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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Isiah Leggett County Executive Leslie Miles Chairperson

Date: 1/26/12

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Diane Schwartz Jones, Director

Department of Permitting Services

FROM:

Anne Fothergill

Planner Coordinator

Historic Preservation Section-Planning Department

Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission

SUBJECT:

Historic Area Work Permit #586788—extension of walkway and installation of steps

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has reviewed the attached application for a Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP) and this application was <u>approved</u> by the HPC on January 11, 2012.

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:

M-NCPPC Parks Department

Address:

18400 Muncaster Road, Gaithersburg

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 the work is completed the applicant will contact the staff person assigned to this application at 301-563-3400 to schedule a follow-up site visit.







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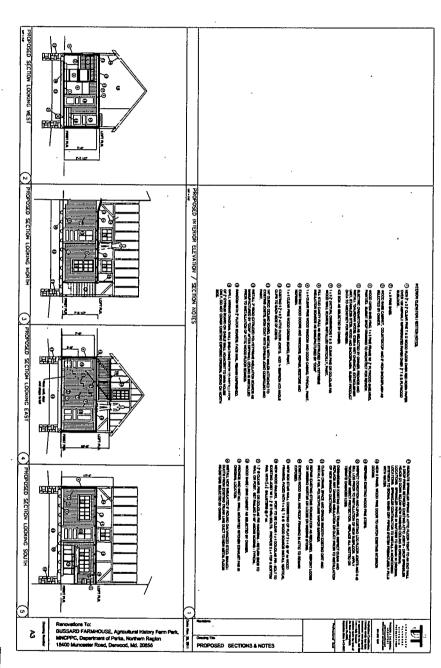
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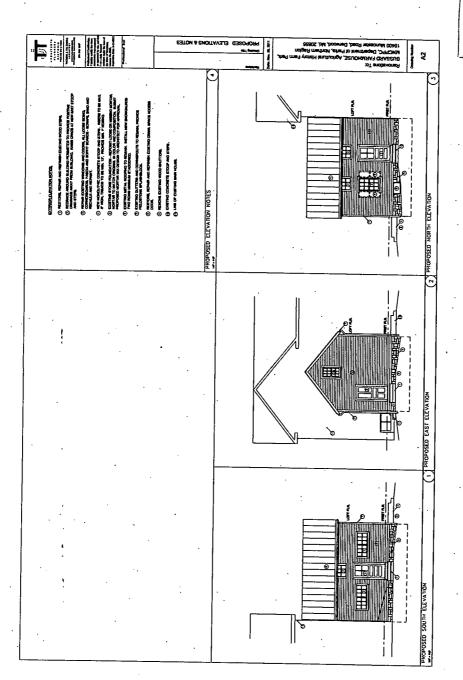
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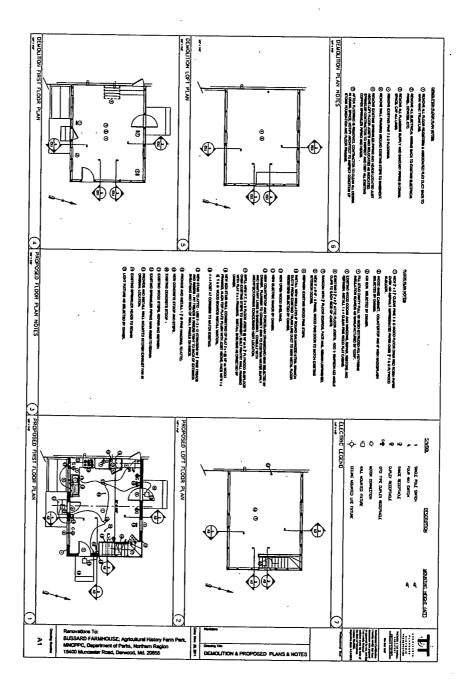
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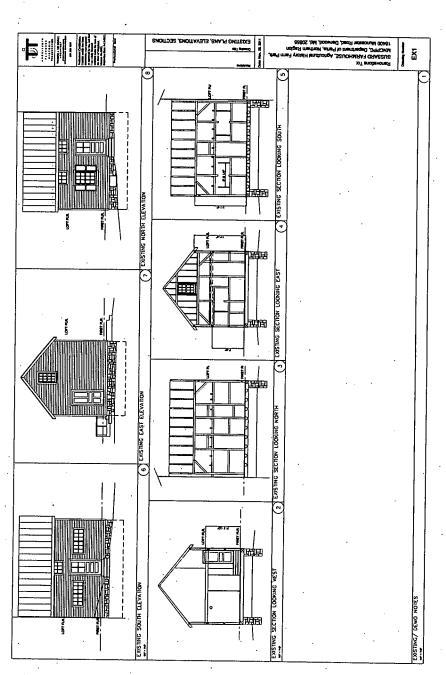


