

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

Address:	8940 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase	Meeting Date:	1/10/2024
Resource:	Master Plan Site #35/12 Woodend	Report Date:	1/3/2024
Applicant:	Nature Forward (Lisa Alexander, Agent)	Public Notice:	12/27/2023
Review:	HAWP	Tax Credit:	N/A
Permit Number:	1053903	Staff:	Dan Bruechert
Proposal:	Tree Removal and Hardscape Alterations		

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE:
Master Plan Historic Site

STYLE:
Georgian Revival

DATE:
1927



Figure 1: The subject property (yellow star) at 8940 Jones Mill Road . The historic site (shown in red) is bound by Jones Mill Road to the east, single-family housing to the north and south, and Brierly Road to the west.

Excerpt from *Places for the Past*:

In 1927, John Russell Pope, accomplished architect of Eclectic Classicism, designed Woodend for Chester Wells, a naval officer, and Marion Dixon Wells, an Australian heiress. Pope’s best-known works include the National Gallery of Art (1941) and the Jefferson Memorial (1943). The spacious H-shaped mansion has Flemish-bond brick walls and quoins, molded water table, stone belt course, and denticulated cornice. The front (east) elevation has a semicircular portico with Ionic columns. A central door on the south elevation, opening into a terrace, has Corinthian pilasters supporting an egg and dart molded cornice, with scrolled broken-pediment. On the north, an oversize Palladian window, lighting a staircase, surmounts a doorway with heavy cornice and oversize Doric columns. A stone balustrade above the two-story brick walls conceals a low hip roof sheathed in copper.

On the interior, a large central hall has a grand, sweeping staircase with heavy newel posts at each landing. The library, or Bird Room, a richly paneled space with natural wood finish, is a reproduction of a room in Abergelde, Marion Wells' childhood home in Australia. While marble hearths and brick firebacks unite fireplaces throughout the house, each has differently detailed mantel pieces. The third level, sheltered beneath the hip roof over the main block, contained a caretaker's apartment. Sited on a hillside, the house is accessed by a long drive through beautifully landscaped grounds. The 40-acre property includes a brick gatehouse garage and numerous mature trees. Marion Wells, an ardent bird watcher, bequeathed the property to the Audubon Naturalist Society. The organization manages Woodend as a nature preserve and education center.

PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes the following alterations: 1) expand the existing non-historic patio and 2) remove several trees.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

In accordance with section 1.5 of the Historic Preservation Commission Rules, Guidelines, and Procedures (Regulation No. 27-97) ("Regulations"), in developing its decision when reviewing a Historic Area Work Permit application for an undertaking at a Master Plan site, the Commission uses the *Montgomery County Code* ("Chapter 24A"), the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation (Standards)*, and pertinent guidance in applicable master plans. [Note: where guidance in an applicable master plan is inconsistent with the Standards, the master plan guidance shall take precedence (section 1.5(b) of the Regulations).] The pertinent information in these documents, incorporated in their entirety by reference herein, is outlined below.

Montgomery County Code, Chapter 24A-8

The following guidance which pertains to this project are as follows:

- (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 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
 - (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.

(Ord. No. 9-4, § 1; Ord. No. 11-59.)

Secretary of the 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.
10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall 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 40-acre nature sanctuary with the John Russell Pope-designed Georgian Revival Woodend mansion as the centerpiece of the site. It has become an education preschool center, tree sanctuary, and a source of diverse flora and fauna. The Nature Forward’s (formerly the Audubon Naturalist Society) mission focuses on encouraging the local community to learn, appreciate, and protect the surrounding natural environment. The Historic Preservation Commission has approved numerous Historic Area Work Permits (HAWPs) to improve accessibility of the site, complete stream restoration, and create play areas.¹ To fund these programs, the applicant rents out the facility which includes erecting a temporary tent on a non-historic patio on the south side of the historic house. In a recent review by the Montgomery County Fire Inspector, the applicant was told the tent needed to be located 11’ (eleven feet) from the historic structure. This requires expanding the existing non historic patio. Before the patio can be enlarged several trees need to be removed first. Staff has discussed with the applicant the need to file a HAWP for the tent at a future time since it is installed for more than one (1) month or 30 days at a time during the course of the year. The applicant has agreed to file this permit in coordination with the final permit for the patio expansion at a later date so that design review for all the items can be addressed.

