



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION



8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

MEMORANDUM

- Robert Seely, Chief TO: Division of Construction Codes Enforcement Department of Environmental Protection
- Gwen Marcus, Historic Preservation Coordinator FROM: Urban Design Division M-NCPPC

August 16, 1991 DATE:

Historic Area Work Permit Application SUBJECT:

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission, at their meeting of $\frac{\beta/4/4}{2}$ reviewed the attached application by UBBIE C. DUMAINE (0) 5506 BEECH AVE.for a Historic Area Work Permit. The application was:

Approved

Denied

Approved with Conditions:

The Building Permit for this project should be issued conditional upon adherence to the approved Historic Area Work Permit.

Att	achments:
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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Historic Area Work Permit Applicants

FROM:

Gwen Marcus, Historic Preservation Coordinator Urban Design Division M-NCPPC

August 16, 1991 DATE:

Historic Area Work Permit Application - Approval SUBJECT: of Application/Release of Other Required Permits

Enclosed, please find a copy of your Historic Area Work Permit application, which was approved by the Historic Preservation Commission at their recent meeting.

You may now apply for a building permit from the Department of Environmental Protection, located at 250 Hungerford Drive, Second Floor, Rockville, Maryland, 20850. Please note that although your work has been approved by the Historic Preservation Commission, it must also be approved by the Department of Environmental Protection before work can begin.

In addition, if your planned work changes in any way other than that which was reviewed and approved by the Historic Preservation Commission before you apply for your building permit or even after the work is begun, please contact the Historic Preservation Commission staff at 495-4570.

If you have any questions regarding the permit process, please contact the Historic Preservation Commission at 495-4570, or the Department of Environmental Protection at 738-3110. Thank you very much for your patience, and good luck on your project!

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Historic Preservation Commission

51 Monroe Street, Suite 1001, Rockville, Maryland 20850 217-3625

APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

TAX ACCOUNT #546.955	
NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER LIBBIC C. DUNGINE (Contract/Purchaser)	(Include Area Colde)
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	(Include Area Code)
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Lot Block Subdivision	
Lot Block Subdivision	WISTA
Liber 996 / Folio 402 Parcel	
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Construct Extend/Add Alter/Renovate Repair	Porch Deck Fireplace Shed Solar Woodburning Stove
Wreck/Raze Move (Install) Revocable Revision	Fence/Wall (complete Section 4) Other
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1B. CONSTRUCTION COSTS ESTIMATE \$ 250.00	
1C. IF THIS IS A REVISION OF A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIVE	PERMIT SEE PERMIT #
1D. INDICATE NAME OF ELECTRIC UTILITY COMPANY	
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2. Entirely on land of owner	
3. On public right of way/easement	(Revocable Letter Required).
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I hereby certify that, I have the authority to make the foregoing application	n, that the application is correct, and that the construction will comply with
plans approved by all agencies listed and I hereby acknowledge and accept this	to be a condition for the issuance of this permit.
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Signature of owner or authorized agent (agent must have signature notarized a	on back) Date

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

<u>PREPARED BY</u>: Joan E. Simons

<u>DATE</u>: August 7, 1991

CASE NUMBER: 35/3-91A

TYPE OF REVIEW: HAWP

<u>SITE/DISTRICT NAME</u>: Alta Vista

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5506 Beech Avenue Bethesda

TAX CREDIT ELIGIBLE: No

DISCUSSION:

This mid-19th century frame house, which was extensively remodelled in 1880 by Louis Kaiser, is an individually designated site that gives name to the surrounding area. The applicant is proposing the installation of a 27" diameter, round, 6-pane, true-light, wood window at what is now the rear of the structure. The window will have wood trim that matches the existing in width and reveal. This opening, which is to provide light for a stair to the former coal cellar, will be located near the porch floor; and consequently, it will be obscured by the porch railing and shrubbery.