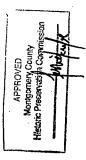












EXPEDITED MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address:

18400 Muncaster Road, Gaithersburg

Meeting Date:

1/11/12

Resource:

Master Plan Site #22/7 Bussard Farm

Report Date:

1/4/12

Applicant:

M-NCPPC Department of Parks

(Julie Mueller, Agent)

Public Notice:

12/28/11

Review:

HAWP

Tax Credit:

No

Case Numbers: 22/7-12A

Staff:

Anne Fothergill

Proposal:

Extension of walkway and installation of steps

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

☑ Approval

☐ Approval with conditions

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Master Plan Site #22/7 Bussard Farm

STYLE:

Farmstead

DATE:

House 1908: Bank Barn 1898

Excerpt from Places in the Past:

The Bussard Farm is a well-preserved example of a Montgomery County farmstead at the turn of the 20th century. Thaddeus Bussard of Frederick County built the main block of the house in 1908. This late example of a center-cross-gable house is tangible evidence of the persistence of traditional building forms in the county. With a floor plan popular since the early 1800s, the house is one room deep with a center hall. A polygonal east-bay window adjoins the front porch. The east kitchen wing (right) dates from the early 1800s, while the rear ell was built about 1864. Both of these sections had been added onto the original log and stone house, no longer standing.

The Bussards built the large frame bank barn in 1898, with the help of Frederick County barn builders, using square louvered windows, German siding, and a stone foundation. The barn has a half-open forebay, with one end of the downhill overhang supported by a stone wall and the other end open. A large log smokehouse has vertical siding and an overhanging front gable roof, and a frame granary has vertical siding. A water tower (tank house) moved in 1998 from Etchison's Dorsey Farm replaces a similar structure previously demolished. The site includes a champion Nordmann Fir tree, with a ninefoot trunk circumference. The Bussard family continued to own and operate the farm until the 1970s. M-NCPPC operates an agricultural history museum on site, operating special events and programs throughout the year.

PROPOSAL

The applicants propose to extend an existing fieldstone walkway to an existing door on the east side of the farmhouse. The applicants propose to construct a new two step concrete stoop at that door to match the existing stoop on the north side. They also propose to remove one pair of non-historic shutters on the north side.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A-8

- (a) The commission shall instruct the director to deny a permit if it finds, based on the evidence and information presented to or before the commission that the alteration for which the permit is sought would be inappropriate, inconsistent with or detrimental to the preservation, enhancement or ultimate protection of the historic site or historic resource within an historic district, and to the purposes of this chapter.
- (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
 - (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.
- (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.)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission <u>approve</u> the HAWP application as being consistent with Chapter 24A-8(b)(1) and (2);

and with the general condition that the applicant shall present the 3 permit sets of drawings 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 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 anne.fothergill@mncppc-mc.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.



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1. WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

a. Description of existing structural and environmental setting, including historic features and significance. The Bussard family farmstead is located within the 455-acre Agricultural History Farm Park. Past farming practices are interpreted for the public in a historic farmhouse, barn, assorted farm buildings and a modern activity center. The farm is a well-preserved example of a Montgomery County farmstead at the turn of the 20th century. It includes an 1898 large frame bank barn, a farmhouse, a smokehouse, a granary, a tank house, a chicken coop, corn crib, broody house, carriage shed, and equipment shed. The Bussard family owned and operated the farm until the 1960s, when they sold their property to the County to preserve it as a park.

