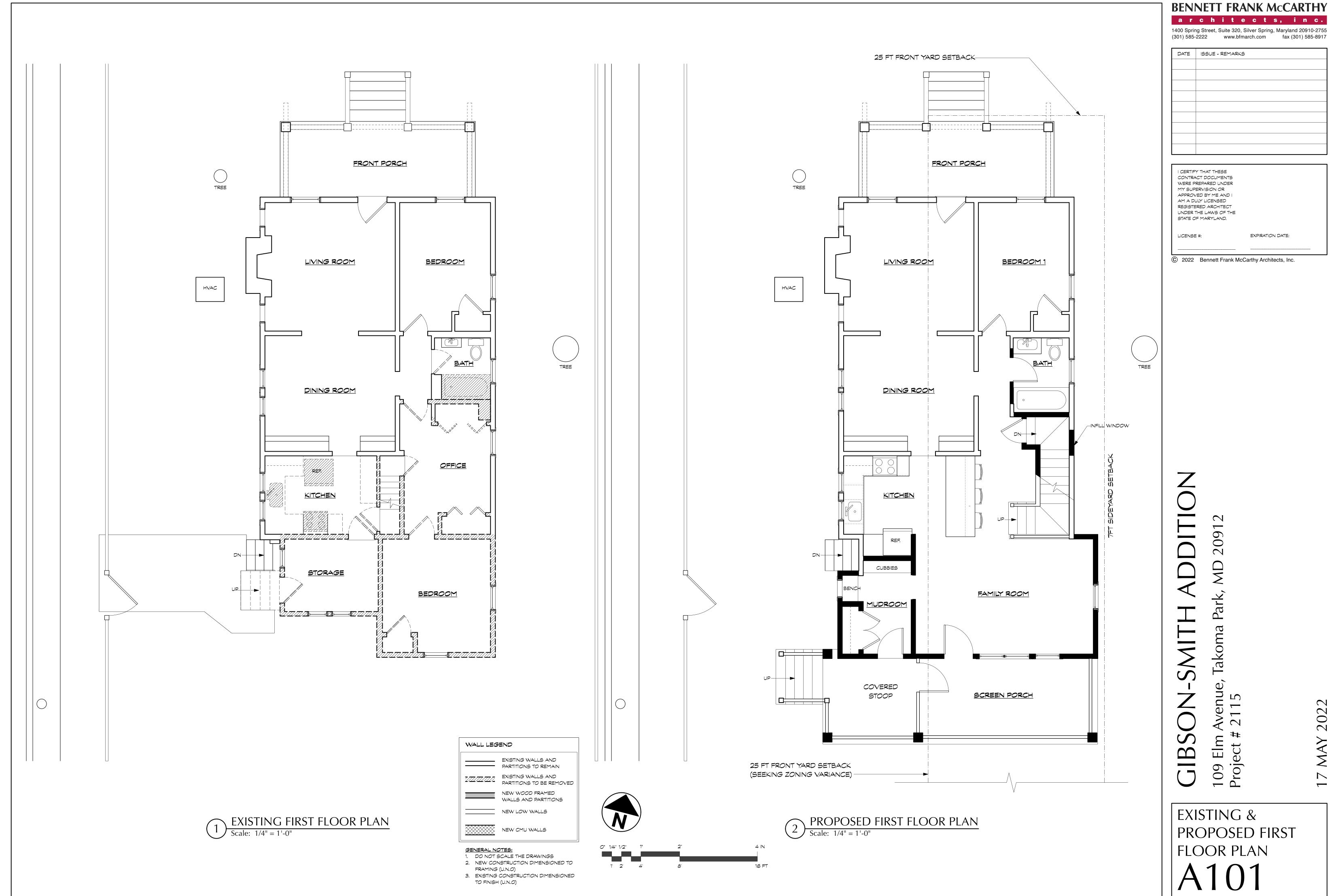
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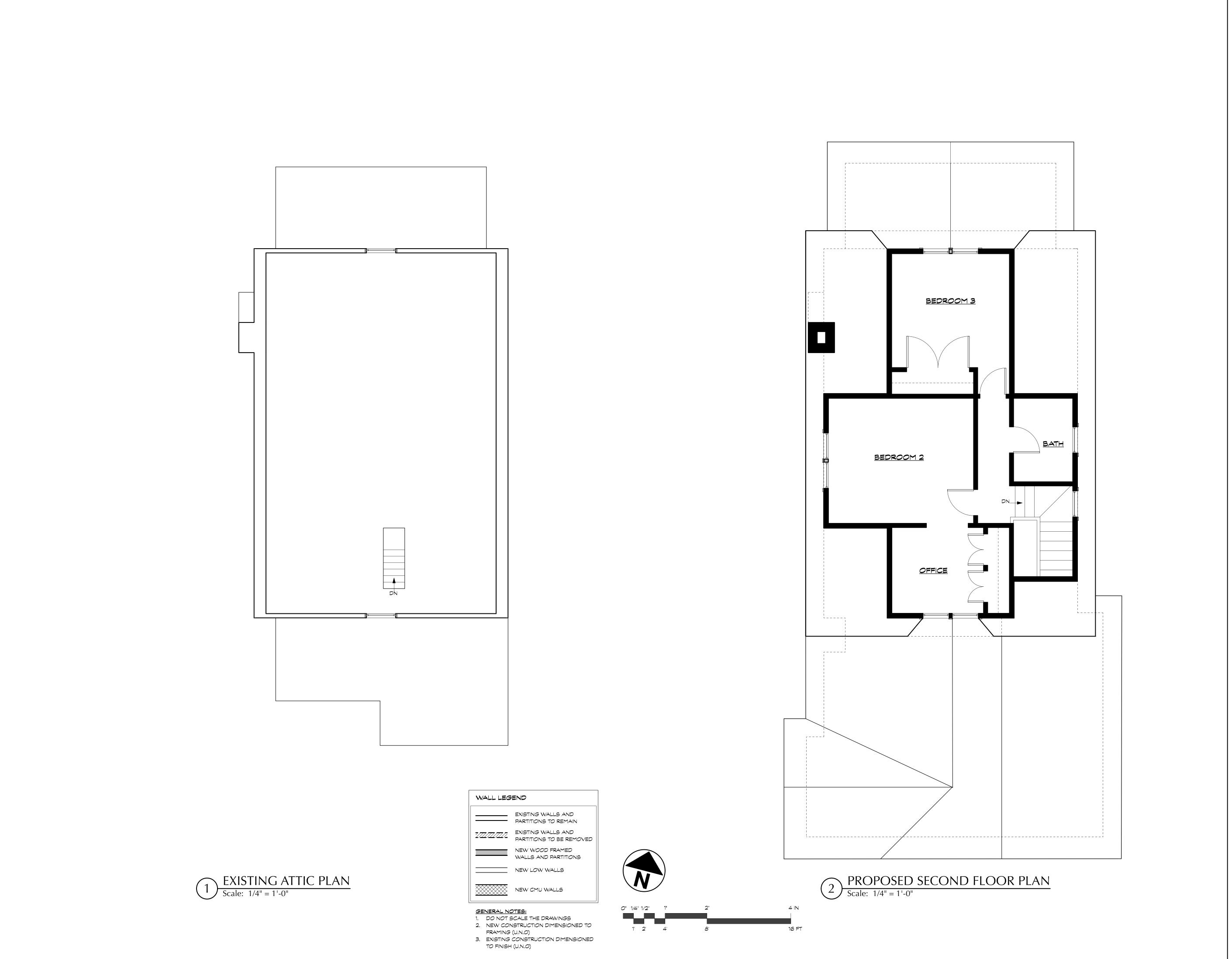
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EXISTING NORTHEAST CORNER
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PROPOSED NORTHEAST CORNER
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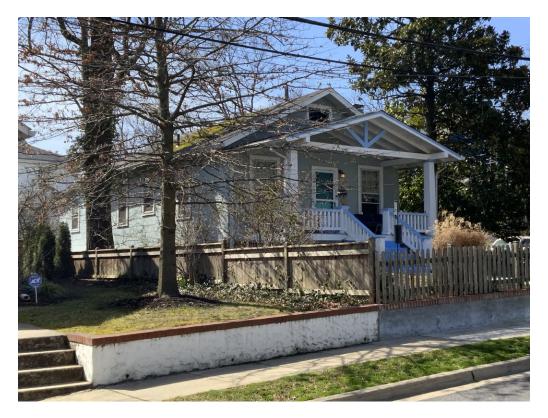
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3D MODEL

