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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Isiah Leggett County Executive Jef Fuller Chairperson

Date: April 10, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Carla Reid Joyner, Director

Department of Permitting Services

FROM:

Josh Silver, Senior Planner Historic Preservation Section

Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission

SUBJECT:

Historic Area Work Permit #480283, construction of a rear screened porch

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has reviewed the attached application for a Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP). This application was <u>Approved with Conditions</u> at the April 9, 2008 meeting.

1. The applicants will utilize wood for all screen and door frames, lattice panels and deck railings. (Detail to be included on permit set of drawings).

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:

Carol Sweig & James Lawry

Address:

7403 Balitmore Avenue, Takoma Park

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.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301/563-3400

APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

	Contact Person: Deboutains
	Daytime Phone No.: 240-483-9991
Tax Account No.: 01066036	
Name of Property Owner: <u>Carol Sweia</u> and James Lau	WY Daytime Phone No.: 301 - 565-2311
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LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE	
House Number: 7403 Stre	Baltimore Ave
Town/City: TCIKON7G PAIK Nearest Cross Stre	
Lot: 1 Block: 79 Subdivision: N-A	
Liber: Folio: Parcel:	
PART ONE: TYPE OF PERMIT ACTION AND USE	
1A. CHECK ALL APPLICABLE: CHECK	ALL APPLICABLE:
☐ Construct ☐ Extend ☐ Alter/Renovate ☐ A/C	☐ Slab ☐ Room Addition ☐ Porch ☐ Deck ☐ Shed
☐ Move ☐ Install ☐ Wreck/Raze ☐ Sola	Fireplace
☐ Revision ☐ Repair ☐ Revocable ☐ Fend	ce/Wall (complete Section 4)
1B. Construction cost estimate: \$ 35,000	,
1C. If this is a revision of a previously approved active permit, see Permit #	179751
PART TWO: COMPLETE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND EXTEND/ADD	NITIONS
2A. Type of sewage disposal: 01 🗆 WSSC 02 🗀 Septic	03
2B. Type of water supply: 01 🗆 WSSC 02 🗀 Well	03 🗆 Other:
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3B. Indicate whether the fence or retaining wall is to be constructed on one of t	he following locations:
☐ On party line/property line ☐ Entirely on land of owner	☐ On public right of way/easement
APPONIZA . X	DATE: 4/21/00

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.

1. WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

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	a heavily wooded area. No Historical features
	are existing.
b.	General description of project and its effect on the historic resource(s), the environmental setting, and, where applicable, the historic district:
	New Screen porch tobe built over existing deck
	Shurture, modification of stairs only as necessary
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2. SITE PLAN

Site and environmental setting, drawn to scale. You may use your plat. Your site plan must include:

- a. the scale, north arrow, and date;
- b. dimensions of all existing and proposed structures; and
- c. site features such as walkways, driveways, fences, ponds, streams, trash dumpsters, mechanical equipment, and landscaping.

3. PLANS AND ELEVATIONS

You must submit 2 copies of plans and elevations in a format no larger than 11" x 17". Plans on 8 1/2" x 11" paper are preferred.

- Schematic construction plans, with marked dimensions, indicating location, size and general type of walls, window and door openings, and other fixed features of both the existing resource(s) and the proposed work.
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4. MATERIALS SPECIFICATIONS

General description of materials and manufactured items proposed for incorporation in the work of the project. This information may be included on your design drawings.

5. PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Clearly labeled photographic prints of each facade of existing resource, including details of the affected portions, All labels should be placed on the front of photographs

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address:

7403 Baltimore Avenue, Takoma Park

Meeting Date:

4/9/2008

Resource:

Contributing Resource

Report Date:

4/2/2008

Takoma Park Historic District

Public Notice:

3/26/2008

Applicant:

Review:

Carol Sweig & James Lawry

(Debbie Edwards, Agent)

Tax Credit:

None

Case Number:

37/03-080

HAWP

Staff:

Josh Silver

PROPOSAL:

Construction of rear screened porch

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the HPC approve this HAWP application with the following condition:

1. The applicants will utilize wood for all screen and door frames, lattice panels and deck railings. (Detail to be included on permit set of drawings)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Contributing Resource Within The Takoma Park Historic District

STYLE:

Bungalow

DATE:

c1915-1925

HISTORIC CONTEXT

Takoma Park is historically significant as both an early railroad suburb and a streetcar community. It was the one of the earliest railroad suburbs of Washington. The community was given new lifeblood in the early-20th century with the opening of streetcar lines, which led to the development of new subdivisions in Takoma Park.

Before 1883, the area that became Takoma Park was used for farming and vacation homes for Washingtonians. A few houses from this period still exist.

Benjamin Franklin Gilbert was the developer of Takoma Park, which he promoted for its natural environment and healthy setting. The site offered fresh water, trees, and a high elevation to escape the malaria-ridden District of Columbia. In 1883, Gilbert purchased a 90-acre farm and platted a subdivision with picturesque, winding streets named for native trees, including Sycamore, Chestnut, Hickory, and Oak. Equally reflective of Gilbert's promotion of the natural setting is the use of the Native American "Takoma", meaning "exalted" or "near heaven." Later he added the "Park" appellation to draw attention to its healthy environment.

Takoma Park houses built between 1883 and 1900 were fanciful, turreted, multi-gabled affairs of Queen

Anne, Stick Style, and Shingle Style influence. The substantial houses had spacious settings, with deep, narrow lots of 50 feet by 200-300 feet, with 40-foot setback requirements. Extensive numbers of these houses (built from 1883 to 1900) remain, particularly concentrated along Maple, Cedar, and Holly Avenues. The earliest houses were built on Cedar Avenue (originally known as Oak Avenue).

Gilbert was more than just the developer of the community - he was a resident and civic leader. He built one of the first houses in the new community for himself and later became the town's first mayor. By 1886, Takoma Park had a post office and a new railroad station. Fifteen trains a day ran between Washington and Takoma Park and the population had reached 100.

By 1893, the town's population quadrupled. Four subdivisions had expanded the town, which was incorporated in 1890. Takoma Avenue, Pine Avenue, and Holly Avenue were among the streets to develop during this period.

The first multi-family buildings in Montgomery County were built in Takoma Park. The earliest documented multi-family dwelling is the *Ford House* at 7137-39 Maple Avenue. Brothers Byron and Seth Ford built this large, elaborate, frame double-house in 1885 for their families. The next multi-family dwellings to be built in the county were not constructed until 1907.

The start of streetcar service along Carroll Avenue in 1897, operated by the Baltimore and Washington Transit Company, made the adjacent areas more attractive for residential development, leading to new subdivisions. This line, supplemented in 1910 by the Washington and Maryland line (1910-27), led to the creation of eight additional subdivisions extending out from the trolley lines. The inexpensive electric streetcar, the availability of low-cost house plans and kit houses in combination with smaller lot sizes made home ownership in Takoma Park possible for individuals of more modest income levels than during the previous period. By 1922, the population soared to 4,144, making Takoma Park the tenth largest incorporated town in Maryland. Among the streets, which developed during the 1910s and 1920s in response to the establishment of streetcar, lines are Willow, Park, Philadelphia, and Carroll Avenues.

The appearance today of much of the Takoma Park historic district is formed by the large numbers of dwellings constructed from 1900 into the 1920s. The houses built in Takoma Park during this period reveal changing American tastes in house design from the elaborate ornamentation of the late 19th century dwellings to more practical, simplified designs. Many of these early twentieth century houses reflect the aesthetics of the Arts and Crafts Movement, which emphasized the inherent nature of the building materials and structural elements for ornamentation. Residences put up in the American Four Square, Craftsman, Bungalow, and Colonial Revival designs continued the pattern of suburban development previously established - detached, wood frame single-family residences with uniform setbacks from the streets, though at a smaller scale. Entire streetscapes of these houses, particularly the Bungalow and Craftsman designs, are found along Willow, Park, Philadelphia, and Westmoreland Avenues. Scores of Bungalows, and Craftsman-style houses and catalog-order houses were built in this era.