In 1908, the Bussards extensively remodeled the farmhouse to its current two-story frame configuration. They incorporated the foundation of the original log and stone structure, as well as the 19th-century east kitchen wing and the 1864 rear ell.

b. General description of project and its effect on the historic resources and environmental setting. Two projects are being proposed in this HAWP.

The project seeks to rehabilitate the kitchen wing of the farmhouse. The current exterior appearance of the kitchen wing elevations will not be altered with the exception of the removal of a pair of non-historic window shutters on the north elevation and the construction of a stoop to replace a missing one on the east elevation. All other exterior work will be inkind repairs.

The proposed work which requires review is:

- Side Stoop: Because there is no stoop leading from this door, there is a significant drop from the kitchen floor level to the ground. This effort will create a stoop that matches the north elevation stoop in size and material.
- Extension of Fieldstone Walkway: A fieldstone walkway exists between the parking area to the west of the farmhouse and its front door. Beyond the turn to the front door, the walkway continues, parallel with the front façade towards the east side of the house, but abruptly stops after making a slight curve towards the east kitchen door. Because of where it stops, it looks like it may have originally extended to that door. The project proposes to finish the walk to the new stoop. The walkway will not be extended around to the back kitchen door, nor will a leg be added to the front door of the kitchen.

Effect: No historic or archaeological resources will be touched for either project. The improvements are easily reversible. The project will have no adverse effect on the historic character defining features of the property. They will not alter or diminish the integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling or association.

2. SITE PLAN: see attached

3. PLANS AND ELEVATIONS: see attached

4. MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS: described above

5. PHOTOGRAPHS: see attached

List of Photos

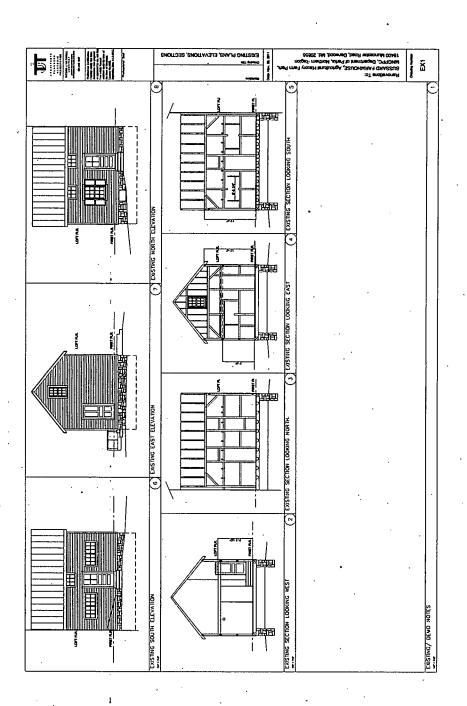
- 1. Back (north) elevation showing shutters to be removed from kitchen wing only.
- 2. Existing stoop at kitchen's rear (north elevation) door.
- 3. Kitchen side (east elevation) door.
- 4. Farmhouse front elevation with walkway in foreground
- 5. Existing flagstone walk at front of farmhouse
- 6. TREE SURVEY: There are no trees in the vicinity of the proposed work. See attached site plan