¹ For more information, see <http://montgomeryplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/I.G-8940-Jones-Mill-Road-Chevy-Chase.pdf> (December 2018), <http://montgomeryplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/L.M-8940-Jones-Mill-Road-Chevy-Chase.pdf> (June 2018), <http://montgomeryplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/I.F-8940-Jones-Mill-Road-Chevy-Chase.pdf> (September 2018), <https://montgomeryplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/I.K-8940-Jones-Mill-Road-Chevy-Chase.pdf> (May 2019), and <https://montgomeryplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/L.E-8940-Jones-Mill-Road-Chevy-Chase-1016005.pdf> (January 2023).

Patio Expansion

The existing, non-historic patio has an area of 2,215 square feet and dimensions of approximately 70' wide by 30' deep (41' deep at the inset of the house) with a curvilinear set of steps on the south side of the patio. To accommodate the location dictated by the Fire Inspector, the applicant proposes to erect a temporary wood floor as an extension of the non-historic patio (shown below). In addition to the new temporary wood flooring, the applicant proposes to install four anchor bolts into the non-historic patio to hold the tent in place.

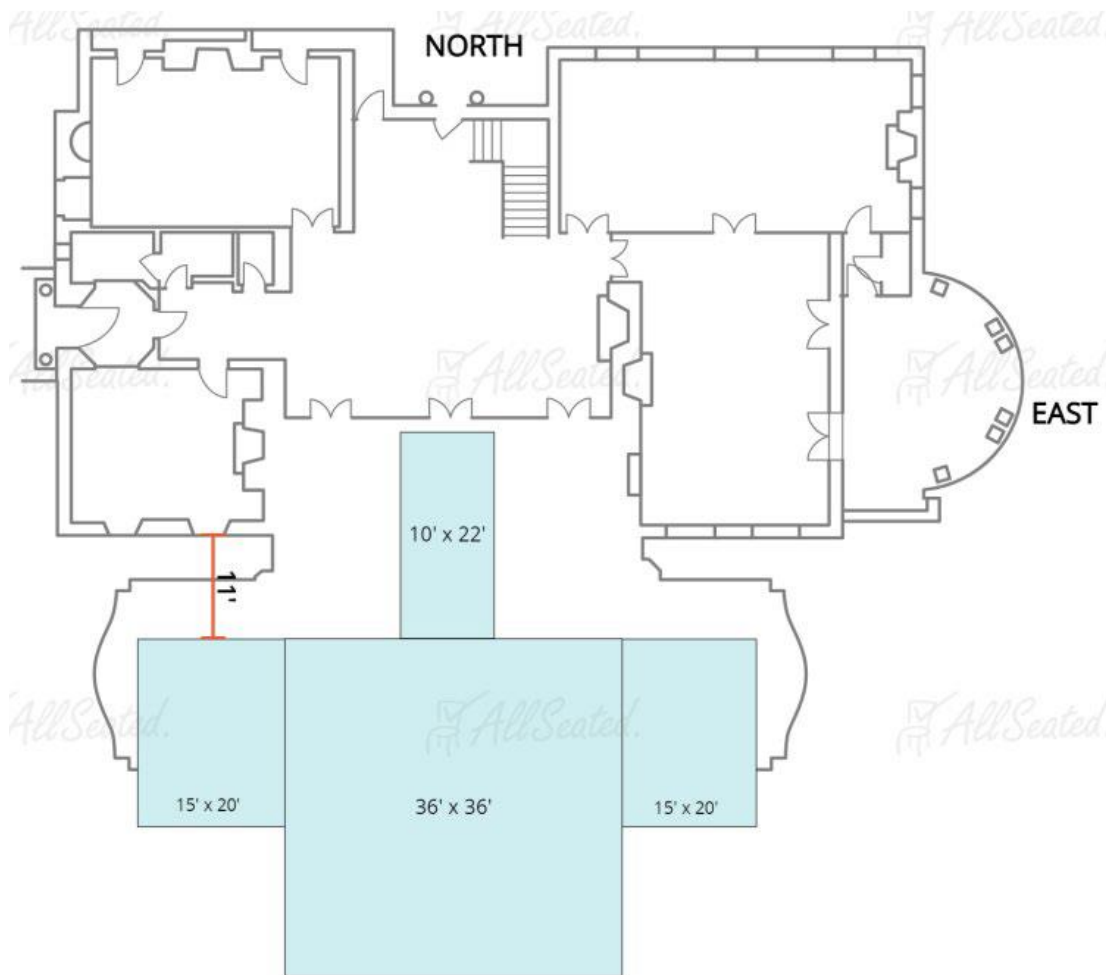


Figure 1: Building plan showing the proposed wood floor in blue.

Staff finds the proposed changes will not impact any historic fabric and are driven by code requirements. Staff additionally finds the proposed flooring is temporary and can be removed without impacting the historic fabric or appearance of the historic building. Staff further finds that installing the anchor bolts is necessary to ensure the tent stays in place and will only penetrate non-historic fabric. Staff recommends the HPC approve the temporary flooring and anchor bolts under 24A-8(2), (3), and (4); and Standards 2, 9, and 10.

Tree Removal

To the south of the non-historic patio (discussed above) five trees - three redbuds and two Hornbeams - need to be removed to accommodate the expanded patio footprint. These trees range in size from 7.8" (seven point eight inches) d.b.h. to 17.5" (seventeen and a half inches) d.b.h.

To mitigate the loss of these trees, the applicant proposes to plant 15 (fifteen) additional trees at the edge of the mansion's south lawn. The proposed replacement trees include; three redbuds, three fringetrees, six hophornbeams, and six American holly trees.