Takoma Park continues to thrive today, with a population of 20,000. Though the train no longer stops there, the town's close relationship with mass transportation continues. The Metro enables residents to continue the tradition, started with the railroad and extended with the streetcars, of living in the suburbs and commuting to the District using mass transit. Two sections of the Montgomery County portion of Takoma Park have been listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the Takoma Park Historic District since 1976.

PROPOSAL:

The applicants are proposing to remove the upper level of an existing wooden deck at the rear of the property and construct a new 8' x 10' screen porch in the same location. The proposed screen porch will connect to the existing lower section of deck at the rear of the house.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES:

When reviewing alterations and new construction within the Takoma Park Historic District several documents are to be utilized as guidelines to assist the Commission in developing their decision. These documents include the historic preservation review guidelines in the approved and adopted amendment for the Takoma Park Historic District (Guidelines), Montgomery County Code Chapter 24A (Chapter 4A), and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (Standards). The pertinent information in these documents is outlined below.

Takoma Park Historic District Guidelines

Contributing Resources should receive a more lenient review than those structures that have been classified as Outstanding. This design review should emphasize the importance of the resource to the overall streetscape and its compatibility with existing patterns rather than focusing on a close scrutiny of architectural detailing. In general, however, changes to Contributing Resources should respect the predominant architectural style of the resource. As stated above, the design review emphasis will be restricted to changes that are at all visible from the public right-of-way, irrespective of landscaping or vegetation.

The Guidelines that pertain to this project are as follows:

• all exterior alterations, including those to architectural features and details, should be generally consistent with the predominant architectural style and period of the resource and should preserve the predominant architectural features of the resource; exact replication of existing details and features, is, however, not required;

Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A

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.

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 a historic site or historic resource within a historic district; or
- 2. The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical archaeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which a historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto of to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter; or

Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation:

- #9 New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.
- #10 New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

STAFF DISCUSSION

Staff supports the proposed rear screen porch enclosure at the subject property. The proposed work is in agreement with both the *Guidelines and Standards* for alterations to a contributing resource. All work is contained to the rear yard and will have no impact on the streetscape of the historic district. The proposed work is consistent with the style of the house and utilizes appropriate materials. *Staff is recommending approval with the condition specified on Circle 1*.

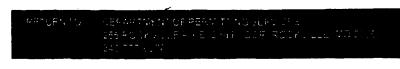
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

and with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation;

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.



