MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 5701 Achille Lane, Rockville Meeting Date: 9/4/2024

Resource: Master Plan Site #22/25 **Report Date:** 8/28/2024

James H. Cashell Farm

Public Notice: 8/21/2024

Applicant: Robert Bertrand

Review: HAWP Tax Credit: Yes

Proposal: Door Replacement

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the HPC <u>approve</u> the HAWP application with one (1) condition, with final approval authority delegated to staff:

1. The door must be installed with the existing or similar setback, with no additional build-down of the frame, and painted to match the surrounding trim. If the applicant determines the existing frame needs to be replaced, they must submit shop drawings showing how the new frame and door will be installed within the masonry opening in elevation, section, and plan.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Master Plan Site #22/25, James H. Cashell Farm

DATE: 2016 House within Historic Environmental Setting (Mid 1800s; Late 1800s-Early

1900s)

Excerpt from *Places from the Past:*

"... [T]he Cashell House was built in two distinct sections. The original section, at right, is typical of the mid-1800s with its traditional side gable symmetrical form and 6/6 sash windows. The picturesque east and north addition (left and rear) bears hallmarks of the Victorian era with its three-story tower with stickwork panels, jerkin-head (clipped) gable, and paired cornice brackets. The original block was likely updated when the addition was built, with cornice brackets and first-level 2/2 sash windows. The Cashell family owned this property for much of the 1800s. In 1865, the property belonged to Hazel B. Cashell, County Commissioner and Orphan's Court judge, and James Cashell was living here by 1878. The farmstead includes a one-level hay barn with hanging gable, another substantial barn with two cupolas, and a stone house from the mid-1900s."

The Cashell House was a traditional side gable mid-1800s house with Victorian era addition. The house was destroyed by fire in November 2010, and the current house was built in 2016 as part of the Preserve at Rock Creek subdivision. A mid-1900s stone tenant house and barn with two cupolas, both referenced as contributing outbuildings in *Places from the Past*, are at the rear of the subject property. The stone tenant house remains in its original location, with the barn having been moved to its current location near the stone tenant house, in accordance with the subdivision approval.



Figure 1: The subject property, outlined in blue, with the 2016 house, original tenant house, and relocated original barn identified in yellow.



Figure 2: The stone tenant house, with the door proposed for replacement (center).

PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes to replace the existing six-panel wood front door of the contributing stone house with a new pre-hung wood door with six simulated-divided lights over a single panel.



Figure 3: The existing wood door and masonry opening (left) and proposed door (right).

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

When reviewing alterations and new construction at Master Plan Sites several documents are to be utilized as guidelines to assist the Commission in developing their decision. These documents include Montgomery County Code Chapter 24A (Chapter 24A), the Damascus-Goshen Historic Resources Master Plan Amendment (Amendment), and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (Standards). The pertinent information in these documents is outlined below.

Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A-8

- (b) The commission shall instruct the director to issue a permit, or issue a permit subject to such conditions as are found to be necessary to 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.

STAFF DISCUSSION

Staff supports the proposed door replacement. Staff finds that the existing door is a prehung unit set within a wider, flat frame, and was installed around 2014. According to the 1996 Maryland Historical Trust survey form for Cashell Farm, the existing stone building was constructed around 1940. A photograph of the property from 1985 shows a six-panel door matching that of the existing door behind a storm door. That door was removed between 1996 and 2008. The application identifies the existing door as dating to 2014, having been approved as part of the broader HPC-reviewed rehabilitation and new construction project for the Cashell Farm under the previous address of 5867 Muncaster Mill Road, and was conditioned, "windows and doors of the Tenant House to be fabricated of wood, with existing frame to be used where feasible." The proposed door is wood, in keeping with that stipulation.



Figure 4: The stone house c. 1985, from the designation file (Historic Preservation Office).