Staff finds that based on their size the existing trees are not historic and their removal will not negatively impact the historic character of the Master Plan Site. Staff additionally finds that replating three trees for every one removed is sufficient mitigation to preserve the character of the overall site, and Staff recommends the HPC approve the tree removal under 24A-8(b)(1) and (2).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) **approve** the HAWP application under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b)(1), (2), (3), and (4) 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 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# _____
DATE ASSIGNED _____

APPLICANT:

Name: Nature Forward E-mail: lisa.alexander@natureforward.org
Address: 8940 Jones Mill Road City: Chevy Chase Zip: 20815
Daytime Phone: 301-652-1088 Tax Account No.: 530233715

AGENT/CONTACT (if applicable):

Name: Lisa Alexander E-mail: lisa.alexander@natureforward.org
Address: 8940 Jones Mill Road City: Chevy Chase Zip: 20815
Daytime Phone: 301-652-1088 Contractor Registration No.: _____

LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE: MIHP # of Historic Property WES101 398 CLEAN

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

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: _____ Street: _____
Town/City: _____ Nearest Cross Street: _____
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 type="checkbox"/> Solar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demolition | <input type="checkbox"/> Hardscape/Landscape | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tree removal/planting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grading/Excavation | <input type="checkbox"/> Roof | <input type="checkbox"/> Window/Door |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Relocate temporary tent</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.

Lisa Alexander December 20, 2023

Signature of owner or authorized agent Date

HAWP APPLICATION MAILING ADDRESSES FOR NOTIFYING

<p>Owner's mailing address</p> <p>Nature Forward 8940 Jones Mill Road Chevy Chase, MD 20815</p>	<p>Owner's Agent's mailing address</p> <p>Lisa Alexander 8940 Jones Mill Road Chevy Chase, MD 20815</p>
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Adjacent and Confronting Property Owners mailing addresses

