DeKalb County Historic Preservation Commission

Tuesday, February 18, 2025- 6:00 P.M.

Staff Report

Consent Agenda

C. 545 Ponce de Leon Manor, Stephen Zachary Mitchell. Convert carport to a garage, replace and install new windows on a nonhistoric house, and install a pool and patio in backyard. **1247406.**

Built in 1958 – Nonhistoric (15 238 02 059)

This property is in the Druid Hills Character Area #1 and the Druid Hills National Register Historic District.

- 10-07 545 Ponce de Leon Manor (DH), Sue Apolinsky. Install front walkway and low retaining wall across the front of the house. 14097. **Approved.**
- 03-10 545 Ponce de Leon Manor (DH), Steve & Sue Apolinsky. Rear addition, walkway in front, and replace windows. 16294. **Approved after 45 days with no action.**
- 06-10 545 Ponce de Leon Manor (DH), Sue Apolinsky. Replace all windows. 16499. **Approved.**
- 02-12 545 Ponce de Leon Manor (DH), Sue Apolinsky. Install retaining wall, patio and walkway in backyard and wooden deck and gravel walk on side yard. 17650. **Approved**

Summary

The applicant proposes the following work:

- Convert carport to garage. The existing carport on the front façade of the house will be enclosed with a glass garage door, smooth cement board siding, fixed wood windows, and a new wood and glass door. The existing knee wall decorative metal posts, and grooved wood paneling of the carport will not be removed. The footprint of the carport will not be moved or changed.
- 2. Replace windows. The applicant proposes the following window replacements:
 - a. Replace jalousie windows with fixed and casement windows. Windows are nonhistoric and were previously replaced in 2010.
 - b. Replace large window on the rear of the property with a sliding glass door to open onto the backyard.
 - c. Install skylights to match existing skylights. Two metal clad skylights will be installed on the rear roof to match the existing metal clad skylight on the front roof of the house.
- 3. Install pool in back yard. An inground pool, measuring approximately 145 square feet in size, will be installed on the rear of the property in the backyard. A square, 8' x 8', hot tub will also be installed at the corner of the pool.
- 4. Construct patio on rear of property. Two sections, one measuring approximately 560 square feet and another measuring approximately 200 square feet of permeable paver patio will be installed in the backyard, between the rear of the house and the proposed pool and hot tub.

Recommendation

Approve. The proposed changes do not appear to have a substantial adverse effect on the property or the district. This application appears to meet the guidelines and the staff recommends approval.

Relevant Guidelines

- 5.0 Design Review Objective (p45) When making a material change to a structure that is in view from a public right-of-way, a higher standard is required to ensure that design changes are compatible with the architectural style of the structure and retain character-defining features. When a proposed material change to a structure is not in view from the public-right-way, the Preservation Commission may review the project with a less strict standard so as to allow the owner more flexibility. Such changes, however, shall not have a substantial adverse effect on the overall architectural character of the structure.
- Additions & New Construction Preserving Form & Layout The Druid Hills Local Historic District continues to change and evolve over time. For this area to meet contemporary needs, additions are built, uses change, and new buildings are constructed. The challenge is not to prevent change but to ensure that, when it does inevitably happen, it is compatible with the historic character of the area.

A new building is compatible with its historic setting when it borrows design characteristics and materials from adjacent buildings and integrates them into a modern expression. Before undertaking new development, be it a new building or changes or additions to existing buildings, take time to evaluate what makes the property and the neighborhood distinctive. Evaluate what type of impact the new development will have on the property and neighborhood. Decide how the development can best be designed to complement the property and area.

The underlying guideline for new construction and additions is to consider one's neighbors and nearby structures and reinforce the existing historic character through sensitive, compatible design.

Note that many of these guidelines refer to new development or new construction but are equally applicable to additions to existing buildings.

