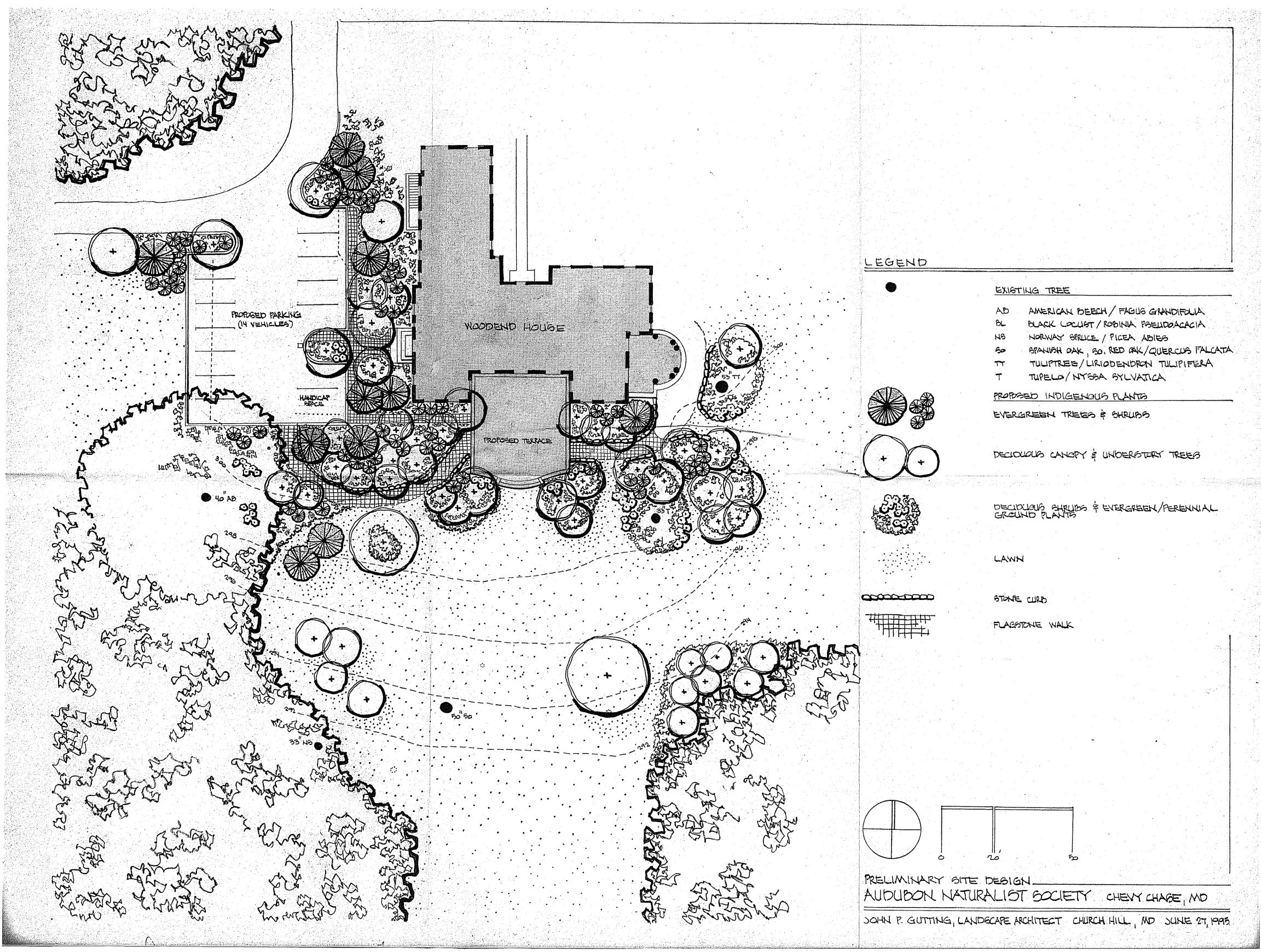
35/12 - Preliminary Consult WOODEND - 8940 Jones Mill Road





HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 8940 Jones Mill Road Meeting Date: 9/27/95

Resource: Woodend, Master Plan Site #35/12 Review: PRELIMINARY

CONSULTATION

Case Number: Not applicable Tax Credit: No

Public Notice: 9/13/95 Report Date: 9/20/95

Applicant: Audubon Naturalist Society Staff: Robin D. Ziek

PROPOSAL: Rebuild and enlarge rear terrace RECOMMEND: Proceed with

HAWP

BACKGROUND

RESOURCE: Woodend

STYLE: Beaux Arts Colonial Revival

DATE: 1928

SIGNIFICANCE: Mansion designed by John Russell Pope

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Woodend, once the 40-acre estate of Marion Wells, is now owned by the Audubon Naturalist Society. The grounds are landscaped for birds and other wildlife, and the mansion is used for natural history classes, offices, and an excellent book and bird specimen collection. In addition, the mansion is rented out for weddings and special events.

For the weddings and special events, Woodend typically seats people outside facing the rear lawn under a tent. There is currently a small stone terrace facing this rear lawn which provides access from the main hall of the mansion to the outside.