NAME	ADDRESS	LOT/BLOCK
I. Malcom & Alina Brenner	9101 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD	Lot 1/Block I
2. Bryan & Mary Jacobik	9103 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 2/Block I
3. Joseph Cupo & Kathleen Teixeira	9105 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 3/Block I
4. Stacy Berman & Edward Rosen	9107 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 4/Block 1
5. Mildeen Worrell	9109 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 5/Block I
6. Neil Hyman & Rachel Decter	9111 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 6/Block I
7. Steven Schwartz & Elana Cohen	9113 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 7/Block I
8. William & R A Panton	3213 Woodhollow Dr. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 9/Block 1
9. Nathan Abraham	3214 Woodhollow Dr. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 6/Block 4
10. Bruce & Iresha Fletcher	9002 Levelle Dr. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot SA/Block 4
II. Daniel & D M Bailey	9000 Levelle Dr. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 7A/Block 4
12. Janet Rutsch Revoc Trust	9001 Levelle Dr. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 15A/Block 6
13. Neil Stormer & Zain Habboo	9000 Jones Mill Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 14A/Block 6
14. Ruth Gilliland Grove	9001 Jones Mill Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	
15. Mark Smith & Maxine Harris	9005 Jones Mill Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 7
16. Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission	6611 Kenilworth Ave Riverdale, MD 20737	

17. Mark Western	3101 Black Chestnut Ln. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot23/Block A
18. Michael August & Bonnie Weaver	3103 Black Chestnut Ln. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot24/Block A
19. Charles & S D Alston	3105 Black Chestnut Ln. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 25/Block A
20. Sherif & Norma Etefa	3107 Black Chestnut Ln. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 26/Block A
21. Andrew & P E Shoyer	3108 Black Chestnut Ln. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 18/Block A
22. Ezra Reese & Azad Nilofer	8811 Jones Mill Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 15/Block A
23. Joanna Nunan & Thomas Nunan	8809 Jones Mill Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 14/Block A
24. Gonzalo C Pastor & Judith Gold	8807 Jones Mill Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 16/Block A
25. John Bristol & Caroline Quijada	3201 Flushing Meadow Ter. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 23/Block 2
26. Thomas & K M Gilday	3211 Flushing Meadow Ter. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 18/Block 2
27. Peter Mathers & Bonnie Beavers	3213 Flushing Meadow Ter. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 17/Block 2
28. Mohamadi Ali & Sara Depew	3212 Flushing Meadow Ter. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 16/Block 2
29. Jose Demarais Jr & E R L Demarais	8819 Altimont Ln. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 9/Block 2
30. Howard & K R Rosenberg	8816 Altimont Ln. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 9/Block 1
31. North Chevy Chase Swimming	3 Campbell Ct. Kensington, MD 20895	

32. John & Julie Fox	3500 Dundee Dr. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 6/Block H
33. Douglas & Marianna Lanzo	8824 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 3/Block F
34. Thomas & B G Corbin	8826 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 2/Block F
35. May & LA Breslow	8828 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 1/Block F
36. Captain Luis Avila & Family	3401 Kenilworth Drive Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 7/Block E
37. John & Subadra Molyneaux	8908 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 6/Block E
38. Delfin & M A Go	8912 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 5/Block E
39. UNDER CONSTRUCTION/Current Resident	8918 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 4/Block E
40. John McKeon	8922 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 2/Block E
41. Robert Kreimeyer	3400 Inverness Drive Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 17/Block D
42. Helen Kelly	9006 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 18/Block D
43. Andrew & A Goldfarb	9010 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 19/Block D
44. Stephen & J K N Drake	9012 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot P20/Block D
45. Bret & AM Kelly	9108 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot P20/Block D
46. Zachary & Kara Karr	9018 Brierly Rd Chevy Chase, MD 20815	
47. Debbi Bauml Schultz	3210 Flushing Meadow Terrace Chevy Chase, MD 20815	
48. Grace & Charlie Huebshur	8805 Jones Mill Road Chevy Chase, MD 20815	
49. Robert Kreimeyer	9002 Brierly Road Chevy Chase, MD 20815	
50. Kalman Salata	3401 Inverness Drive Chevy Chase, MD 20815	

Description of Property

Please describe the building and surrounding environment. Include information on significant structures, landscape features, or other significant features of the property.

