



# COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

## APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

PROPERTY (location of work)

Address 2209 E. Grace Street

Historic district St. John's Church Historic District

Date/time rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_

Rec'd by: \_\_\_\_\_

Application #: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing date: \_\_\_\_\_

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name Gibson Worsham

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Company Glave and Holmes Architecture

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Applicant Type:  Owner  Agent

Richmond VA 23223

Lessee  Architect  Contractor

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

### OWNER INFORMATION (if different from above)

Name Richmond Hill

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address 2209 E. Grace St.

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Richmond VA 23223

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### PROJECT INFORMATION

Review Type:  Conceptual Review  Final Review

Project Type:  Alteration  Demolition  New Construction  
(Conceptual Review Required)

Project Description: (attach additional sheets if needed)

The project involves making limited alterations to the perimeter wall at Richmond Hill (located in the former Monte Maria Convent in the St. John's Historic District) as part of a general repair of the wall. The owners are interested in making the interior of the property more accessible both visually and physically, to the public, without compromising historic integrity or the enclosure for security purposes of the grounds. The only current access by those approaching on foot is through the vehicle gate or directly into the chapel. The owners are

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

**Compliance:** If granted, you agree to comply with all conditions of the certificate of appropriateness (COA). Revisions to approved work require staff review and may require a new application and approval from the Commission of Architectural Review (CAR). Failure to comply with the COA may result in project delays or legal action. The COA is valid for one (1) year and may be extended for an additional year, upon written request.

**Requirements:** A complete application includes all applicable information requested on checklists to provide a complete and accurate description of existing and proposed conditions. Applicants proposing major new construction, including additions, should meet with Staff to review the application and requirements prior to submitting an application. Owner contact information and signature is required. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

**Zoning Requirements:** Prior to Commission review, it is the responsibility of the applicant to determine if zoning approval is required and application materials should be prepared in compliance with zoning.

Signature of Owner

Date 1/3/20

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The owners are interested in making the interior of the property more accessible both visually and physically, to the public, without compromising historic integrity or the enclosure for security purposes of the grounds. The only current access by those approaching on foot is through the vehicle gate or directly into the chapel. The owners are interested in having a more inviting general entrance for the neighborhood and others approaching on foot, reaching the main entry directly along the cloister rather than walking through the parked cars. As part of the repair of the damaged brick wall to the immediate right of the chapel and near the motor entrance to the grounds, the owners would like to add a pedestrian gate with a stone inscription modelled on the original entry to the convent grounds that was formerly located in another part of the wall. The wall and piers would be carefully maintained to either side of the new opening.

They are also interested in providing increased awareness of and limited visual access to the historic gardens. Using the model of the popular keyhole access to the gardens of the Knights of Malta on the Aventine Hill in Rome, they propose to add a similar viewing feature at heights appropriate for both adults and children, which would give access to a view on axis with a garden path with a sculpture at the far end.

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PROJECT TITLE

RICHMOND HILL  
RESTORATION

RICHMOND,  
VIRGINIA

SEAL

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CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NUMBERS  
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PC #: N/A  
WO #: N/A