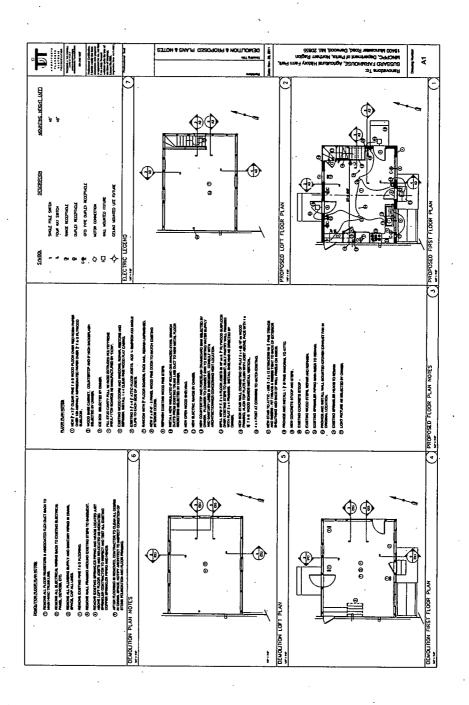
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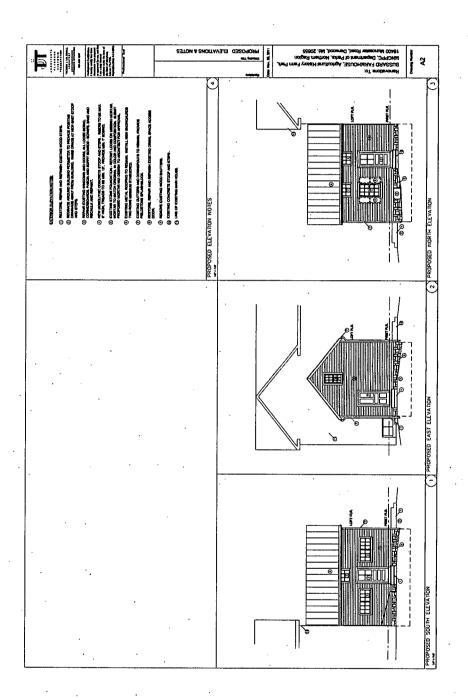
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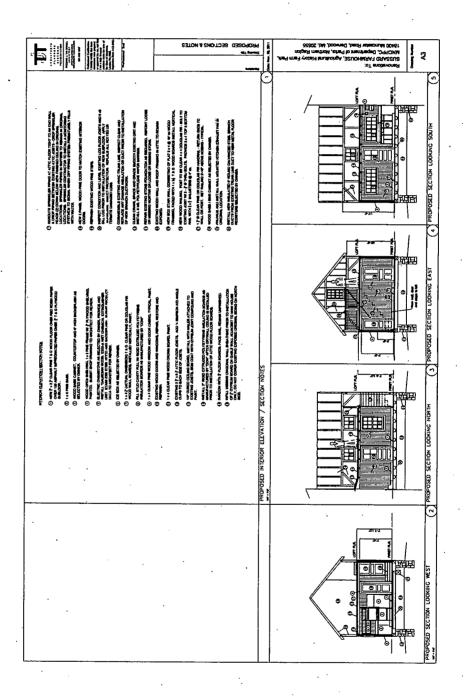