Woodend Sanctuary, Headquarters of Nature Forward

Woodend Sanctuary in Chevy Chase, Maryland is the headquarters of Nature Forward, formerly the Audubon Naturalist Society (ANS). Nature Forward's mission is to *"inspire residents of the Washington, DC region to appreciate, understand and protect their natural environment through outdoor experiences, education and advocacy."* In 1967, Mrs. Marion Wells donated Woodend Sanctuary to Nature Forward and the organization made the move to Chevy Chase.

Since the 1960s, Nature Forward has been a valued non-profit partner serving the residents of Montgomery County. We are the oldest environmental organization in the DC region. Our Woodend Nature Sanctuary in Chevy Chase, Maryland is free and open to residents of Montgomery County 365 days per year. Since 2005, our GreenKids environmental education program has delivered more than \$1 million dollars in free educational services in Montgomery County Public Schools. Every year, Nature Forward teaches people of all ages and abilities to love and protect nature, growing a larger, more diverse community of environmental champions taking action across Montgomery County and beyond.

Historic Significance

Nature Forward's headquarters at Woodend Sanctuary is an historically significant site listed on the National Historic Register, and on Montgomery County's Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

The estate was formerly the home of Captain and Mrs. Chester Wells. It was designed by John Russell Pope, leading American architect of the early 20th century whose classically inspired works include the Jefferson Memorial, the West Wing of the National Gallery of Art, and Constitution Hall in Washington, DC. Built in 1927, Woodend mansion is an admired example of Georgian Revival architecture, known for symmetry and geometric proportions.

Description of Work Proposed

Please give an overview of the work to be undertaken.

For more than two decades, Nature Forward has erected a temporary tent adjacent to the south facade of the mansion. The tent is used for Nature Forward mission programs and member meetings. In June, July, and August the tent serves as a heat, sun, and rain shelter for Camp Woodend summer camp. We also rent the tent for events. Event rentals produce between \$400,000 - \$600,000 annually, income that funds the many free mission programs Nature Forward delivers in Montgomery County, including keeping Woodend Sanctuary open to the public 365 days per year. Nature Forward currently has 88 signed contracts for event rentals in 2024, with the first contracted event scheduled for April 4, 2024.

During the most recent, routine, semi-annual fire inspection of Woodend in 2023, for the first time ever the Montgomery County Fire Inspector flagged our temporary tent for a violation because Nature Forward did not have a temporary tent permit. We immediately began discussions with the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services to identify all steps needed to become compliant with the county's temporary tent permit regulations.