Staff notes that six-panel doors are found across centuries of American architecture, from the Colonial period through contemporary design. This ubiquitous, typically cost-effective door style can be found on countless building types evoking "traditional" design, and often accompanies 6-over-6 windows. Staff finds that the existing six panel door is a compatible, but generic element that does not rise to the level of character-defining feature. The proposed six-light-over-one wood door is likewise compatible with the rural, vernacular character of the historic property. While glazing was not typical in early vernacular doors owing to the expensive nature of glass in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, technological

¹ The 2008 Stabilization Plan for the James H. Cashell Farm, prepared by the Bucher/Borges Group PLLC, indicates that no doors were present on the stone house at that time.

https://mcatlas.org/tiles/06_HistoricPreservation_PhotoArchives/Padlock/HAR60640010/Box081/22-25-06A_Cashell%20(J.H.)%20(Rock%20Creek)_5867%20Muncaster%20Mill%20Road_01-04-2006.pdf

² 2012 HAWP approval memo for case 22/25-12A and application documents: https://mcatlas.org/tiles6/06_HistoricPreservation_PhotoArchives/HAWP/5867%20Muncaster%20Mill%20Rd%202012%20approval.pdf

advances in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries popularized its use, and multi-light doors were common during the period of construction of the subject house.

Staff finds that, provided the pre-hung door is appropriately sized so as not to further modify the masonry opening or build down the opening, is set to an appropriate depth within the opening, and is painted wood, the proposed replacement door will not substantially alter the historic character of the site and is compatible with the historic site and should be approved under 24A-8(b)(1) and (2). Likewise, the proposal as modified by the above conditions, would retain the historic character of the property, satisfying Standard 2.

Staff notes that it is important that the door and frame maintain a setback, but that the existing frame and door are not original and may be set deeper in the opening than the original door was. Staff recommends that, if the applicant determines the existing frame needs to be replaced, they submit shop drawings showing how the new frame and door will be installed within the masonry opening in elevation, section, and plan, and that the new frame could be installed between the existing setback and three to four inches shallower in the opening.



Figure 5: Details of the existing door and framing. Holes, weathering, and scars within the masonry opening suggest that the original door and frame may not have been set as far back in the opening as the existing system.

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under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b)(1) 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 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 301-495-2167 or laura.dipasquale@montgomeryplanning.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.



APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301.563.3400

DATE ASSIGNED____

FOR STAFF ONLY:

HAWP#_

APPLICANT:

Name:	E-mail:
Address:	City: Zip:
Daytime Phone:	Tax Account No.:
AGENT/CONTACT (if applicable):	
Name:	E-mail:
Address:	City: Zip:
Daytime Phone:	Contractor Registration No.:
LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE: MIHP # of H	listoric Property
map of the easement, and documentation from the	ovals / Reviews Required as part of this Application?
Building Number: Street:	
Town/City: Nearest	t Cross Street:
Lot: Block: Subdivis	sion: Parcel:
and accurate and that the construction will comp	pplication. Incomplete Applications will not ☐ Shed/Garage/Accessory Structure ☐ Solar ☐ Tree removal/planting

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 Adjacent and confronting Property Owners mailing addresses

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:	
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:
Work Item 3:	
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:

Historic Area Work Permit Application #1080225

5701 Achille Lane, Derwood, Maryland 20855 **Existing Conditions**July 29, 2024

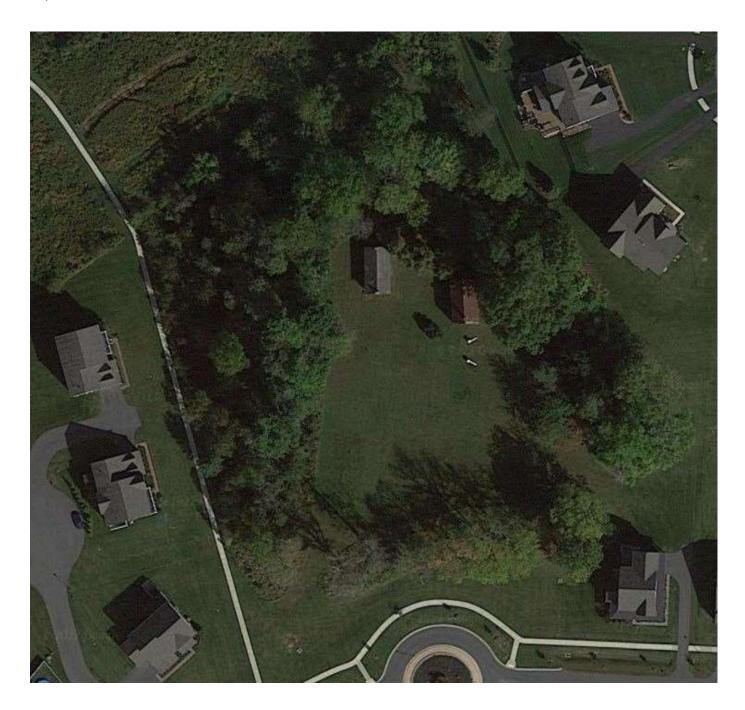


Figure 1.

Overhead view of 5701 Achille Lane 5-acre historic property

Main residence is in the southeast corner.

Historic structures are north of the open lawn clearing. Subject stone cottage is to the left.

Original location of Cashell farmhouse is in the clearing at the center of the photograph.

Muncaster Mill Road is southwest of the photograph.



Figure 1. Front/side elevation view of stone cottage



Figure 2.
Existing 2014 wood door



Figure 3.
Sample of interior ground floor renovation work area.

Kitchenette to be replaced by wet bar; bathroom to be refurbished. Building permit application will follow HAWP.



Figure 4.

Upper storage area prior to roof replacement (roof / asbestos abatement in 2021 via HAWP 96153).

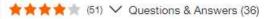
The knee walls, ceiling covering, and insulation in this photograph were removed in 2021 to facilitate roof asbestos abatement. Subsequent 2024 building permit application will address restoration of knee walls, ceiling covering, and insulation

Figure 5.

Proposed replacement front door.

Krosswood Doors

36 in. x 80 in. Craftsman 9-Lite with Clear Beveled Glass Left-Hand Inswing Unfinished Knotty Alder Prehung Front Door

















Hover Image to Zoom

\$136800



\$228.00 /mo** suggested payments with 6 months** financing Apply Now 1

- Modern wood front door, supports most keyless smart lock devices
- · Features insulated, Low-E tempered clear glass window panes
- · Overhang required for all wood doors, see warranty for details
- View More Details