- 7.1 Defining the Area of Influence (p64) <u>Guideline</u> In considering the appropriateness of a design for a new building or addition in a historic district, it is important to determine the area of influence. This area should be that which will be visually influenced by the building, i.e. the area in which visual relationships will occur between historic and new construction.
- 7.2 Recognizing the Prevailing Character of Existing Development (p65) Guideline When looking at a series of historic buildings in the area of influence, patterns of similarities may emerge that help define the predominant physical and developmental characteristics of the area. These patterns must be identified and respected in the design of additions and new construction.
- 7.2.3 Shape: Roof Pitch (p68) <u>Guideline</u> The roof pitch of a new building should be consistent with those of existing buildings within the area of influence, if dominant patterns are present.
- 7.2.3 Shape: Building Elements (p68) <u>Guideline</u> The principal elements and shapes used on the front facade of a new building should be compatible with those of existing buildings in the area of influence, if dominant patterns are present.
- 7.2.4 Massing (p69) <u>Guideline</u> The massing of a new building should be consistent with dominant massing patterns of existing buildings in the area of influence, if such patterns are present.
- 7.2.5 Proportion (p70) <u>Guideline</u> The proportions of a new building should be consistent with dominant patterns of proportion of existing buildings in the area of influence, if such patterns are present.
- 7.2.6 Rhythm (p71) Guideline New construction in a historic area should respect and not disrupt existing rhythmic patterns in the area of influence, if such patterns are present.
- 7.2.7 Scale/Height (p72) Guideline New construction in historic areas should be consistent with dominant patterns of scale within the area of influence, if such patterns are present. Additions to historic buildings should not appear to overwhelm the existing building.
- 7.2.7 Scale/Height (p72) Guideline A proposed new building should appear to conform to the floor-to-floor heights of existing structures if there is a dominant pattern within the established area of influence. Dominant patterns of cornice lines, string courses, and water tables can be referenced to help create a consistent appearance.

- 7.2.8 Individual Architectural Elements (p73) Guideline New construction and additions should be compatible and not conflict with the predominant site and architectural elements—and their design relationships—of existing properties in the area of influence.
- 7.3.1 Additions (p74) Recommendation These guidelines do not recommend adding false historical details to a noncontributing building in an effort to make it more compatible with surrounding historic buildings. Every effort should be made, however, to ensure that additions and alterations to the property do not detract further from the character of the historic environment, keeping in mind the design concepts discussed in Section 7.2.
- 11.0 Nonhistoric Properties (p93) <u>Guideline</u> In reviewing an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a material change to a nonhistoric building, the Preservation Commission should evaluate the change for its potential impacts to any historic development (architecture and natural and cultural landscapes) in the area of influence of the nonhistoric property. Guidelines presented in Section 7.0: Additions and new Construction are relevant to such evaluations.



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Interim Director Cedric Hudson

Application for Certificate of Appropriateness

Date submitted: 1/23/25	-)	Date Re	eceived:			
Address of Subject Property: 545 P	once De Leo	n Man	or NE, Atlanta, (GA 30307	7	
Applicant: Stephen Zachary N	Mitchell		E-Mai	ı: zachmit	chellp@gmail.com	
Applicant Mailing Address: 2134	Delano Dr. NI	E, Atla	nta, GA 30317			
Applicant Phone: 678-386-7637						-
Applicant's relationship to the owner:	Owner	Arc	hitect Cont	ractor/Build	er Other	

Owner(s): Stephen Zachary I	Mitchell		Email: zachmito	hellp@gr	mail.com	
Owner(s): George Evangelos						
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Owner(s) Mailing Address: 2134 D	elano Dr. NE	, Atlan	ita, GA 30317			_
Owner(s) Telephone Number: Z: 67	8-386-7637;	G: 78	6-200-7918			
Approximate date of construction of t				her structure	es affected by this project:	arch/
Nature of work (check all that apply):	New construction		New Accessory Build	ding 🔲	Other Building Changes	V
	Demolition		Landscaping		Other Environmental Chang	es 🔲
	Addition		Fence/Wall		Other	V
Description of Work	Moving a Building		Sign Installation			

No expansion of building footprint or change to roof form. Convert existing carport to garage. Replace jalousie windows with energy code compliant fixed/ casement windows. Provide code compliant egress windows in two bedrooms by vertically enlarging existing window openings. Replace one large window at rear with sliding glass doors. Add skylights in areas not visible from street to match existing skylights. Interior improvements to kitchen, primary suite, and with groom. Add pool and patio to rear of building. Remove one tree.