STAFF_RECOMMENDATION:

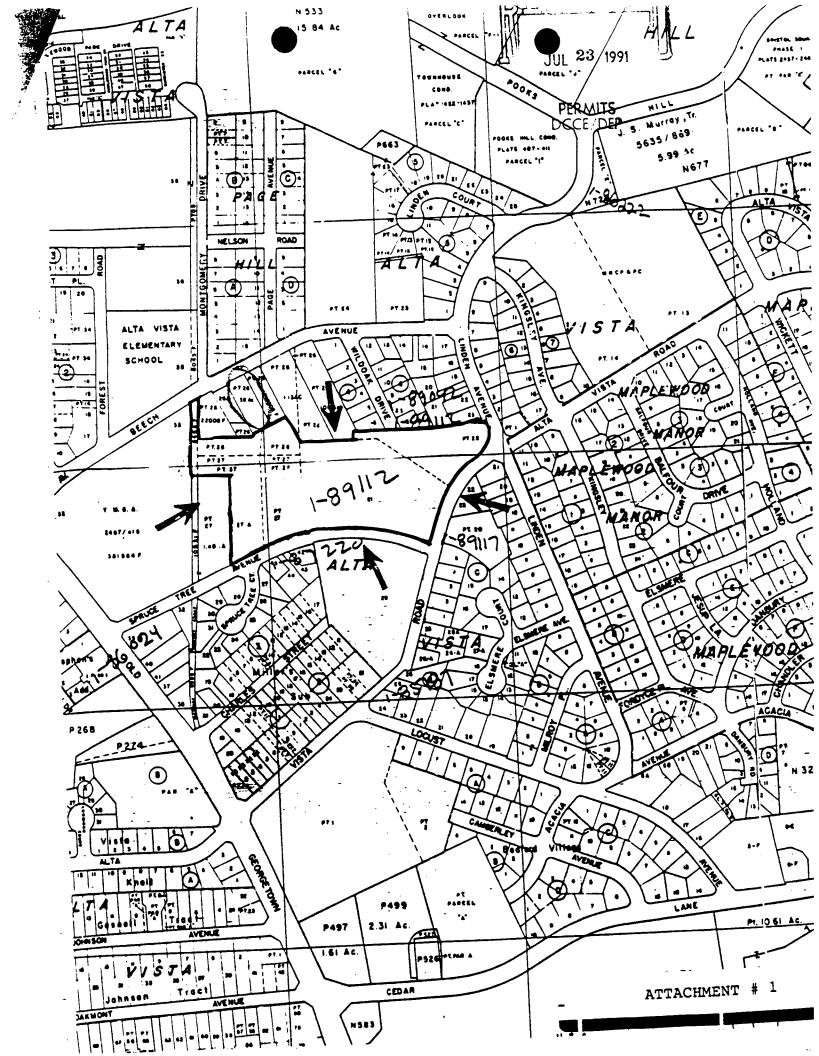
Although this window will be of the same wood material as the rest of the house, it will be differentiated from the old by its atypical circular shape and unusual placement. Because of its location at the rear of the house near the porch floor, it will be obscured from view. Staff recommends approval of the application based on Criterion 24-8(b)(1) and the following <u>Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation</u>:

<u>Standard 9</u> - 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.

SENT TO APPLICANT: August 7, 1991

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. HAWP Application and Attachments
- 2. Master Plan Information



Finally, there are additional portions of the Bethesda/Chevy Chase area that may be worthy of further study in the future to evaluate their potential architectural and historical significance. These areas include the Cabin John and Glen Echo areas, as well as the Hawkins Lane neighborhood and parts of the Chevy Chase community.

Atlas #	Site	Location	λssociated <u>Acreage</u>
35/03	Alta Vista	5506 Beech Avenue Bethesda	22,008 sq.ft.