The existing rear terrace has random-sized limestone paving, with limestone edging and two limestone steps down to the lawn. The proposed extension of the terrace would more than double the size of the terrace. It would be used for the party tent, to provide seating for rental parties of ca. 150 people. The expansion of the terrace would also provide the opportunity to relandscape the rear of the house. The new landscaping would help frame the enlarged terrace, as well as provide the opportunity to remove overgrown trees and shrubbery by the house.

The new terrace is proposed to be constructed of precast concrete pavers of a color that approximates the color and pattern of the existing paving. The existing paving would be reused to extend the limestone edge of the new terrace. The original curving limestone edge with the two steps would be reused at the new terrace edge.



STAFF DISCUSSION

Staff has met with the owner's architect, Amy Weinstein of Weinstein Associates Architects, and the project architect, Dana Short, at the site to review this proposal. The existing terrace is in poor condition and repairs are needed. The proposed terrace enlargement would accomplish the necessary terrace repairs, provide ADA access to the main hall through one of the rear doors, as well as provide the room for seating on the terrace for a rental party.

The changes to the original design are minimized through the reuse of some original materials, selection of concrete pavers of similar size and color which will be placed in a pattern similar to the original. In addition, when viewed from the lawn, the new terrace would reflect the appearance of the old terrace as the original edge and steps will be reused.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission allow this project to proceed to HAWP.

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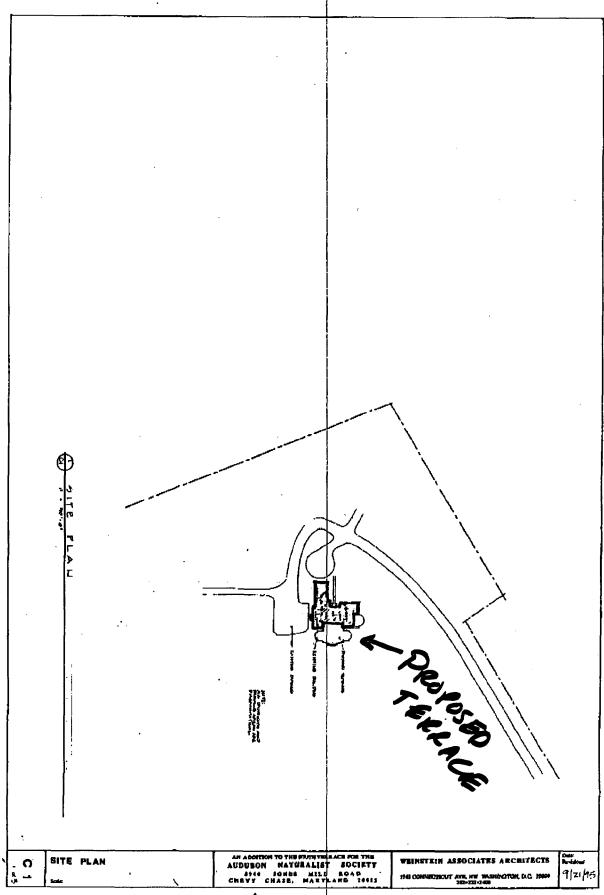
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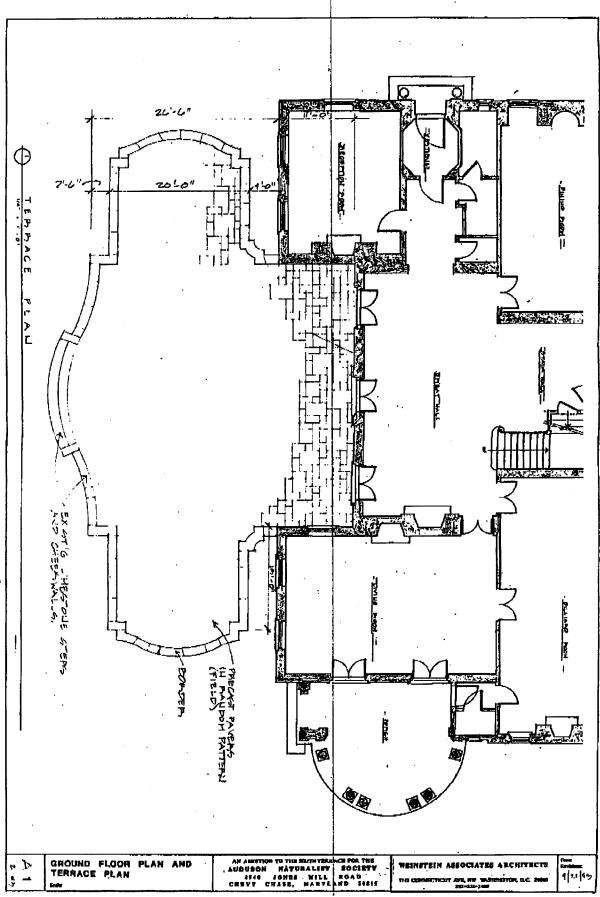
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