This form must be completed in its entirety and be accompanied by supporting documents, such as plans, list of materials, color samples, photographs, etc. All documents should be in PDF format, except for photographs, which may be in IPEG format Email the application and supporting material to plansustain@dekalbcountyga.gov and pyjennings@dekalbcountyga.gov. An incomplete application will not be accepted.

Signature of Applicant:



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

Authorization of a Second Party to Apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness

This form is required if the individual making the request is not the owner of the property.

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ereby delegate autl	nority to:	
E. Carlotte de Contra		
file an application	for a certificate of appropriateness in my/our behalf.	
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Please review the following information

Approval of this Certificate of Appropriateness does not release the recipient from compliance with all other pertinent county, state, and federal regulations.

Before making any changes to your approved plans, contact the preservation planner (404/371- 2155). Some changes may fall within the scope of the existing approval, but others will require review by the preservation commission. If work is performed which is not in accordance with your certificate, a Stop Work Order may be issued.

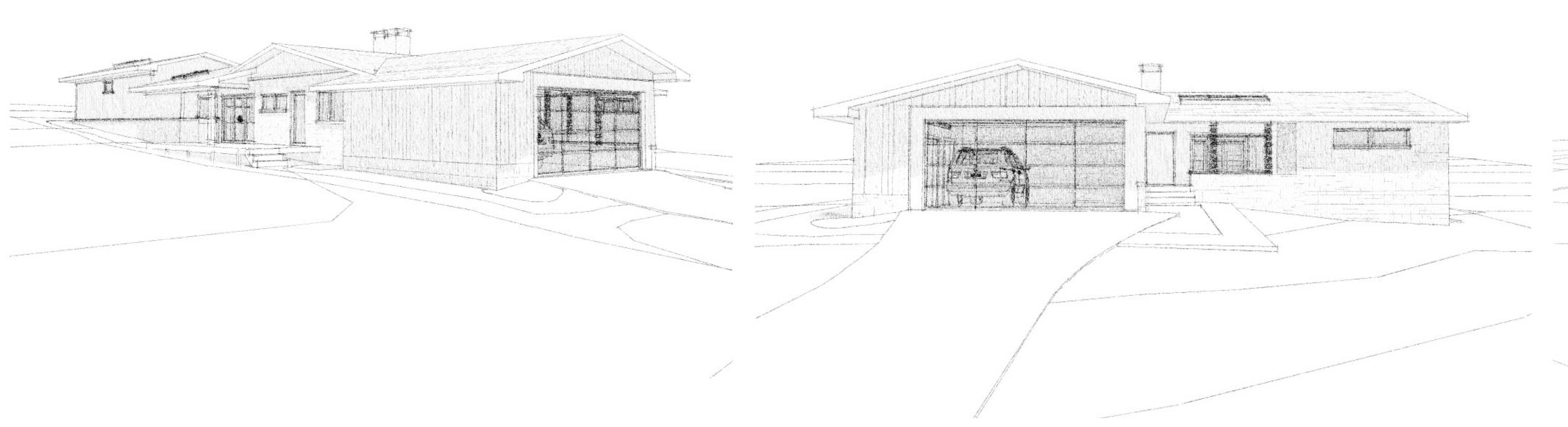
If your project requires that the county issue a Certificate of Occupancy at the end of construction, an inspection may be made to verify that the work has been completed in accord with the Certificate of Appropriateness. If the work as completed is not the same as that approved in the Certificate of Appropriateness you will not receive a Certificate of Occupancy. You may also be subject to other penalties including fines and/or required demolition of the non-conforming work.