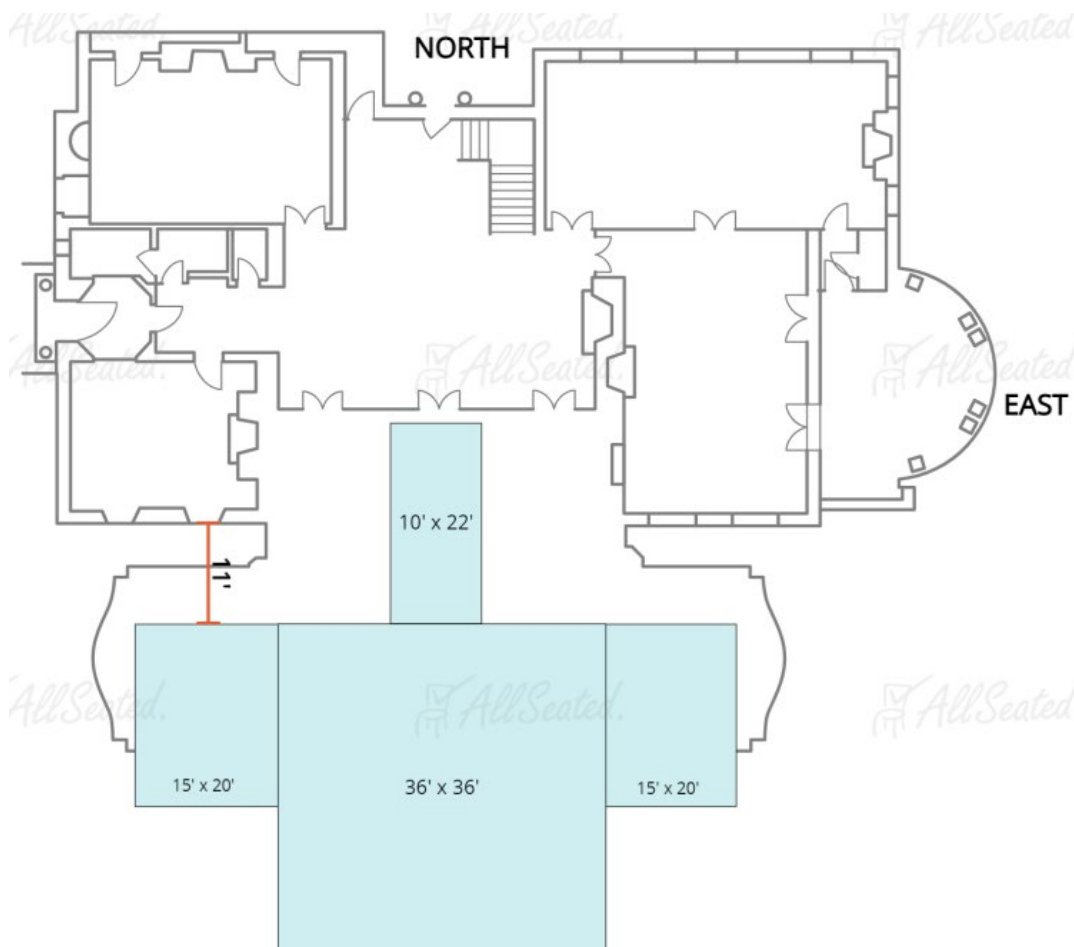
For Nature Forward to obtain a permit and certificate of occupancy for our temporary tent, the Department of Permitting Services is requiring us to move the temporary tent 11 feet away from the mansion. To do so, we will need to extend the existing, non-historic patio first with a temporary floor. (Nature Forward will ultimately seek a permanent patio extension and will apply for a separate Historic Area Work Permit for that work.) In addition, Nature Forward will add fire alarm notification appliances throughout the mansion, will install fire extinguishers and battery-powered exit signs for the tent, and will obtain approved crowd manager training certifications for staff who manage events.

Work Item 1: Non-historic Patio Extension

Overview: In order to comply with fire safety requirements, Nature Forward must move its temporary tent approximately 11 feet away from the mansion. In order to do this in time to serve April event rental clients, we will erect a temporary wood floor as an extension of the non-historic, concrete patio. Over time, we will request additional Historic Preservation Commission approval to extend the non-historic patio with additional concrete blocks molded to match the existing patio.

Description of Current Condition: The existing, non-historic patio has an area of 2215 square feet and dimensions of approximately 70’ wide by 30’ deep (41’ deep at the inset of the house) with a curvilinear set of steps on the south side of the patio.

Proposed Work: See image below of new temporary tent location as required by MCDPS.



Work Item 2: Tent Anchors in non-historic Patio

Overview: In order to comply with fire safety requirements, Nature Forward must move its temporary tent approximately 11 feet away from the mansion. We will need to drill four, 1-inch diameter holes in the non-historic patio to place anchor bolts that will hold the tent in place. Each year, when the temporary tent is taken down for the winter months, the bolts will be removed, and the holes will be plugged.

Description of Current Condition: The existing, non-historic patio is made of concrete formed to look like flagstone.