- Alta Vista was built between 1852 and 1865. It is one of the oldest structures in the neighborhood and gave name to the surrounding area.
- Extensively renovated in 1880 by its owner, Louis Reiser, Alta Vista exhibits Queen Anne styling and Eastlake detailing. Particularly notable are the wide veranda, a two-story mitred bay window on the north facade, and exterior brackets and knob-shaped pendants.
- Adjacent to the former Bethesda trolley line, Alta Vista is significant for its link to the community's past, as well as for its late-Victorian architecture.
- The environmental setting is the entire 22,008 square foot parcel. In addition to the house, the mature trees on the property are primary features of the setting and should be preserved. The acreage of this site's environmental setting exceeds the minimum acreage per dwelling unit permitted by the current zoning of the property. The environmental setting of this site may be reduced in accordance with the provisions of the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

35/04 Samuel Perry Touse 9421 Wisconsin Ave. 1.69 acres Bethesda

- The Samuel Perry House is a fine example of an 1854 Greek Revival-style house. The main block of the house reflects very classic Greek Revival styling: a low-pitched gable roof with chimneys at either end, an entry porch supported by columns, and a symmetrical facade.
- Samuel Perry was a successful farmer and Union supporter during the Civil War. He was involved, while living in this house, in several confrontations with Confederate raiders along Rockville Pike.

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From: Libbie C. Dumaine. 5506 Beech Av., Bethesda, MD 20814-1702

Attachment 2



Front: TODAY. (facing Beech Av. in Bethesda) PICTURE 1 July. 1991 5506 Beech Av., Alta Vista

Front: YESTERYEAR. facing YMCA & trolley line <u>PICTURE 2.</u> July 1991 5506 Beech Av., Bethesda

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APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT	PERMITS DCCE/DEP
TAX ACCOUNT # 60540255	
NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER LIBBIE C. DUMAINE (Contract/Purchaser) ADDRESS 5506 Beech AV., Bernesda, MI	TELEPHONE NO. <u>301-493-565/</u> (include Area Code) D. 208/4-1702
CONTRACTOR SOL FELED	TELEPHONE NO. N.A.
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HISTORIC RESOURCE PRESERVATION

Montgomery County Code, 1984, as amended, Chapter 24-A, "Historic Resource Preservation," provides for the preservation of historic resources within the County. Historic resources are identified as either master plan sites (those resources which have been shown on a master plan adopted by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) or atlas sites (those which appear on the "Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County, Maryland"). An historic resource may be a single resource, referred to as an "historical site," or it may be a group of resources, referred to as an "historical district."

During the Building Permit process the Division of Construction Codes Enforcement (DCCE) is involved with other agencies; notably, MNCPPC, the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), and the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). To ensure that certain resources are protected as required by the law, if your property contains historic resources or is within an historic district you may need an Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP).

How can I find out if my property is an historic resource?

You can call MNCPPC at 495-4600 or DHCD at 217-3620.

How can I find out if my property is an Atlas or Master Plan Site?

Call DHCD at 217-3620.

When is an Historic Area Work Permit Needed?

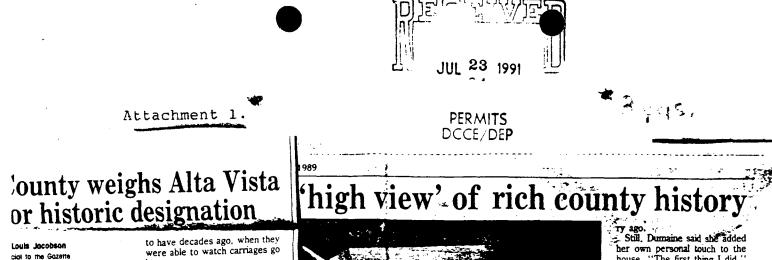
An Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP) is needed (in addition to a Montgomery County building permit) before any construction, demolition or alteration may be done on an historical site or district. Following HPC approval, a permit is issued by DEP.

An HAWP is not needed for any interior work or for any normal maintenance to the exterior of the site. "Normal maintenance" is defined as work that does not alter the exterior features of an historic resource. Some examples are painting wood surfaces; repairing roofs, gutters, trim, lights, doors and windows with material of like design; and re-paving an existing driveway. See 1b, next P9.

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Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Construction Codes Enforcement

250 Hungerford Drive, Second Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20850-2589, 301/738-3110



t may look like a nice house t on first glance it doesn't em out of the ordinary. Still, ere's no mistaking that Alta sta on Beech Avenue in Beesda is a historic house.