Specifications

Dimensions

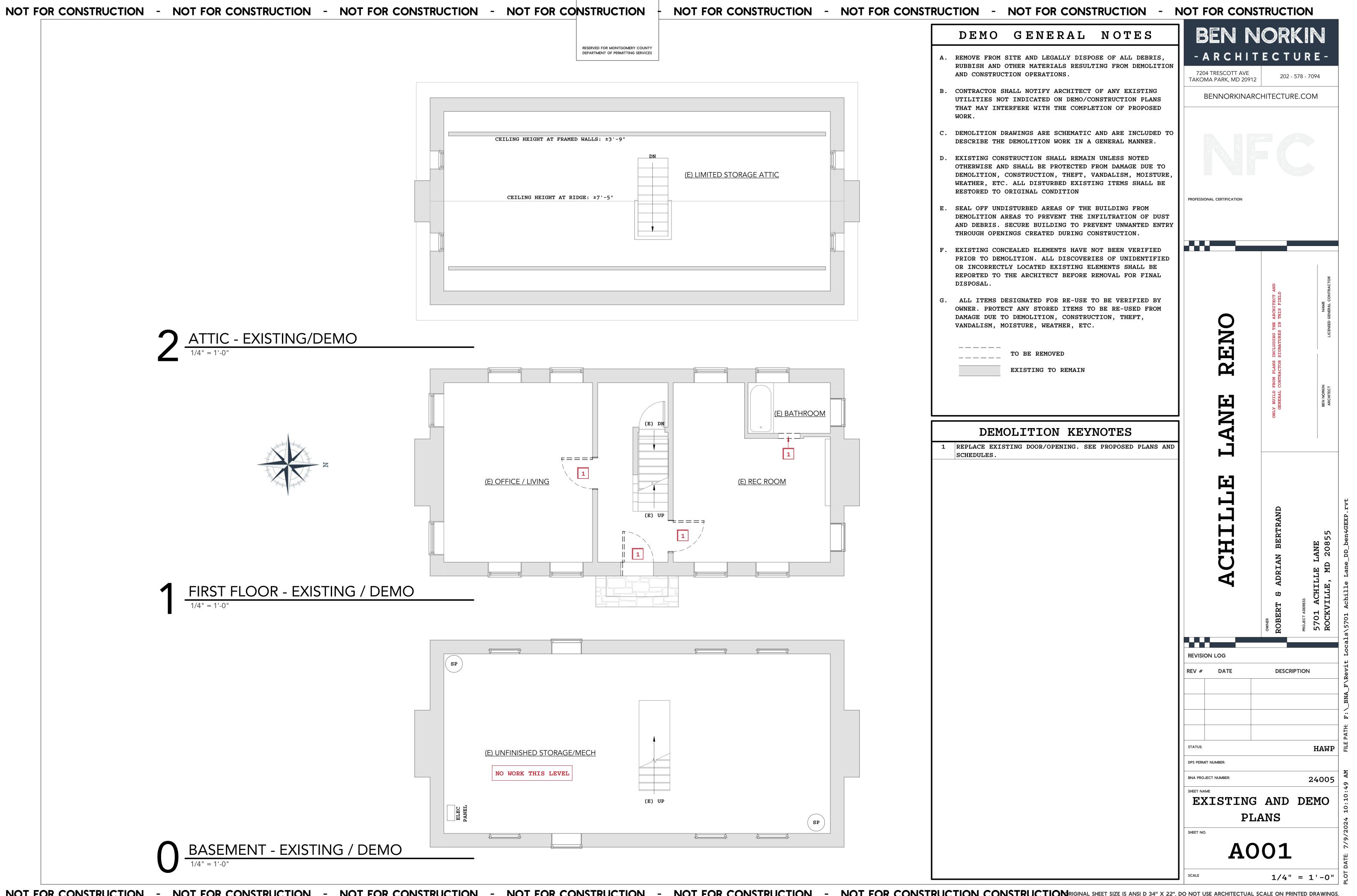
Door Height (in.)	80 in	Door Thickness (in.)	1.75 in
Door Width (in.)	36 in	Jamb Size (in.)	4-9/16"
Nominal Door Height (in.)	80 in	Nominal Door Thickness (in.)	2 in
Nominal Door Width (in.)	36 in	Rough Opening Height (in.)	82 in
Rough Opening Width (in.)	38 in		