DATE  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2019

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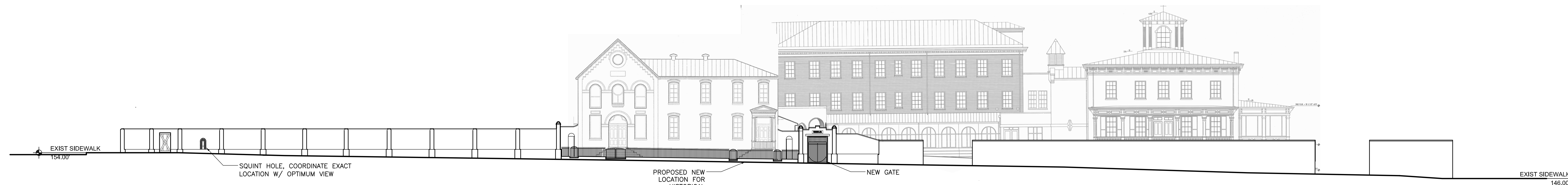
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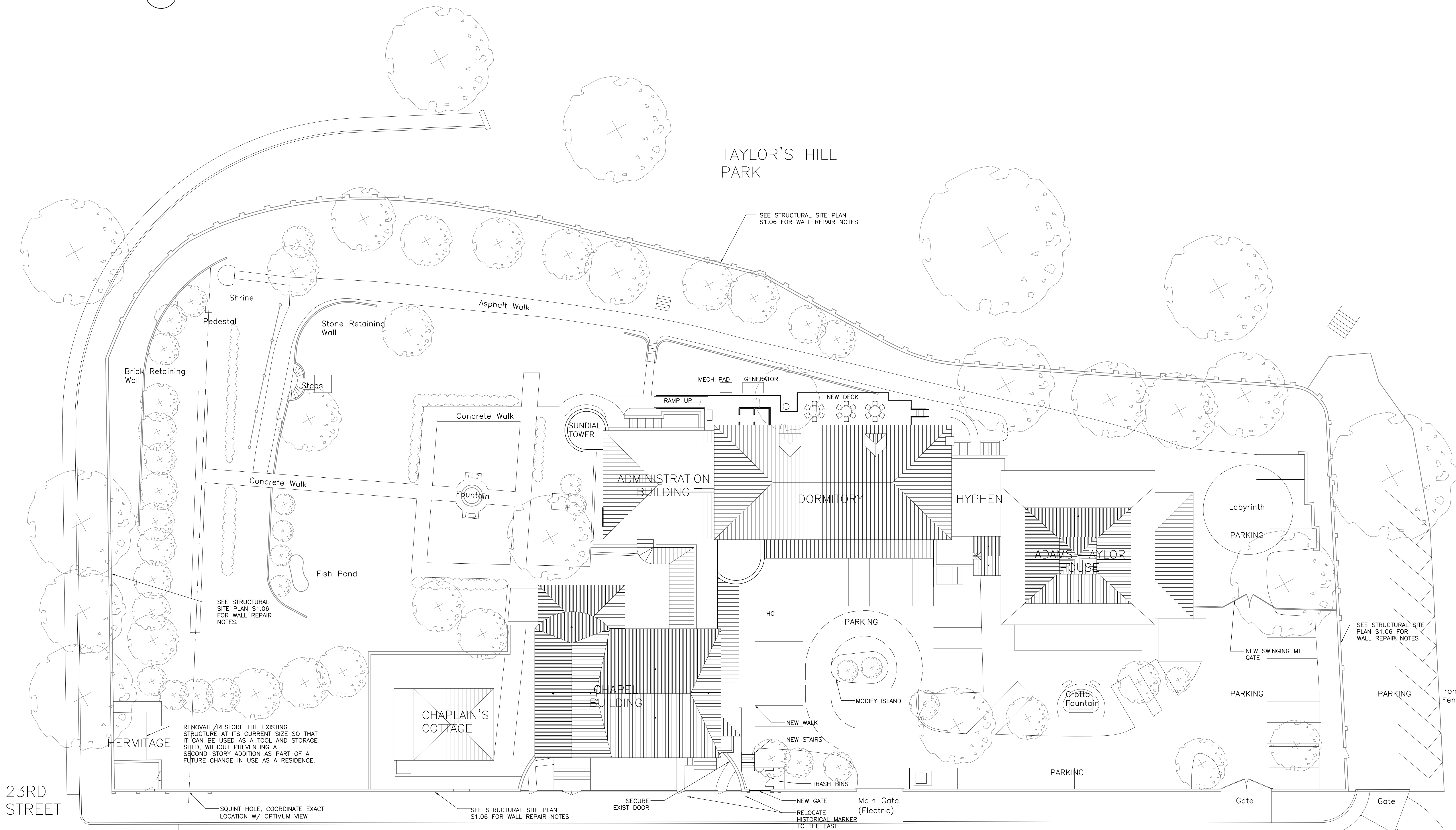
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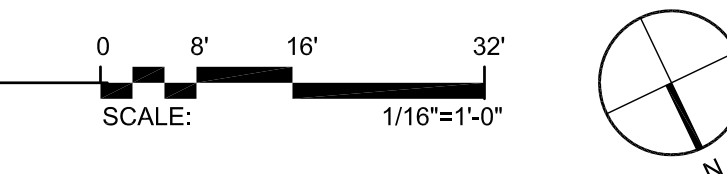
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E1 NORTH ELEVATION  
SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"