When one walks up to the ouse, a door-knocker must be ed to get the attention of own-Libbie Dumaine. There is no orbell, because the house was

uilt long before anybody eamed of electricity. Alta Vista is a house that gave s name to the surrounding eighborhood. The name, which ieans "high view," may come om the clear, unobstructed iew of Old Georgetown Road hat residents in the house used

were able to watch carriages go by

Since then the area has been built up and the ground has sunk. hampering that view. "So much has changed since the house has been built, even the climate. The area was always very swampy. said Dumaine, who has owned

"I don't think it would be just anybody's house," she added. People don't want radiators jutting out. It has a certain

Today Montgomery County is considering giving Alta Vista historic designation in conjunction with the Bethesda-Chevy Chase

As a lecturer in history at

the house since 1971.

amount of charm.

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house. "The first thing I did." she said, "was to tear the wallpaper off the wall. Even the paint color, a light green, was chosen by Dumaine for its historical accuracy. 'It's one of the historical base paints," she said. "It seemed appropriate to brighten it up a She decided for further

spice to add a touch of salmoncolored paint to the porch. "If you visit San Francisco, Bockville- anyse

place with a lot of Victorian architecture-you'll see every color of the rainbow," Dumaine said. 'When we first moved in it was yellow. I like green and salmon.

You have to live with colors you like.

In the process of personalization, Dumaine said the owner of an old house learns something: 'Patience. You have to make adjustments for short periods of time that give you adaptability to exist without what you might want or need. Seriously, I think that's a very important human trait.

Dumaine favors the idea of historical designation for Alta Vista. as long as the county remembers one thing: The house is still be-

Yes, I support it." she said. 'It depends on what kind of rules are going to be set down for people who occupy the historic site. It should not be to the individual's economic ruination. You are dealing with homes, you are dealing with individual taste, with economic status."

Whatever the outcome of the historic-designation decision, there are occasional side-benefits to living in an old house: camaraderie with complete strangers. "Every now and then," Du-

maine said, "people come by

taxes this year, \$2,700. Around 1880, according to a memoran-dum from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the house was was exextended past the house to tensively renovated by the own-Rockville around the turn of the er. Louis Keiser. century, the area was extensive-

The architecture, described by the planning board as Victorian with Queen Anne styling, -includes a wide veranda, a twostory mitred bay window on the north facade and brackets and knob-shaped pendants.

Dumaine disputed the idea that her house-or any other-can be pigeonholed into any particular architectural style, however,

'You have to remember that the people listed as owners or tenants endured a culture gap, she said. "You can't look at a house and say that it's representative of the time. People didn't think in Victorian terms. Very few people have time for a complete period restoration.

When Rockville Pike was wid-

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\$50 a month. "That was the first time the house had running water," Dumaine said. "We have to be made more aware that the amenities we take for granted were not amenities as late as the

developed. The current,

22,008-square-foot parcel is only

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fraction of what it once was

In the late 1930s, Dumaine

said, the property was owned by

a relative of Thomas W. Perry,

the Bethesda hardware-store

owner, and was rented out for

subsequent

When plumbing was installed, it was done with old-fashioned stand-alone pipes, which Du-

Photo Alta Vista was less tree-shaded around 1940.

touched up. Other than a little

porch, removing an exterior staircase_the house



except when painting has to be done and the pipes must be

Alta Vista, at 5506 Beech Ave., is the house that gave its name to the nearby area

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Photo by Brian Lewis

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	а.	Description of existing structure(s) and environmental setting, including their historical features and significance:
		Sec attachment 1.
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b. General description of project and its impact on the historic resource(s), the environmental setting, and, where applicable, the historic district:

07/19/91. The installation of a round window in the "rear" of ALTA VISTA [See Resolution No. 11-1936: above in answer to la of this form.

Rear and/or "side" could be iven for the location of this smallround (27" diameter) window, because [see attachment 1) in the late nineteenth century and early 1930s, the house faced the Bethesda Trolley line. Today the House faces Beech Av., beside the Bethesda-Chevy-Chase YMCA (See front of houses picture 1, attachment 2). Although the front door still faces the side of the Bethesda Trolley line-- picture 2, attachment 2, the installation of the window is planned for NEITHER THE "front" of TODAY NOR the "front" of YESTERYEAR. It seems to me, therefore, that this project is in accordance with the discouragement of changing or altering "front" of historic house. Note: Environmental impact: NONE.