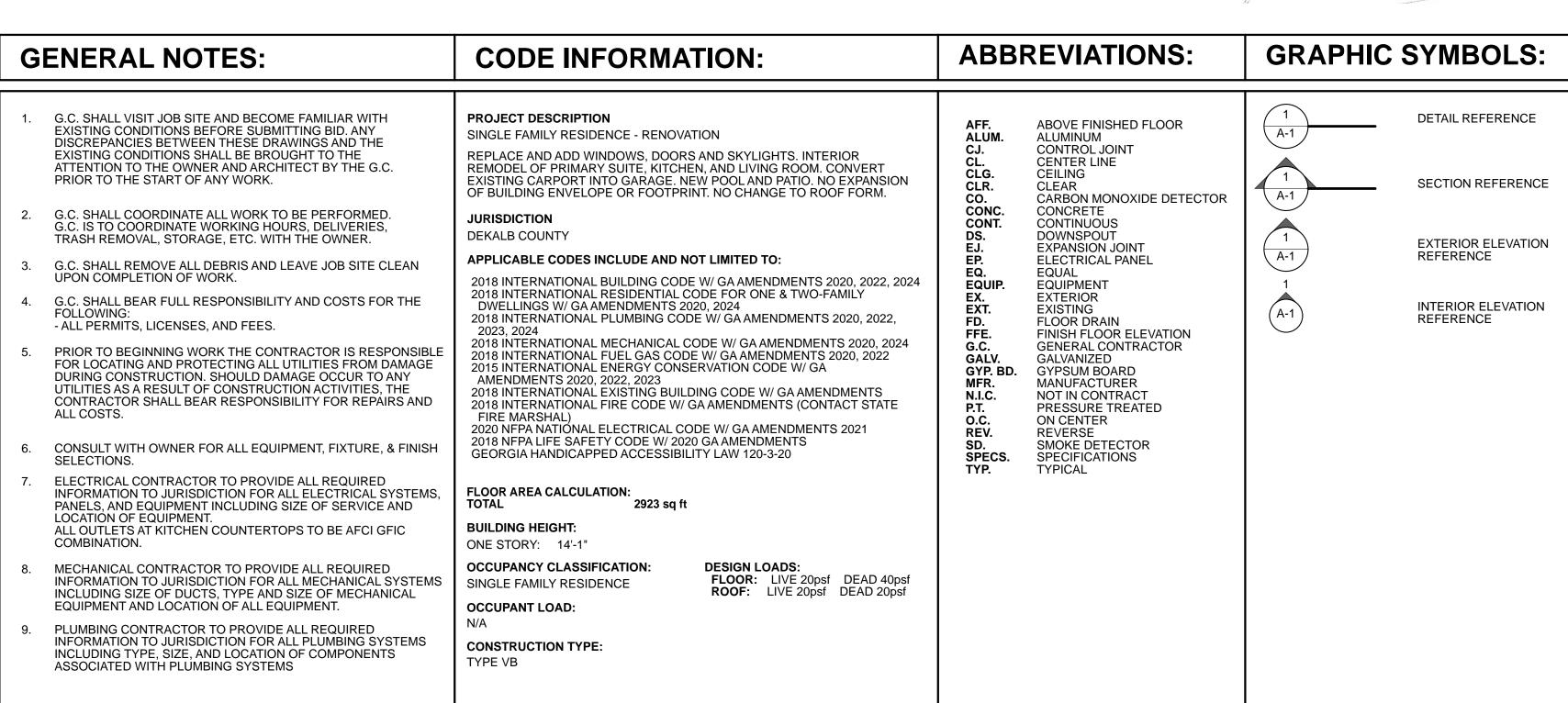
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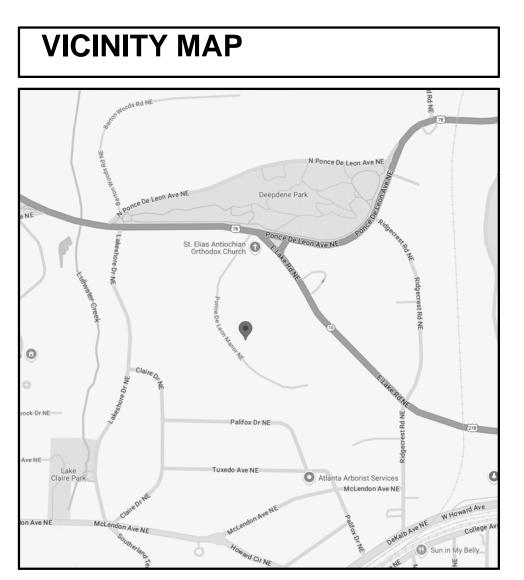
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SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE - RENOVATION GEORGE PROTOPAPADAKIS ZACH MITCHELL