A1 ARCHITECTURAL SITE PLAN  
SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"



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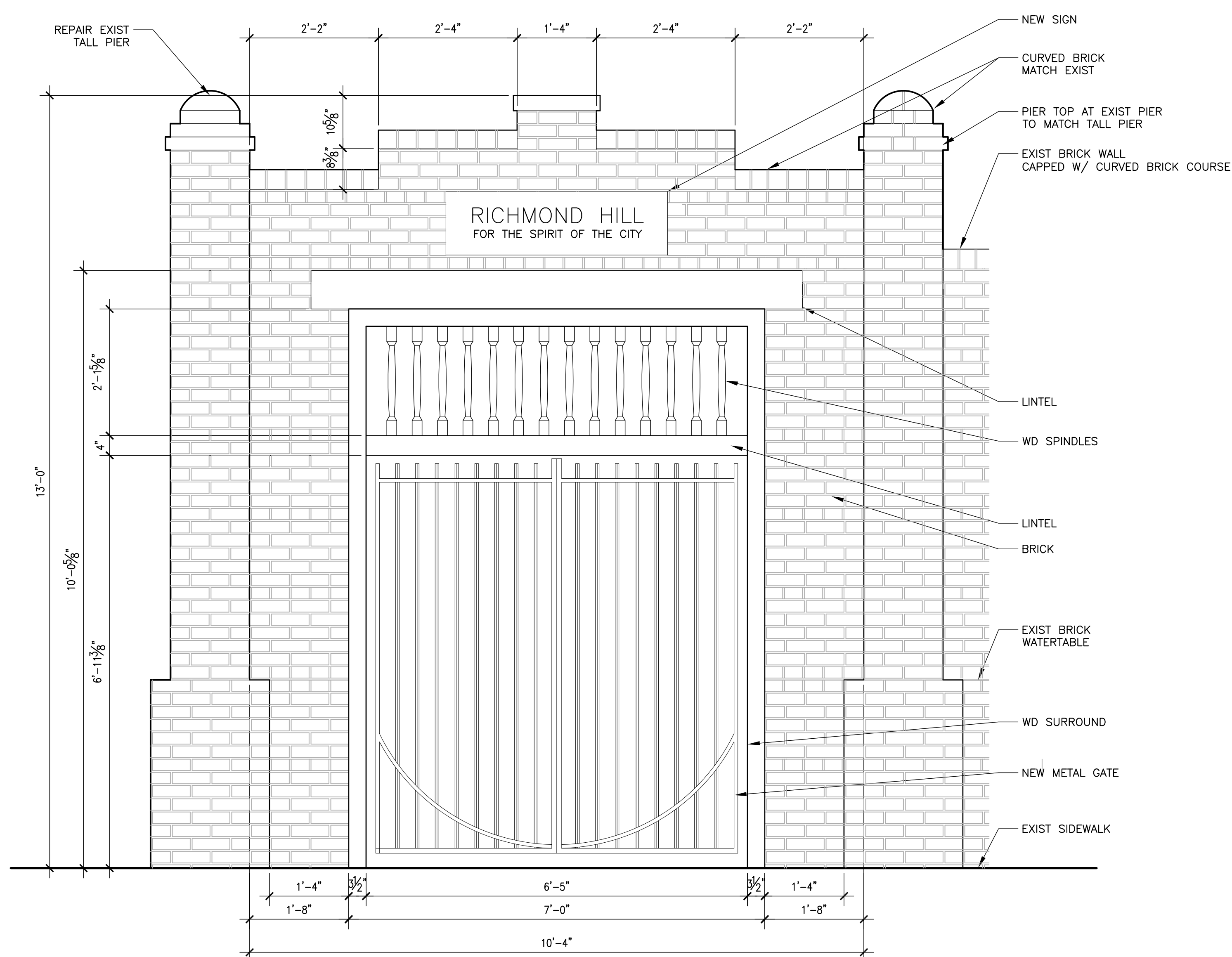
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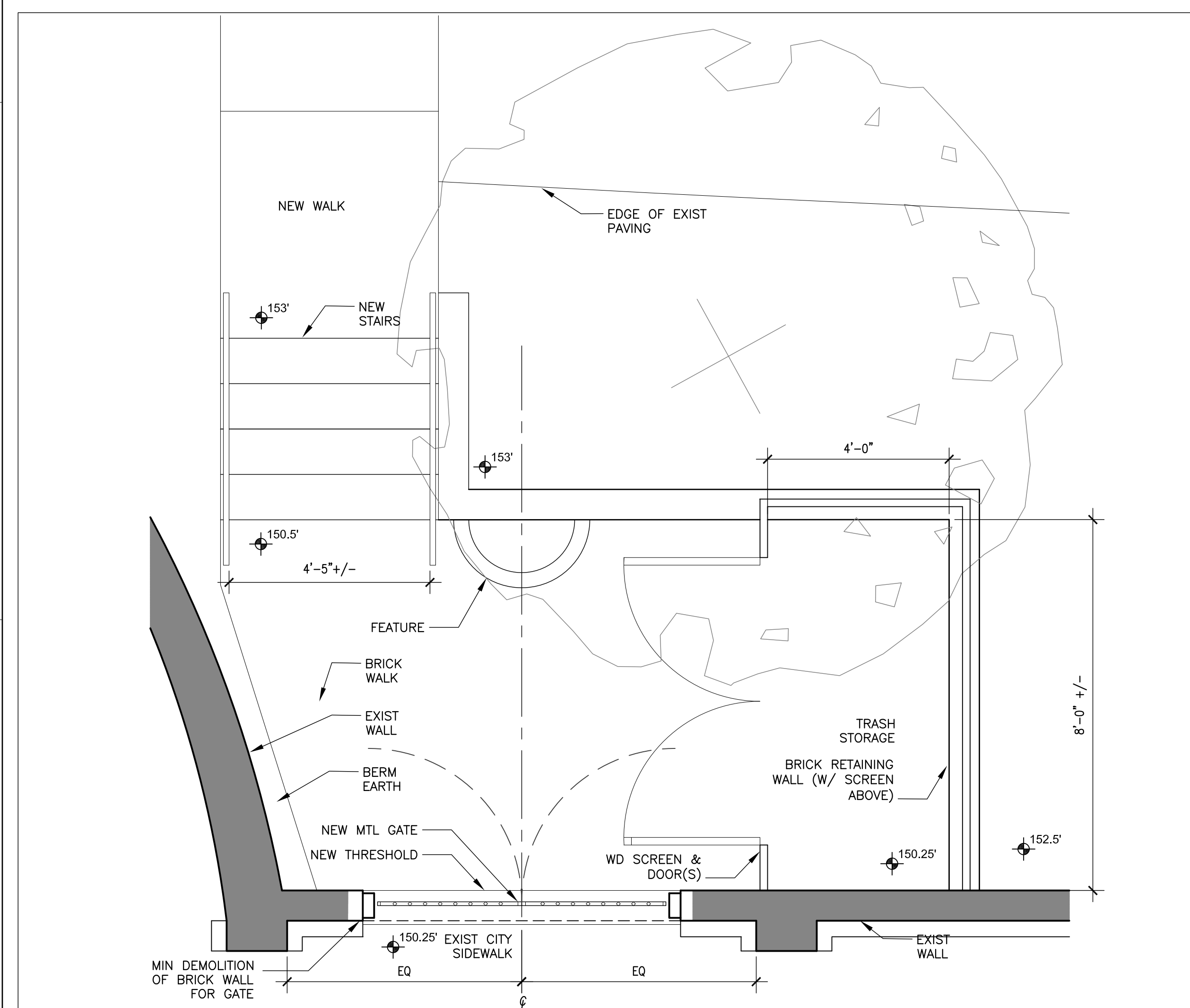