Picture 3, attachment 2 is of a two by four composed "log-like" wall, which is opposite where the new window is to be. 'this wall, the entry to a very narrow and dark stair-case to the former coal cellar of the house, is (by the time you receive this) now panelled. The hoped-for window will be opposite this vall.

From the outside of the house, the window will be quite close to the porch floor and will be barely visible from the back view of the house. Picture 4, attachment 2 shows how the porch railing obscures the placement of the window (where twig of cotton is now standing). (See blow-up of cotton twig in place of potential

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This window, a project I mentioned first at a meeting in Silver Spring of the Park and Planning Commission in the Summer of 1989 -- but, which I did not have time to pursue then because of serious water run-off problems, is needed to solve the problem of a very dark and narrow stairway. This round "port-hole" would give needed day-light to a very dark place!

It will be scarcely visible from the (now) back-yard of the house. I do not believe it will detract from the purity of the "old-farm-house" aspect of Alta Vista. One could pretend that a sailor from the Spanish-American War brought back a port-hole from a defeated Spanish ship as a souvenir and installed it here to light his way on a cold winter night!

Picture 6, attachment 3 shows how site plantings obscure window, which would add necessary day-light to narrow stairway inside.

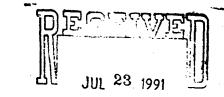
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2. <u>Statement of Project Intent:</u>



Short, written statement that describes:

a. the proposed design of the new work, in terms of scale, massing, materials, details, and landscaping:

The window is a circle 27" in diameter with wooden frame, sDECFYDER panels and potential screen use. Manufactured by Webb. Sketch:

b. the relationship of this design to the existing resource(s):

Nooden frames are preserved in windows throughout. owner hopes to install two more circular windows of same size eventually on "east" side of house.

c. the way in which the proposed work conforms to the specific requirements of the Ordinance (Chapter 24A): The additional light from this window will allow the owner a bit more peace of mind. The narrow inside staircase -- to which new electrical wiring has been added in this rennovation -- has long been too dark. Area will become safer and more functional.

See 24A-8. 3. " . . . private utilization . . . "

4. remedy of ". . . unsafe conditions . . ." Project Plan: 5. " . . . that the owner of the subject property not be deprived of reasonable use . . ."

Site and environmental setting, drawn to scale (staff will advise on area required). Plan to include:

a. the scale, north arrow, and date;

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- b. dimensions and heights of all existing and proposed structures;
- c. brief description and age of all structures (e.g., 2 story, frame house c.1900);
- d. grading at no less than 5' contours (contour maps can be obtained from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring; telephone 495-4610); and
- e. site features such as walks, drives, fences, ponds, streams, trash dumpsters, mechanical equipment, and landscaping.
- 4. <u>Tree Survey</u>: If applicable, tree survey indicating location, caliper and species of all trees within project area which are 6" in caliper or larger (including those to be removed).

<u>Design Features</u>: Schematic construction plans drawn to scale at 1/8" = 1'-0", or 1/4" = 1'-0", indicating location, size and general type of walls, window and door openings, roof profiles, and other fixed features of both the existing resource(s) and the proposed work.

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- 6. <u>Facades</u>: Elevation drawings, drawn to scale at 1/8" = 1'0", or 1/4" = 1'0", clearly indicating proposed work in relation to existing construction and, when appropriate, context. All materials and fixtures proposed for exterior must be noted on the elevations drawings. <u>An existing and a proposed elevation drawing of each facade affected by the proposed work is required</u>.
 - 7. <u>Materials Specifications</u>: General description of materials and manufactured items proposed for incorporation in the work of the project.
 - 8. <u>Photos of Resources</u>: Clearly labeled color photographic prints of each facade of existing resource, including details of the affected portions. All labels should be placed on the front of photographs.
 - 9. <u>Photos of Context</u>: Clearly labeled color photographic prints of the resource as viewed from the public right-of-way and from adjoining properties, and of the adjoining and facing properties.

Color renderings and models are encouraged, but not generally required.

