



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Date: December 18, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: Diane Schwartz Jones
Department of Permitting Services

FROM: Michael Kyne
Historic Preservation Section
Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission

SUBJECT: Historic Area Work Permit #849950: Storm window installation

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has reviewed the attached application for a Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP). This application was **Approved** at the September 19, 2018 Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

The HPC staff has reviewed and stamped the attached construction drawings.

THE BUILDING PERMIT FOR THIS PROJECT SHALL BE ISSUED CONDITIONAL UPON ADHERENCE TO THE ABOVE APPROVED HAWP CONDITIONS AND MAY REQUIRE APPROVAL BY DPS OR ANOTHER LOCAL OFFICE BEFORE WORK CAN BEGIN.

Applicant: Thomas Kristie
Address: 9310 Brookville Road, Silver Spring

This HAWP approval is subject to the general condition that the applicant will obtain all other applicable Montgomery County or local government agency permits. After the issuance of these permits, the applicant must contact this Historic Preservation Office if any changes to the approved plan are made. Once work is complete the applicant will contact Michael Kyne at 301.563.3403 or michael.kyne@montgomeryplanning.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.



Written Description of Project

- a. Description of existing structure(s) and environmental setting, including their historical features and significance.

Woodend Sanctuary, Headquarters of the Audubon Naturalist Society

Woodend Sanctuary in Chevy Chase, Maryland is headquarters of the Audubon Naturalist Society (ANS). The ANS 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 ANS and the organization made the move to Chevy Chase where we dramatically expanded our local mission work in conservation and nature education.

Historic Significance

The Audubon Naturalist Society headquarters at Woodend Sanctuary is a 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.

Looking Forward

In October of 2016, the Audubon Naturalist Society unveiled a 50-year Master Plan to guide the stewardship and renovation of Woodend Sanctuary. The Master Plan set the vision; **“Historic Woodend Sanctuary is Washington’s oasis of sustainable, healthy natural habitats – welcoming and inspiring all people to enjoy, learn about and protect our shared environment.”** Our new Master Plan puts the Woodend buildings and grounds front and center, as integral tools to achieving our education and conservation goals.

Audubon Naturalist Society aims to improve the visitor experience and increase the opportunities for people of all ages and abilities in Montgomery County and the greater DC metro region to enjoy time in nature. We plan to accomplish this goal by creating special places within Woodend Nature Sanctuary to attract, inspire and refresh visitors. We have named this project **Nature for All**.

- b. General description of project and its effect on the historic resource(s), the environmental setting, and, where applicable, the historic district.



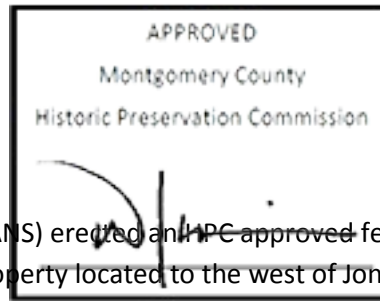
1) Extend Cattle Grates (permanent) – Add seven feet to the width of the cattle grates at the two vehicular entrances to Woodend to deter deer from leaping over existing grates.

2) Patio Extension (permanent) – Create a small extension to the existing patio footprint to accommodate new tent supports.

3) Small Archway placement (permanent) – Use HPC approved archway design to replace rotting arbors that mark the entrances to the Blair Native Plant garden. This is a new location for the archways that were previously approved for other locations.

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1) Extend Cattle Grates

Overview: In December 2017, Audubon Naturalist Society (ANS) erected an HPC-approved fence and cattle grates to exclude deer from the 33-acre portion of property located to the west of Jones Mill Road. Since the fence was completed, ANS has herded deer off the property on multiple occasions. We have reduced the number of deer present from more than 30 individuals to just five individuals. Trail cameras were installed to discover the potential why deer have been able to continue to enter the property.

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After many months of observation, the only area where we have seen deer enter the property is over the cattle grates. Despite ample documentation recommending 14 foot grates, deer have been seen on camera and by volunteers leaping over the existing 14-foot wide grates. By extending the width of the grates an additional seven feet, we will fortify the perimeter and further deter deer from entry.

Existing Conditions: The current cattle grates are 20 feet long and 14 feet wide on both the Jones Mill Road entrance and the Brierly Road exit to Woodend.