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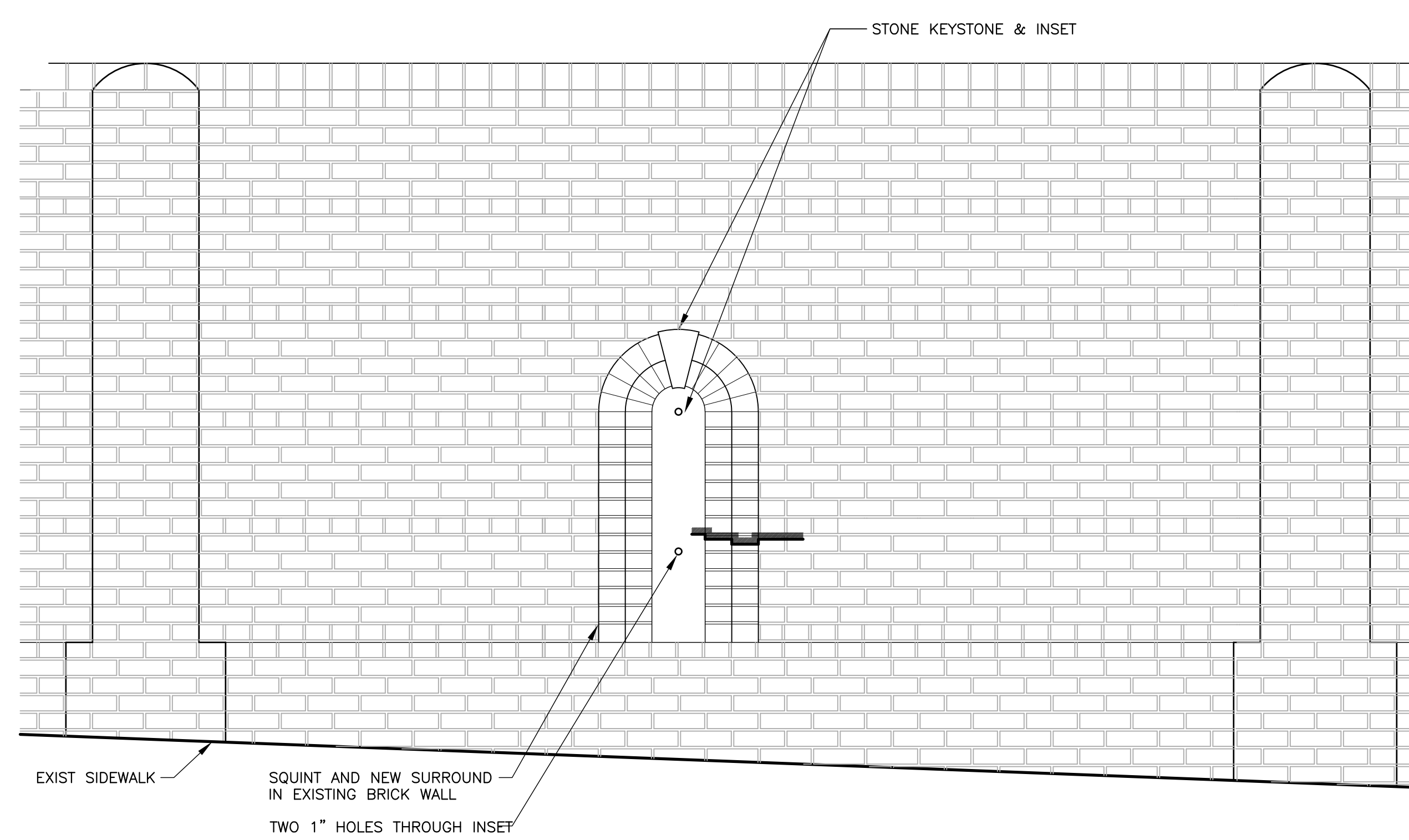
C1 GATE ELEVATION