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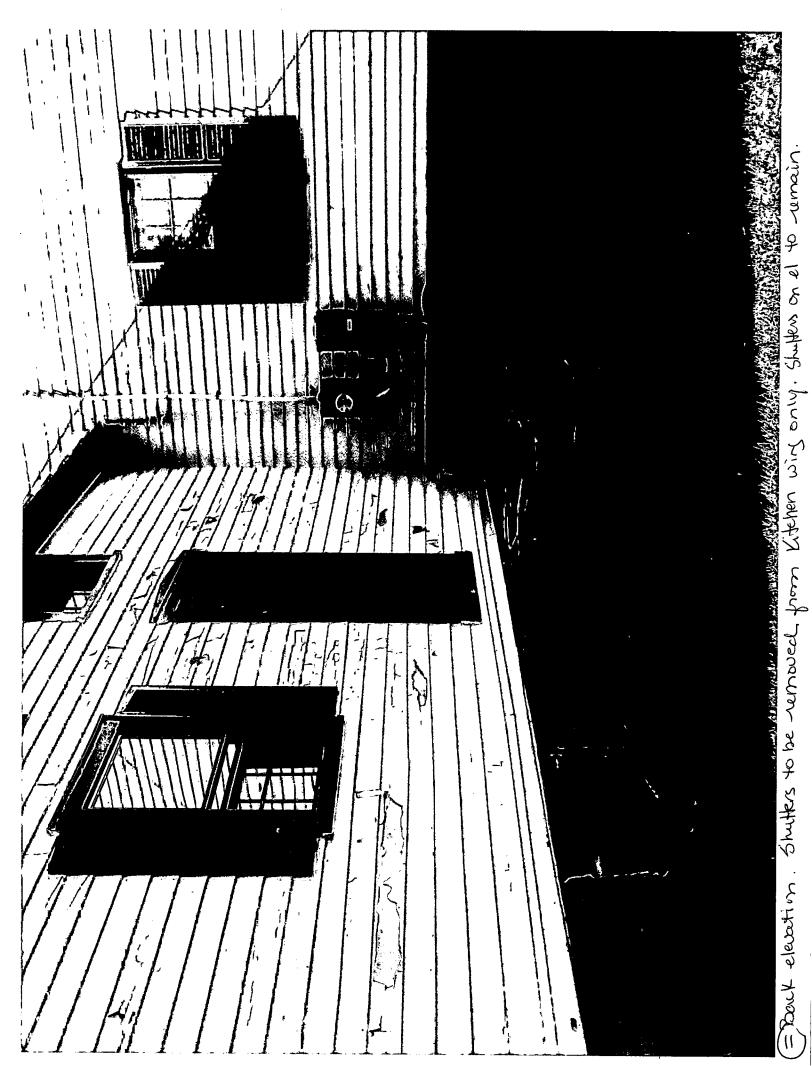
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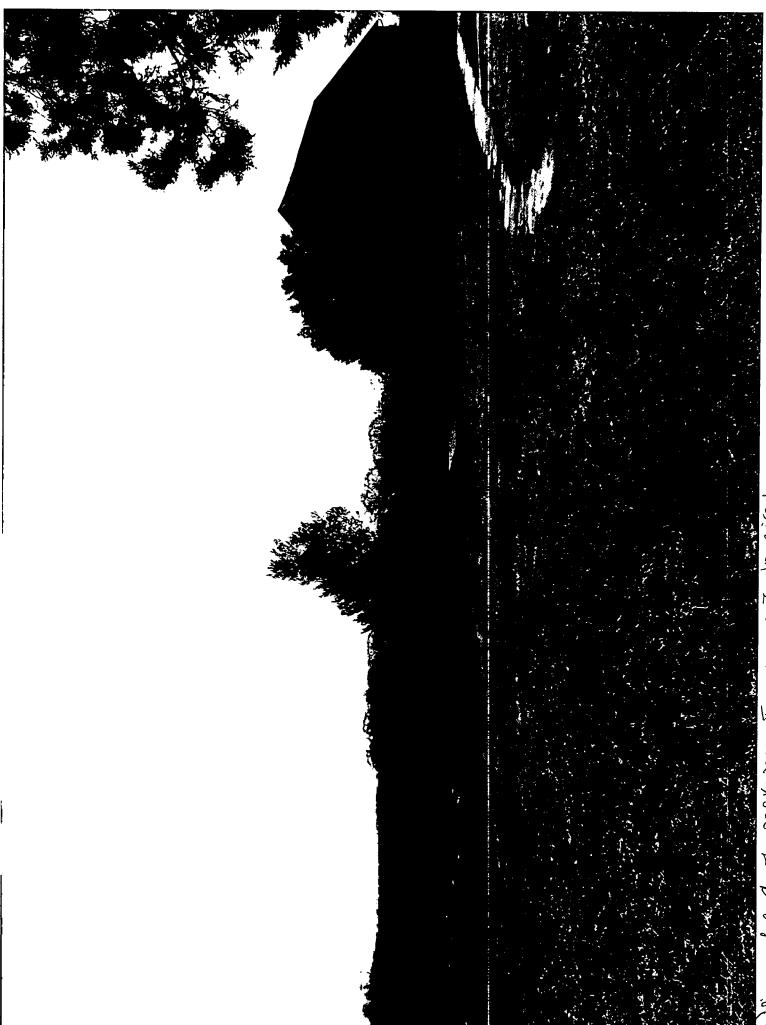
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