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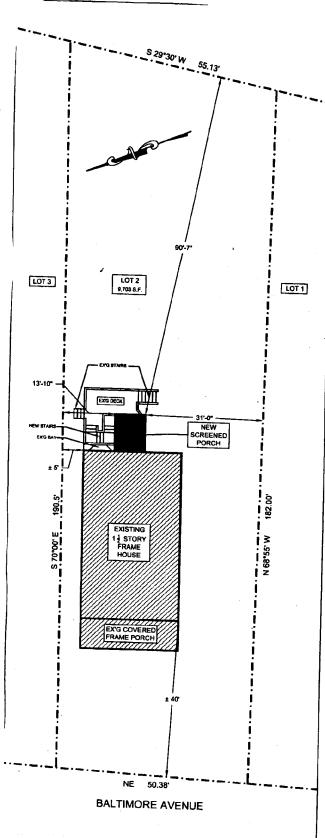
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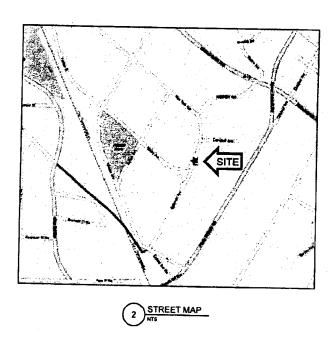
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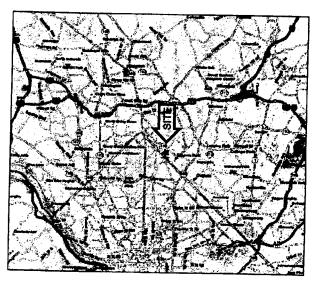
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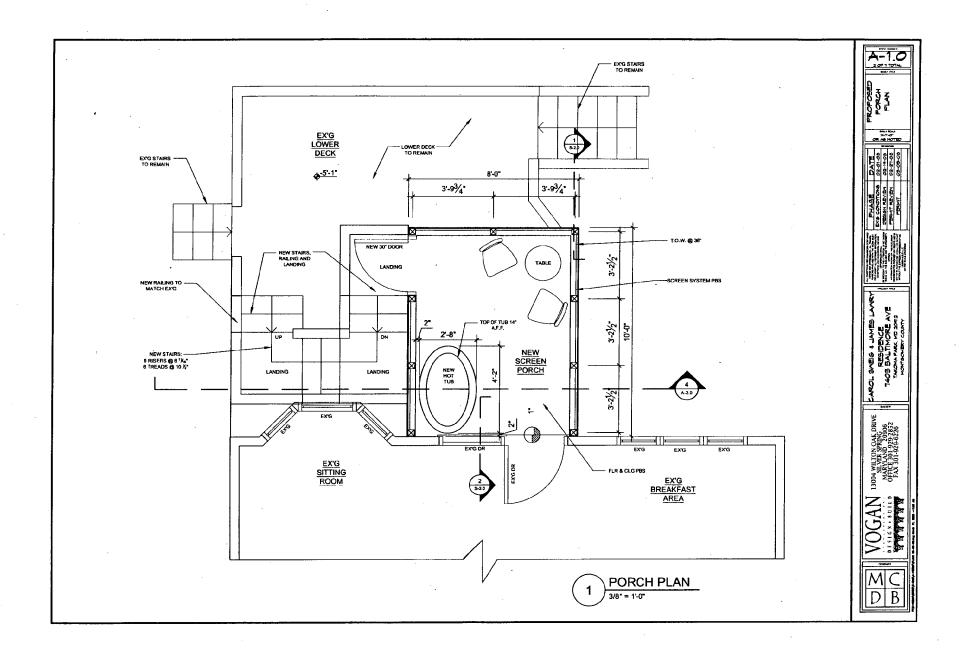