Applicant shall submit 2 copies of all materials in a format no larger than $8 \frac{1}{2}$ x 14"; black and white photocopies of color photos are acceptable with the submission of one original photo.

10. <u>Addresses of Adjacent Property Owners</u>. For <u>all</u> projects, provide an accurate list of adjacent and confronting property owners (not tenants), including names, addresses, and zip codes. This list should include the owners of all lots or parcels which adjoin the parcel in question, as well as the owner(s) of lot(s) or parcel(s) which lie directly across the street/highway from the parcel in question. If you need assistance obtaining this information, call the Department of Assessments and Taxation, at 279-1355.

1.	Name	Bethesda-Chevy Chase YMCA	
		Old Georgetown Rd. at Beech Av.	
	Address		
	City/Zip	Bethesda, MD 20814	
2.	Name	Mr. and Mrs. John Hannon	
	Address	5504 Beech Av. Bethesda, MD 20814	
	City/Zip		

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3.	Name	Ms Fay Ragland	
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Adopted: TTACHMENT #2 aster Plan Information Resolution No.: 11-1936 Introduced: March 29, 1990 March 29, 1990

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND SITTING AS A DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PORTION OF THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT WITHIN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: District Council

<u>Subject: Amendment to the Approved and Adopted Master Plan for Historic</u> <u>Preservation in Montgomery County, Maryland re: Bethesda Chevy</u> <u>Chase Resources.</u>

Background

- On November 14, 1989, the County Executive transmitted to the Montgomery County Council a Final Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation to designate 20 sites as historic resources and remove 8 properties from the County's Locational Atlas and Index for Historic Sites.
- 2. On January 9, 1990, the County Council held a public hearing regarding the Bethesda Chevy Chase Resources.
- 3. The Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee met on March 16, 1990 to review the Historic Preservation Master Plan Amendment. The committee voted to remove Stone Ridge Academy, #35/7, in addition to sites recommended by the County Executive, from the Locational Atlas. The Committee also recommended that the environmental setting on the Rammed Earth House be reduced to include just the house and language be added to the Master Plan, specifying that the historic designation is intended to preserve only the earth walls of the Rammed Earth house.

In addition, the committee recommended that final action on Bonfield Garage, #34/47, be deferred while staff investigates the feasibility of moving Bonfield's Garage. Staff was instructed to present a report to the Council before the deadline (May 13, 1990) for taking final action on the master plan.

5. The District Council reviewed the Historic Preservation Master Plan for Bethesda-Chevy Chase and the recommendation of the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee at a worksession held on March 29, 1990. The District Council agreed with the recommendations of the committee.

Action

1. The Final Draft Amendment to the Historic Preservation Master Plan: Bethesda Chevy Chase Resources is approved as follows:

The Amendment

The purpose of this amendment is to designate 18 individual resources and one historic district on the <u>Master Plan for Historic Preservation</u>, putting them under the protection of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code.

INTRODUCTION

The Bethesda/Chevy Chase area is one of the most fascinating in the County from a historical perspective. Not only does it contain important sites from the 18th and 19th Centuries, but it is also indicative of the County's amazing growth and development in the 20th Century.

Particular portions of the planning area are associated with specific historic events and periods. For example, the Palisades area, with the C&O Canal, has strong connections to the economic history of the region. The Reading House, the Glen Echo Chautauqua, the Clara Barton House and the Baltzley Castles all document the development of the Palisades throughout the 19th Century and the contributions of this area to the cultural history of the County.

Another thematic area is the Rockville Pike, with its remaining collection of early 20th Century estates. The building of large mansions in this area by wealthy Washingtonians, such as George Freeland Peter (NIH) and George Hamilton (Stone Ridge School), reflects the move away from cities and the early expansion of the suburbs.

From the DC/MD Boundary Markers, placed in 1792 to reflect the creation of the new Federal City, to Bonfield's Garage, built in 1927 as one of earliest automobile service stations in Montgomery County, the Bethesda/Chevy Chase area epitomizes, in a capsule form, Montgomery County's long and diverse history.