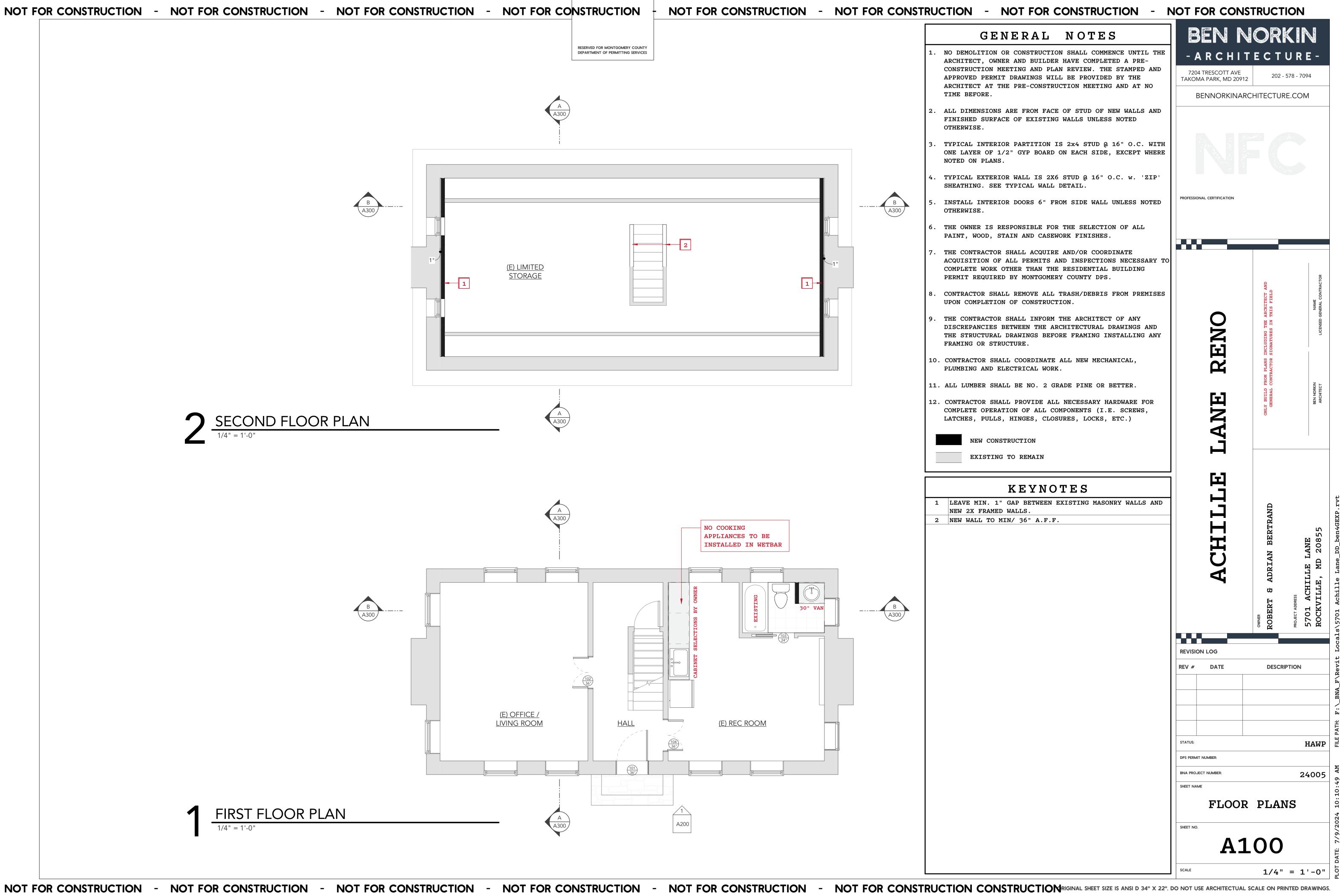
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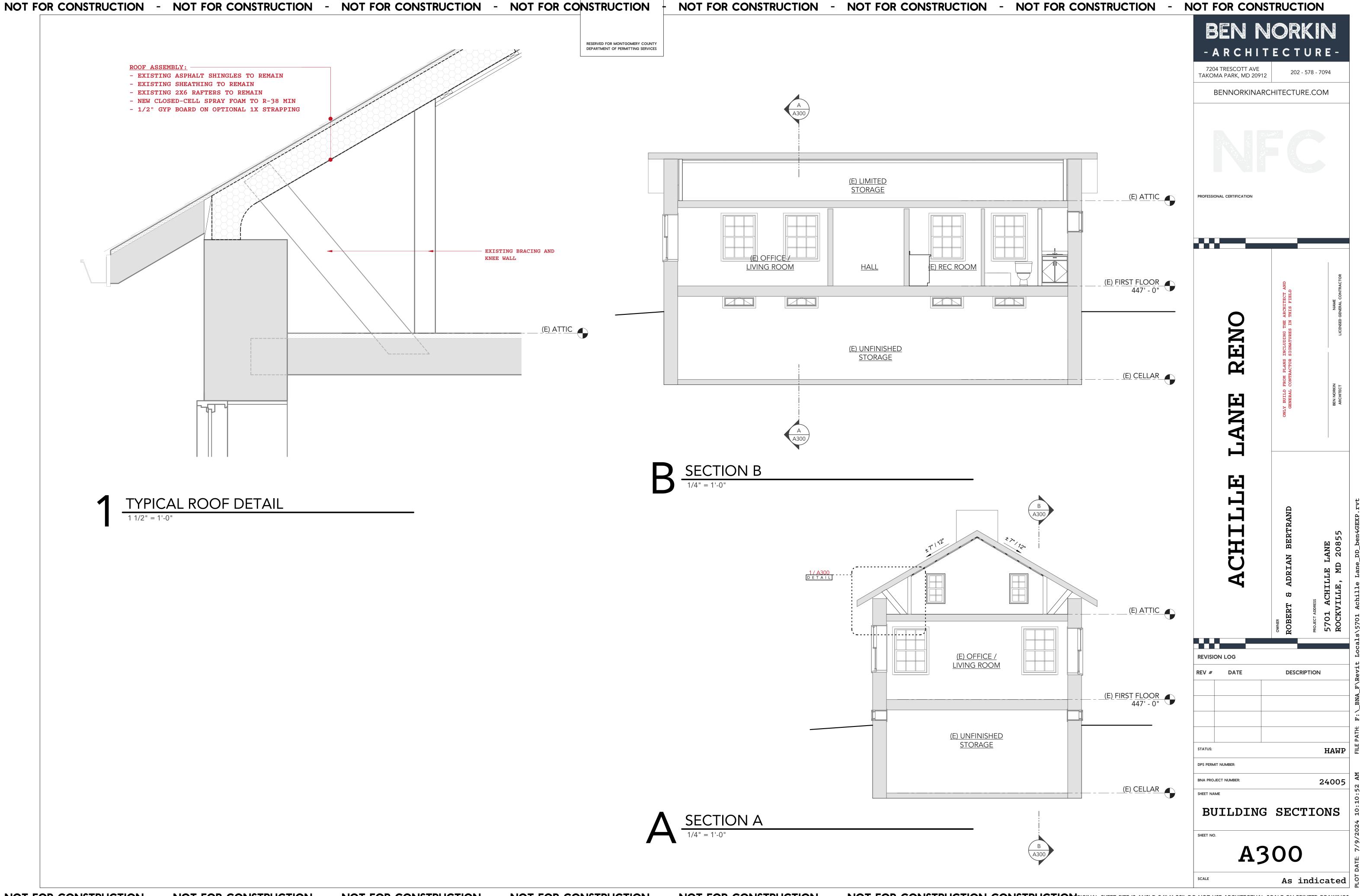
Bore Type	Double Bore	Color Family	Alder	
Color/Finish	Unfinished	Door Configuration	Single Door	
Door Glass Insulation	Low-E	Door Handing	Left-Hand/Inswing	
Door Style	Craftsman	Door Type	Exterior Prehung	
Features	Lockset Bore (Double Bore),Weatherstripping	Finish Type	Unfinished	
Frame Material	Wood	Glass Caming Finish	No caming	
Glass Layout	1/2 Lite	Glass Shape	Rectangle Lite	
Glass Style	Clear Glass	Hinge Finish	Oil Rubbed Bronze	
Hinge Type	Standard	Included	Instructions, No Additional Items Include	
Material	Wood	Number of Hinges	3	
Number of Lites	9 Lite	Panel Type	2 Panel	
Product Weight (lb.)	138.37 lb	Returnable	90-Day	
Suggested Application	Front			