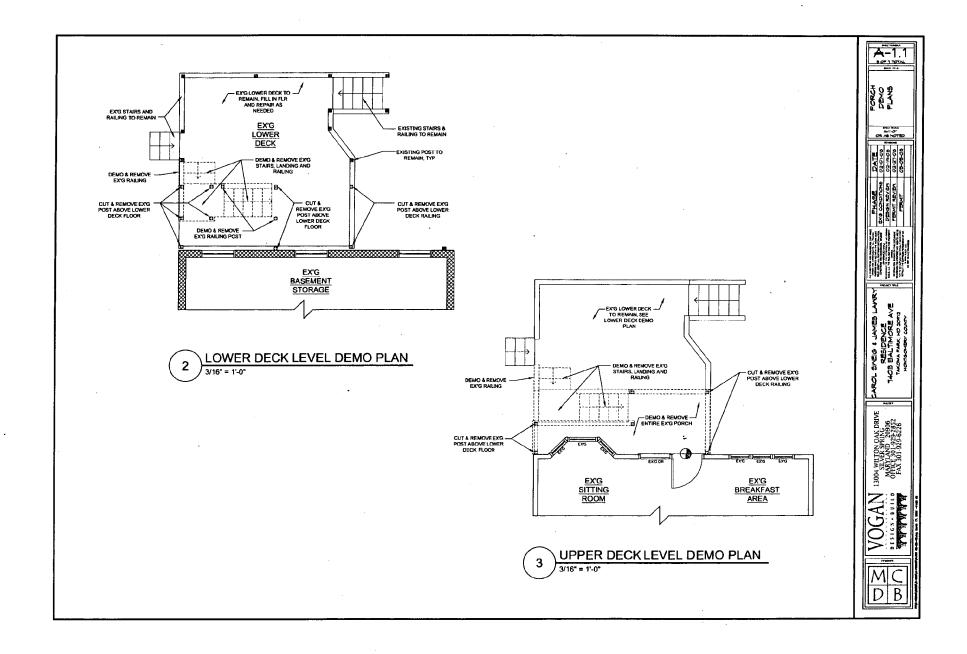


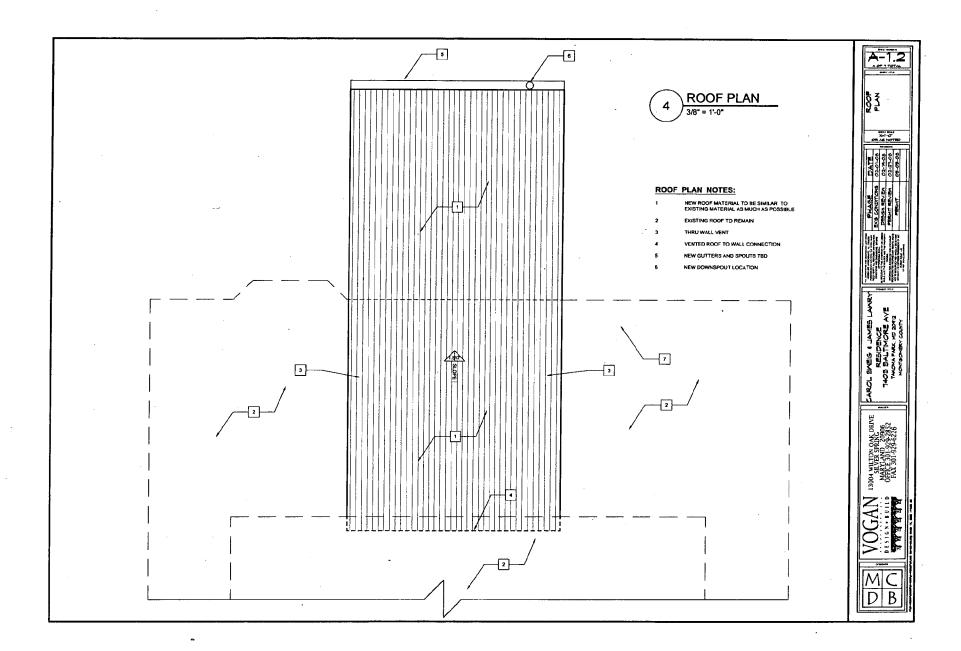




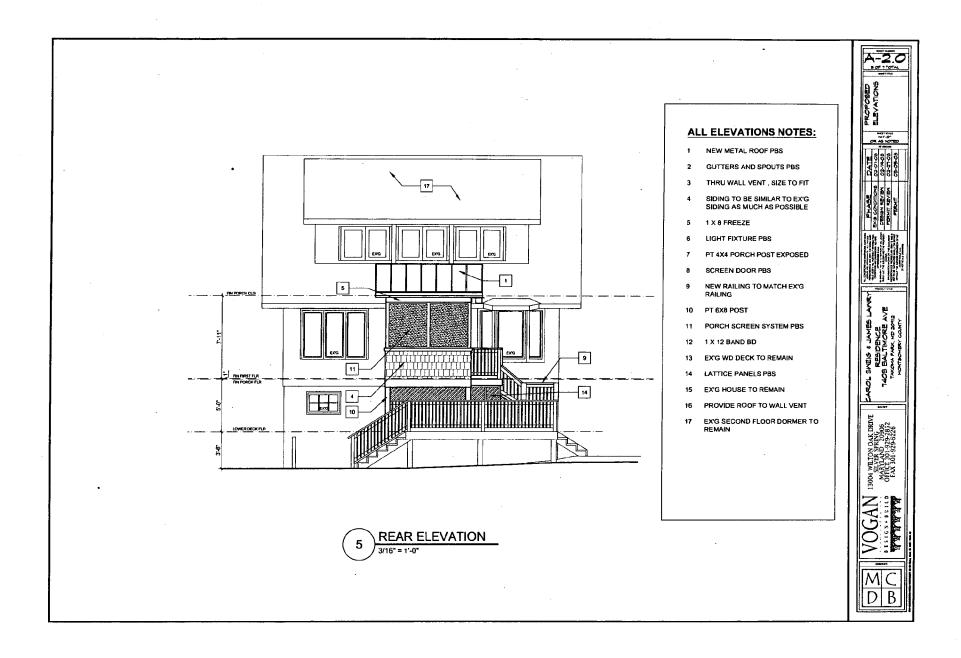


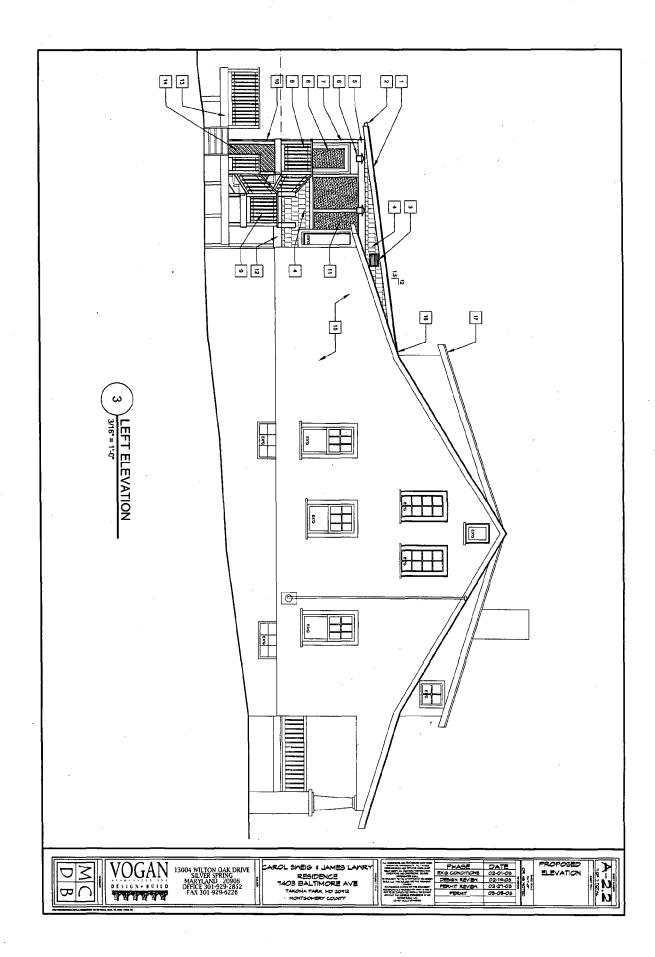




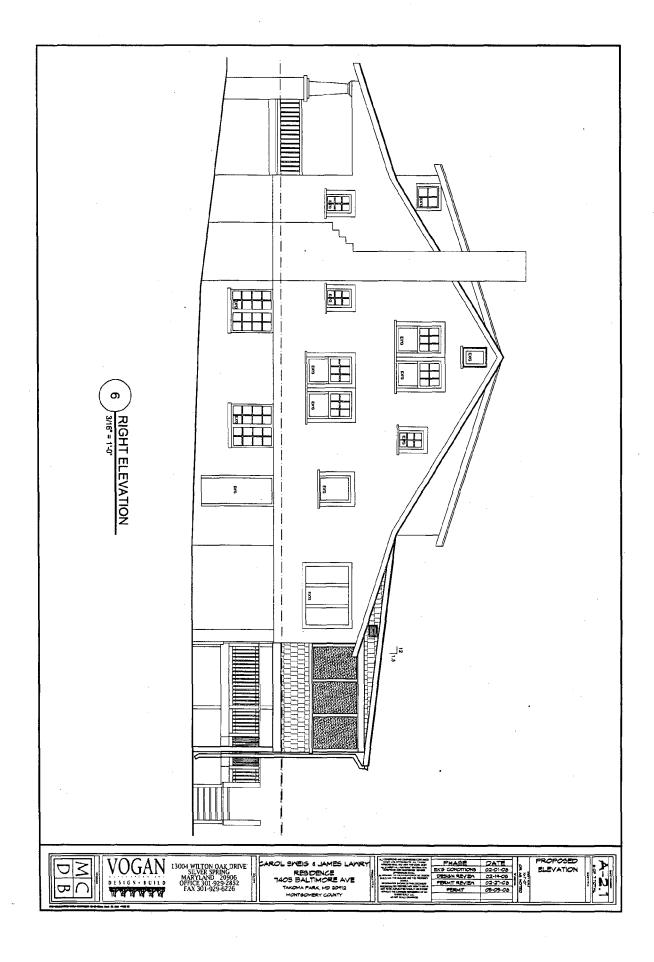




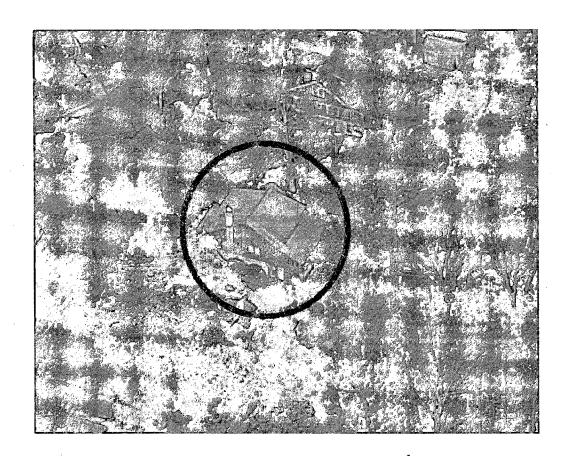








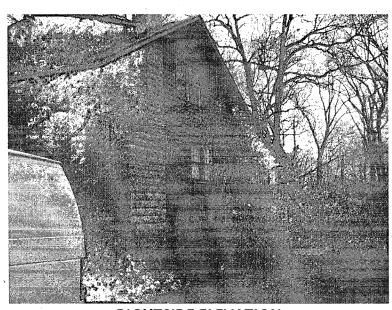
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FRONT ELEVATION



RIGHTSIDE ELEVATION

Existing Property Condition Photographs (duplicate as needed)