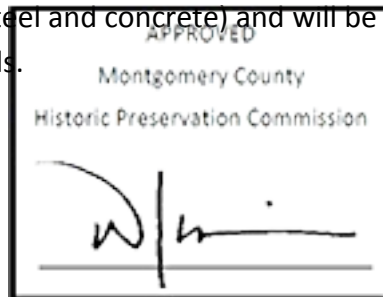


Existing cattle grates and fence at Jones Mill Road Entrance



Existing cattle gates and fence at Brierly Road Exit

Site Plan: Extensions would add seven feet of width to cattle gates at the Jones Mill Road entrance and the Brierly Road exit. Extensions would match the existing gates in length (20 feet) and materials (steel and concrete) and will be manufactured by the same company that fabricated the originals.



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Jones Mill Road Cattle Grate Extension views – entering (top) and exiting (bottom) Woodend



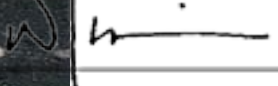
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Brierly Road Cattle Grate Extension views – entering (top) and exiting (bottom) Woodend



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2) Patio Extension (permanent)

Overview: The southern entrance to the mansion includes a non-historic stone terrace where we erect a seasonal, temporary tent for event use. ANS recently purchased a new temporary tent to replace an old and worn tent. The new tent's dimensions differ slightly from the old design, and require two of the southern tent supports to sit just off the existing patio. We have placed temporary pavers to support the tent for this season. In the fall when the tent comes down, we propose replacing the broken stairs and patio edges, and extending the patio to allow the supports to sit on the patio proper. Each extension measures 13.5 feet long by 30 inches wide.

Existing Conditions:



Southwest corner tent support



Southeast corner tent support and broken patio edging

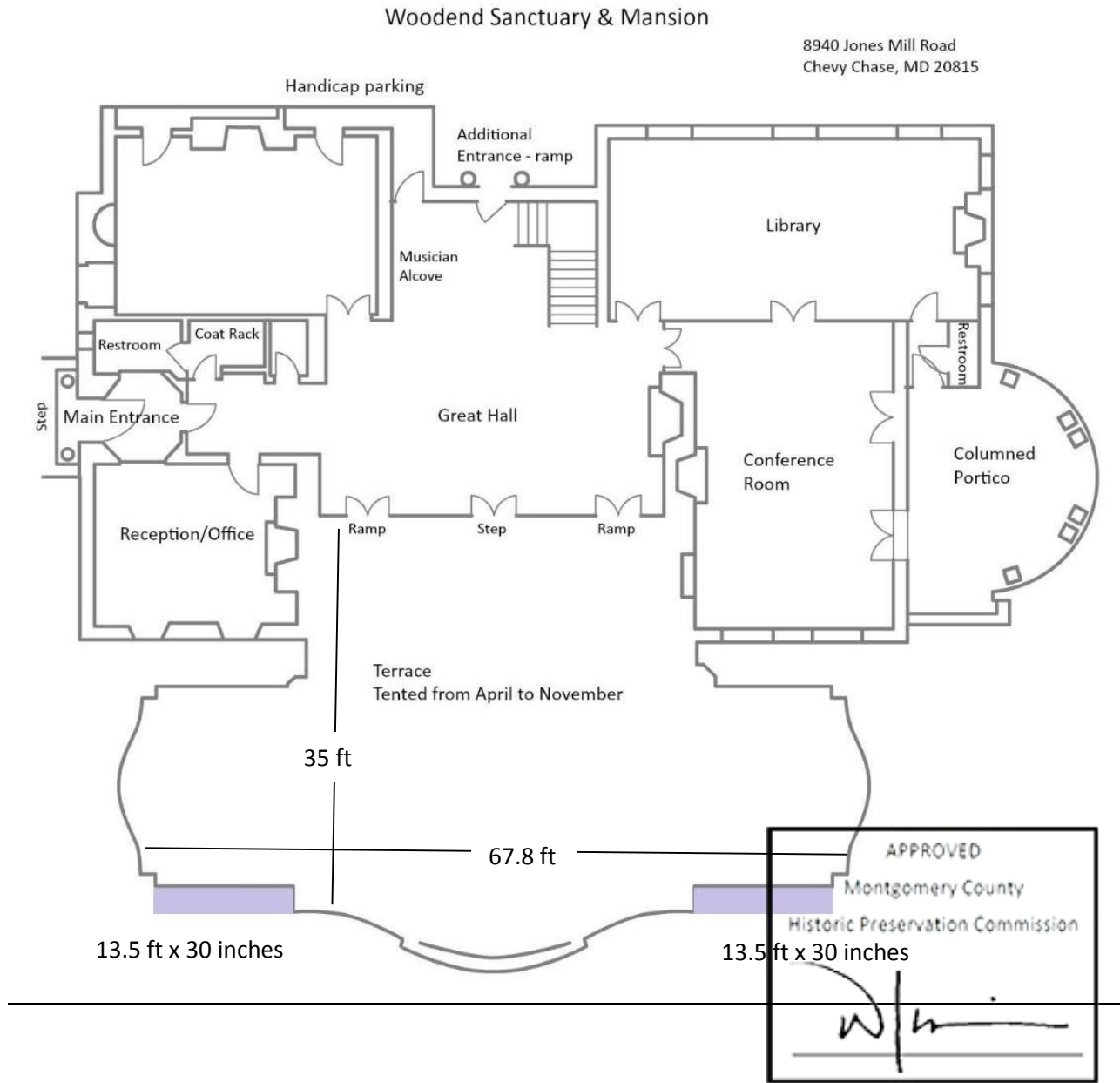
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Crumbling stairs in the center of the patio leading to the lawn