As the Bethesda/Chevy Chase area continues to develop, the reminders of the area's rich heritage that are preserved will will enable future generations to understand and appreciate their past. To aid in this process, it is important to develop additional interpretive materials that will identify the historic sites in Bethesda/Chevy Chase for the public and explain their history and context. These interpretive materials might include walking and driving tour brochures, historic markers or panels at particular sites, or audio-visual programs about the history of the Bethesda/Chevy Chase area.



Finally, there are additional portions of the Bethesda/Chevy Chase area that may be worthy of further study in the future to evaluate their potential architectural and historical significance. These areas include the Cabin John and Glen Echo areas, as well as the Hawkins Lane neighborhood and parts of the Chevy Chase community.

<u>Atlas 1</u>	Site	Location	Associated <u>Acreage</u>
35/03	Alta Vista	5506 Beech Avenue Bethesda	22,008 sq.ft.

- Alta Vista was built between 1852 and 1865. It is one of the oldest structures in the neighborhood and gave name to the surrounding area.
- Extensively renovated in 1880 by its owner, Louis Keiser, Alta Vista exhibits Queen Anne styling and Eastlake detailing. Particularly notable are the wide veranda, a two-story mitred bay window on the north facade, and exterior brackets and knob-shaped pendants.
- Adjacent to the former Bethesda trolley line, Alta Vista is significant for its link to the community's past, as well as for its late-Victorian architecture.
- The environmental setting is the entire 22,008 square foot parcel. In addition to the house, the mature trees on the property are primary features of the setting and should be preserved. The acreage of this site's environmental setting exceeds the minimum acreage per dwelling unit permitted by the current zoning of the property. The environmental setting of this site may be reduced in accordance with the provisions of the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

35/04 Samuel Perry House 9421 Wisconsin Ave. 1.69 acres Bethesda

- The Samuel Perry House is a fine example of an 1854 Greek Revival-style house. The main block of the house reflects very classic Greek Revival styling: a low-pitched gable roof with chimneys at either end, an entry porch supported by columns, and a symmetrical facade.
- Samuel Perry was a successful farmer and Union supporter during the Civil War. He was involved, while living in this house, in several confrontations with Confederate raiders along Rockville Pika.

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

FROM:

Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP) Applicants *LIBBIC C. DUMAINE*

Gwen Marcus, Historic Preservation Coordinator Urban Design Division M-NCPPC

DATE: <u>//////29, 199/</u>

SUBJECT: Historic Preservation Commission Review of HAWP Application <u>NTA VISTA, 5506 BEECH AVENUE</u>

The Historic Preservation Commission has received the Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP) application which you filed on your property.

The Historic Preservation Commission will consider your HAWP application at their regular meeting on <u>AUGUST 14, 1991</u>. This meeting will be held in the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Auditorium at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. The meeting will begin at <u>B:00 PM</u>.

You are encouraged to attend this meeting so that the Historic Preservation Commission can discuss your application with you. If you have any questions about the meeting, the HAWP application process, or other historic preservation issues, please feel free to call the Historic Preservation Commission staff at 495-4570.



MEMORANDUM

Interested Property Owners TO:

Gwen Marcus, Historic Preservation Coordinator FROM: Urban Design Division M-NCPPC

JULY 29, 1991 DATE:

Historic Preservation Commission Review of HAWP SUBJECT: Application ALTA VISTA

The Historic Preservation Commission has received a Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP) application on a property in your neighborhood. The application affects the property at 5506 and briefly involves INSTALLATION OF BEECH DRIVE

<u>CIRCULAR WINDOW) AT CURRENT REAR OF HOUSE</u>. The complete HAWP application is available for inspection at the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission offices at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910.

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Interested Property Owners MR. AND MRS. JOHN HANNON Gwen Marcus, Historic Preservation Coordinator FROM: Urban Design Division M-NCPPC

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

FROM:

Interested Property Owners *MS. FAY RAGLAND* Gwen Marcus, Historic Preservation Coordinator Urban Design Division M-NCPPC

JULY 29, 1991 DATE:

SUBJECT: Historic Preservation Commission Review of HAWP Application ACTA VISTA

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Interested Property Owners BETHESDA -CHEVY CHASE YMCA

FROM:

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JULY 29, 1991 DATE:

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