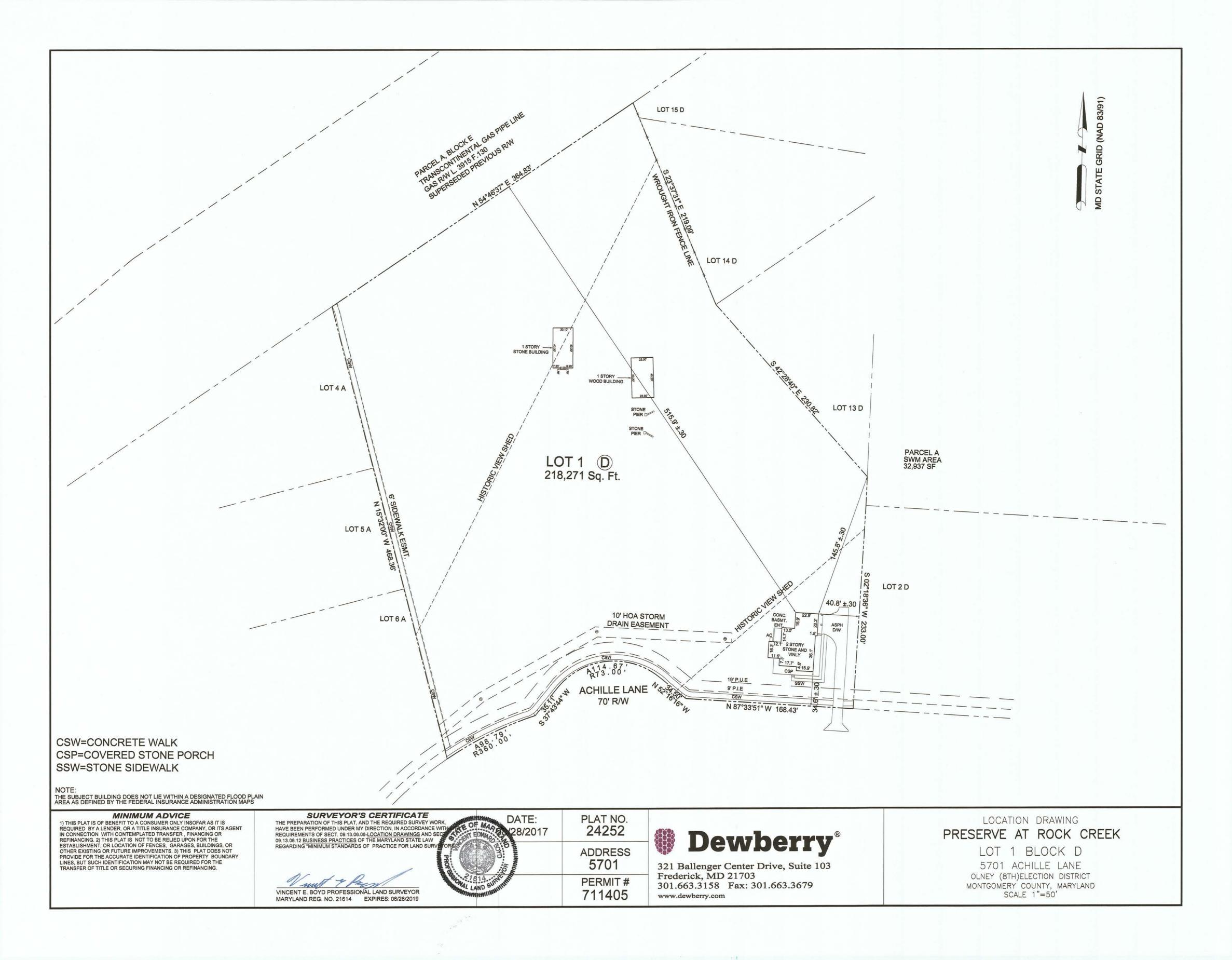
Warranty / Certifications

Energy Star Qualified Not Qualified Manufacturer Warranty 1 Year
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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	*	*	*	*	*		*



Marc Elrich
County Executive

Rabbiah Sabbakhan Director

HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT APPLICATION

Application Date: 7/29/2024

Application No: 1080225

AP Type: HISTORIC Customer No: 1413661

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Affidavit Acknowledgement

The Homeowner is the Primary applicant
This application does not violate any covenants and deed restrictions

Primary Applicant Information

Address 5701 ACHILLE LN ROCKVILLE, MD 20855

Homeowner Bertrand (Primary)

Historic Area Work Permit Details

Work Type ALTER

Scope of Work Work in stone cottage at rear of property: Replace exterior door; interior rehabilitation.