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Site Plan: The current patio measures 67.5 feet by 35 feet in its widest section. Proposed extensions are indicated in purple.



Materials List

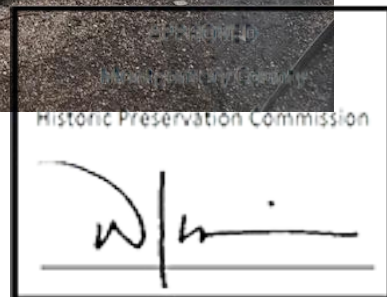
- Concrete pavers to match existing pavers
- Poured concrete molded stairs to match existing stairs

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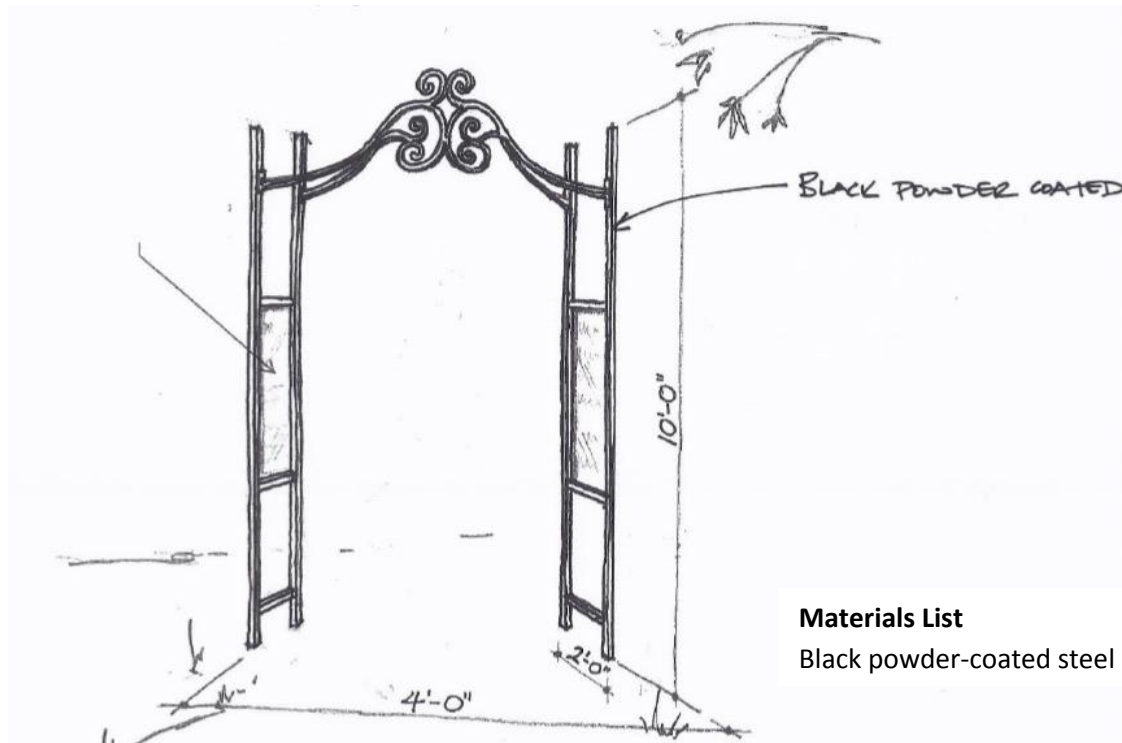
3) Small Archway Placement (permanent)