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Detail: kear view of the house rights into a screen porch.

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7500 Maple Avenuo Takoma Park, MD 20912

March 11, 2008

Department of Permitting Services 255 Rockville Pike, 2nd Floor Rockville, Maryland 20850-4166

Property Owner Name: Carol Sweig

Applicant Name: Vogan Associates (fax: 301-929-6226)

Location of Requested Building Permit: 7403 Baltimore Avc.

Proposed Scope of Work: exterior- porch

Dear Department of Permitting Services:

The above property owner has notified the City of Takoma Park that they are planning to apply for permits for the above summarized construction project. They have been informed that the City of Takoma Park has regulations and pennit requirements that may apply to their project and if they do not comply they may be cited or fined.

Yours sincerely,

David Suls Associate Planner

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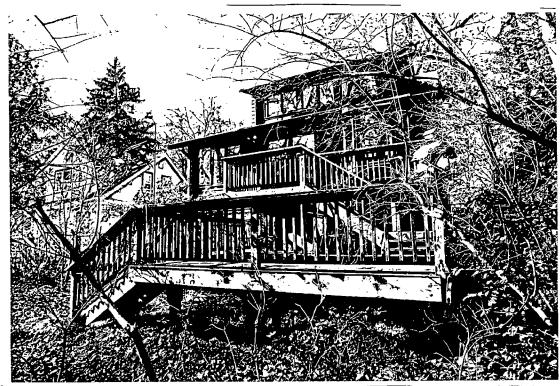
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