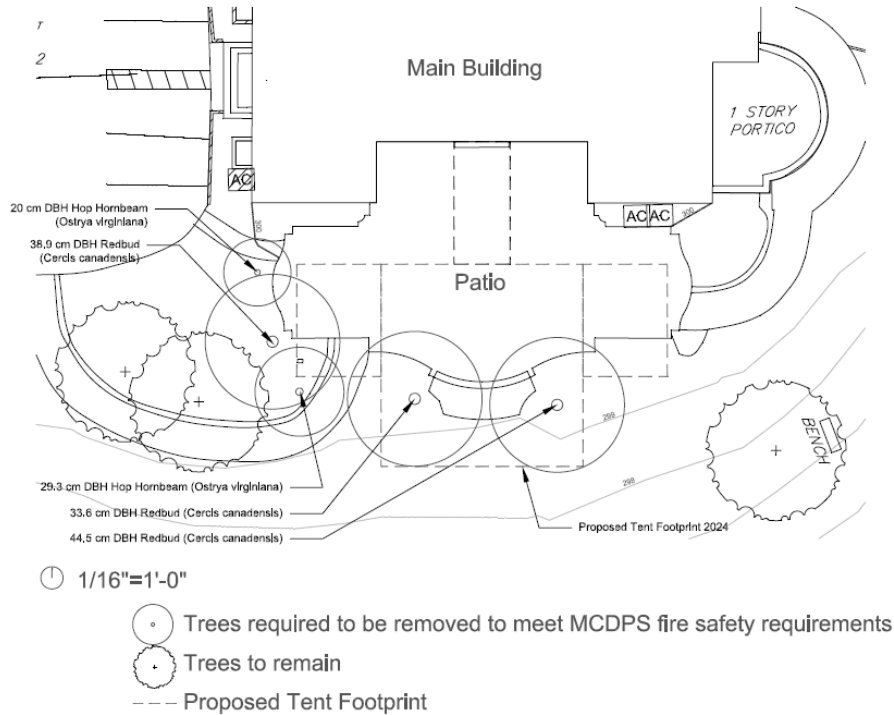
Proposed work: The work will involve drilling four, 1-inch diameter holes in the non-historic patio to insert four, 7-inch temporary anchor bolts. See images below of the anchor bolts. When the temporary tent comes down in the winter months, the anchor bolts will be removed and the holes in the patio will be plugged.



Tree Survey

To achieve the required distance from the building, Nature Forward will need to extend the non-historic patio. The temporary patio extension will necessitate removal of the trees listed below. See image on page 8 for location and identification of the trees slated for removal. (Note that Nature Forward will apply for a permanent patio extension in a future HAWP.)

1. Eastern Redbud, *Cercis canadensis*, 15.31 inches dbh
2. American Hophornbeam, *Ostrya virginiana*, 11.54 inches dbh
3. American Hophornbeam, *Ostrya virginiana*, 7.87 inches dbh
4. Eastern Redbud, *Cercis canadensis*, 13.38 inches dbh
5. Eastern Redbud, *Cercis canadensis*, 17.71 inches dbh



Because of Nature Forward’s mission to protect the natural environment, we will replace the 5 removed trees threefold, with 15 new native species trees as follows.

- 3 Eastern Redbud, *Cercis canadensis*, 1 inch caliper
- 3 Fringetree, *Chionanthus virginicus*, 1 inch caliper
- 3 American Hophornbeam, *Ostrya virginiana*, 2-inch caliper
- 6 American Holly, *Ilex Opaca*, 2-inch caliper

Because MCDPS fire code does not allow trees to be adjacent to temporary tent structures, the 15 new trees will be planted at the edge of the mansion’s south lawn.

Working with the Community

In 2017, Nature Forward formed a Community Liaison Council to help keep our neighbors apprised of plans for Woodend and to solicit their feedback on plans for Woodend. To date, we have held 16 Community Liaison Meetings. We have reported to our neighbors about projects including the Accessible Nature Play Space, Accessible Nature Trail, Stream and Habitat Restoration, and interpretive signage. All Community Liaison Council meeting minutes are on file with the Board of Appeals. Our next Community Liaison Council meeting will be held in Spring 2024.