Overview: In 2015, the Historic Preservation Commission approved the design of small archway entrances for nature trails. The site map approved included archways in four locations throughout Woodend. We would like to add archways to the plan in two places to replace the rotting gate entrances to the Blair Native plant garden. The design for the archways would follow the guidelines approved by the HPC in 2015.

Existing Conditions: Existing entryways are decaying wooden frames measuring 43 inches wide (3 ft, 7 inches) and 76 inches tall (6 ft, 4 inches).

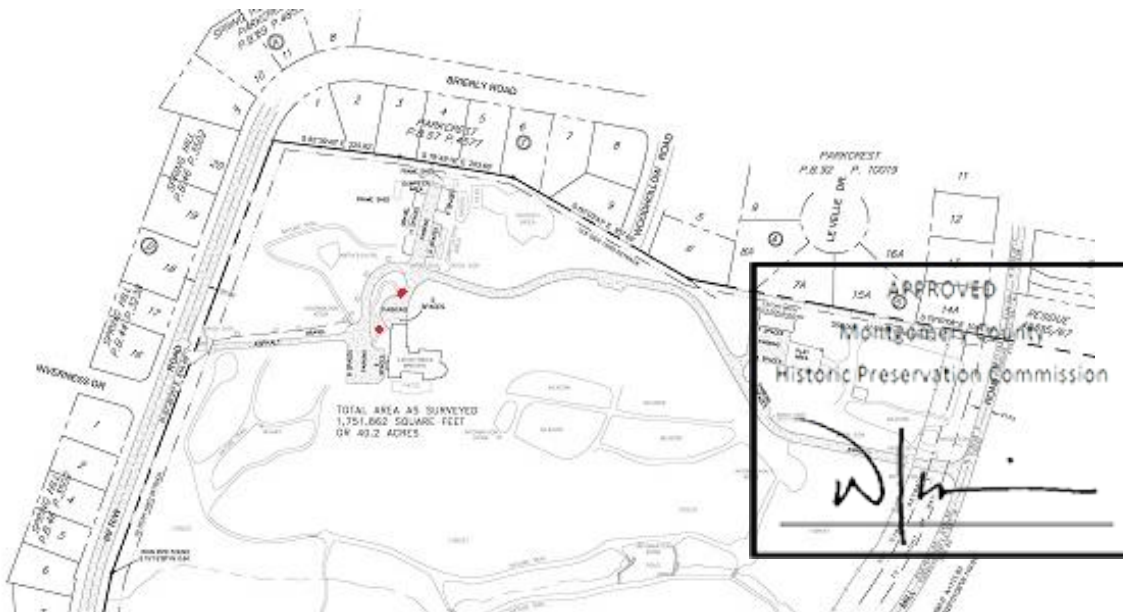


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Proposed Small Archway design approved by HPC in 2015

Site Plan



Proposed additional location

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Tree Survey

1) Extend Cattle Grates

No living trees will be removed. At the Jones Mill Road entrance, one snag (a dead tree trunk that has been left standing) will be removed.

2) Patio Extension

No trees will be removed to extend the patio.

3) Small Archway Placement

No trees will be removed to replace the existing entryway gates.

Working with the Community

In 2017, the Audubon Naturalist Society formed a Community Liaison Council to help keep our neighbors apprised of plans for Woodend and to hear and incorporate their feedback on the Woodend plans. To date, we have held four Community Liaison Meetings (March 29, April 18, and September 14, 2017, and February 22, 2018). We have reported to our neighbors about the Nature for All Project, including the Play Space, Accessible Trail, Stream and Habitat Restoration, and wayfinding signage. The second biannual meeting for 2018 is scheduled for September 18. Audubon Naturalist Society looks forward to better serving the residents of Montgomery County with our Nature for All project.



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