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Detail: 109 ELM NORTHEAST CORNER



Detail: 109 ELM FRONT



Detail: 109 ELM PORCH NORTHWEST CORNER



Detail: 109 ELM NORTHWEST CORNER



Detail: 109 ELM REAR WEST



Detail: 109 ELM REAR



Detail: 109 ELM REAR SOUTHEAST CORNER



Detail: CONTEXT: 6809 ALLEGHENY



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Memorandum

17 May 2022

To: Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission c/o Department of Permitting Services, Montgomery County

From: Brian McCarthy

Re: Historic Area Work Permit for

109 Elm Avenue, Takoma Park Historic District Addenda to HAWP: **Written Description of Project**

Addendum a.

The property is a 1-story wood frame Bungalow-Craftsman with an unfinished cellar, located at 109 Elm Avenue on a 6,350 square foot corner lot at the intersection with Allegheny Avenue. The house, built circa 1910s, is designated as a contributing resource in the Takoma Park Historic District. The form is a simple rectangle with the short side fronting Elm Avenue and the long side parallel to Allegheny. The front façade is embellished by a nearly full width covered porch with a low slope gable roof. The roof structure features open, truss-like gable framing, exposed rafters and timber beams resting on two tapered wood columns. The main roof, like the porch, is a simple gable with deep eaves and exposed rafter tails but with a more pronounced pitch. The south facing rear façade has been altered by a pair of modest, conjoined additions (or enclosed porches) capped by shed roofs.

The exterior frame is clad in large format asbestos shingles. The foundation and chimney are unpainted cement parging/stucco over terracotta block. The roofing material is three-tab fiberglass composition shingles.

Addendum b.

The first floor, which provides the totality of living and bedroom space, is a very modest 1,082 square feet, of which 854 sf is original. The site, while fairly standard in size, is tightly constrained by zoning setbacks, most notably the 25 ft "front" setback along Allegheny. The combined setbacks leave a developable area of a mere 1,476 sf; just 23% of the overall lot area. The neighborhood average for developable area is 45%; almost two times larger. Consequently, historic preservation Design Guidelines overlayed with zoning restrictions are the primary drivers influencing potential expansion options. Indeed, there is no practical way to appreciably expand the house without a zoning variance and the proposed design is predicated on that hope.

We appreciate the Design Guidelines favor rear additions so we have concentrated roughly half of the new square footage in the rear yard. The one-story addition consists of a family room, screen porch, mudroom, and covered entry stoop. The porch and stoop mimic the style and details of the front porch and the addition will be capped by similar low sloped gable roof. To address the owners remaining space needs we feel the site constraints necessitate adding a second floor. And we strongly believe the most appealing massing for a second story is over the main house rather than the rear addition. Our design approach is modeled after a nearby precedent at 26 Pine Avenue (also a contributing resource). We are proposing to increase the current roof pitch to allow us to effectively create living space (2 bedrooms and a bath) in the taller "attic" volume, supplemented by shed dormers on the long sides. We have chosen shed roofs for the dormers - rather than gabled roofs - to minimize the height and reduce the scale.

The new roof eaves, rakes, and timber brackets will match the existing features. New windows will be painted wood double hungs where possible and casements (with faux check rails) where required for egress. Roofing will be fiberglass composition shingles. Siding on additions will be cement fiberboard; a mix of clapboard on the first floor (a nod to the broad horizontal lines of the existing asbestos siding) and shingles on the second floor. The masonry chimney shaft will be extended to clear the higher ridgeline.

We feel the proposed expansions are consistent with and sympathetic to the resource, and the historic district at large.