A1.1 A1.08 SCALE: 3/4" = 1'-0"



A1 GATE ENTRY PLAN

A1.1 A1.08 SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0"



A3 SQUINT HOLE ELEVATION

A1.1 A1.08 SCALE: 3/4" = 1'-0"

## Jones, Carey L. - PDR

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**From:** Gibson Worsham <gworsham@glaveandholmes.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 6, 2020 8:14 AM  
**To:** Jones, Carey L. - PDR  
**Subject:** RE: Richmond Hill Scope of Work

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Carey- There is a small arched access former service door in the curved area of the wall on the raised area in front of the chapel. It is not an obvious, welcoming, or readily accessible door for the public to use. The idea here is to create a welcoming entry for pedestrians to access the main entry to the building without coming in the vehicle gate, located at the back of the parking area and which is the only public access to the building, except when the chapel door is opened during services. It would also be available off-hours when the vehicle gate is closed, by use of an intercom and electrically controlled lock.

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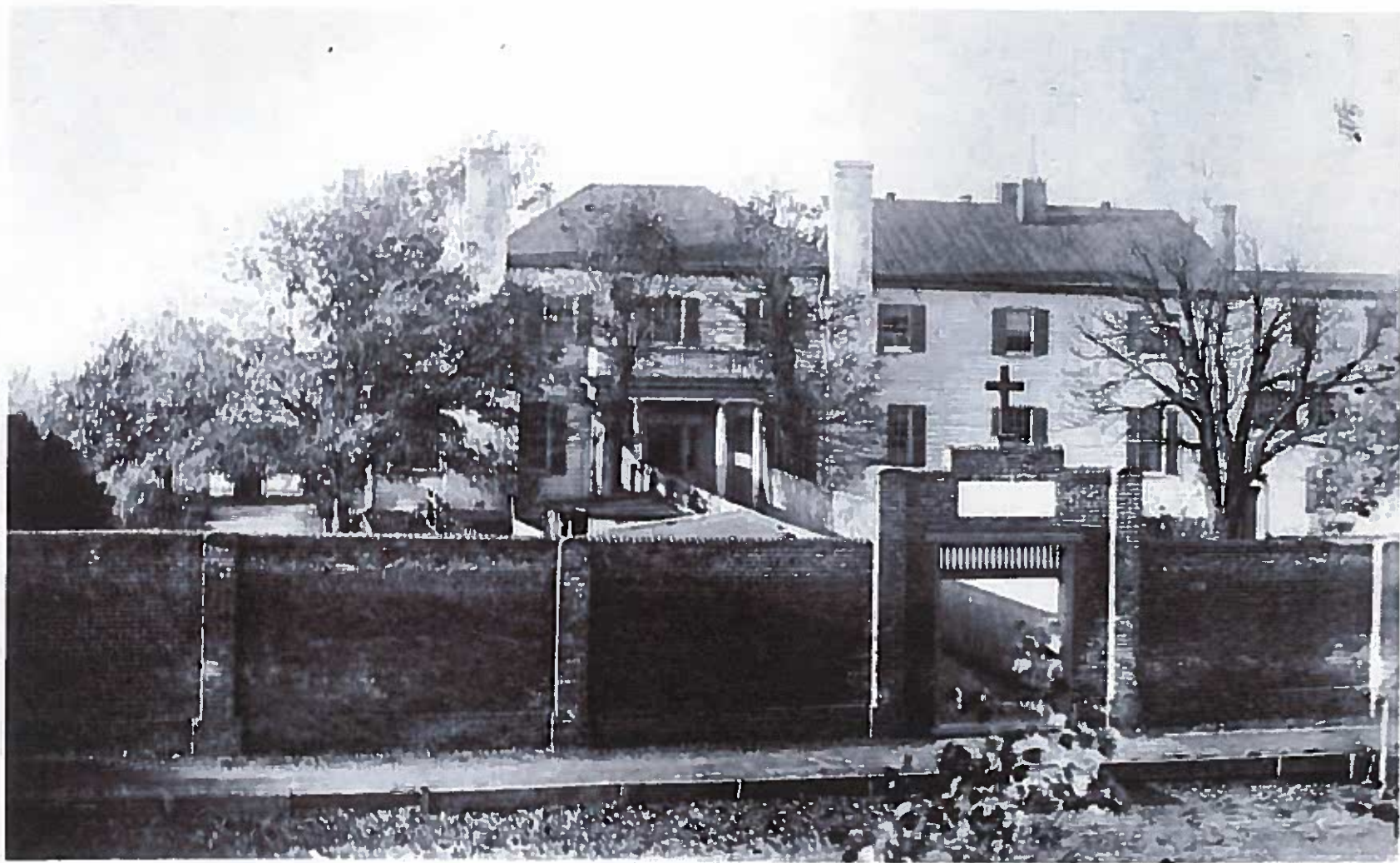
Thank you for dropping off the additional information this afternoon. Staff has started a preliminary review of this application and we are wondering why the new gate is necessary when there is a door nearby. The plans indicate the door is going to be secured. Is there the possibility of using this door instead of a new gate?

Thanks,  
Carey

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**From:** Jones, Carey L. - PDR  
**Sent:** Friday, January 3, 2020 10:36 AM  
**To:** 'Gibson Worsham'  
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Richard Adams House, Monte  
Maria Convent, before 1893.