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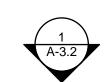
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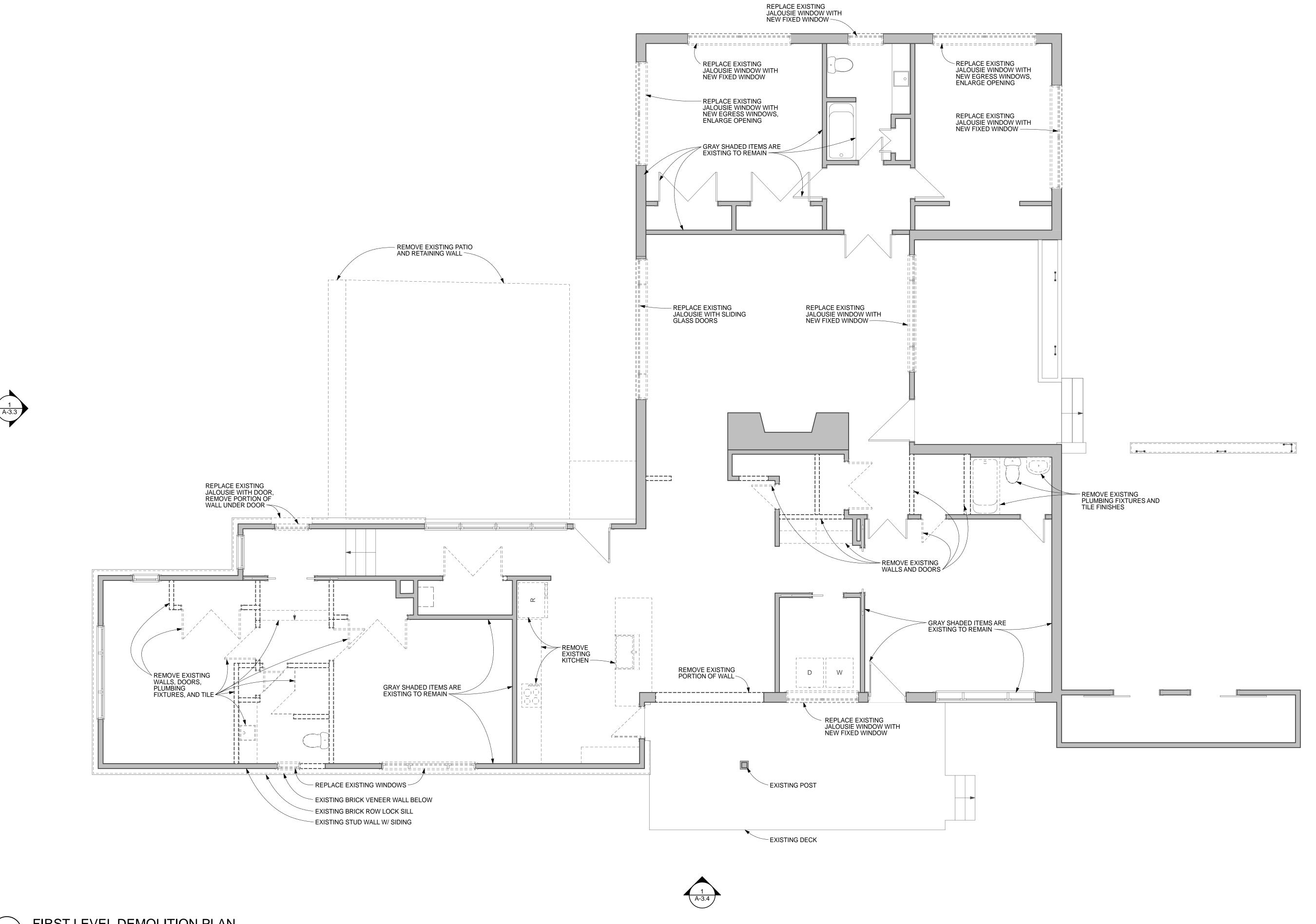
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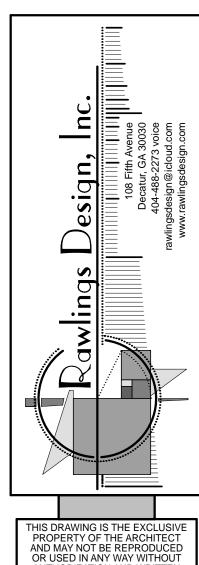
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PROPOSED SITE PLAN

SCALE: 1" = 10'







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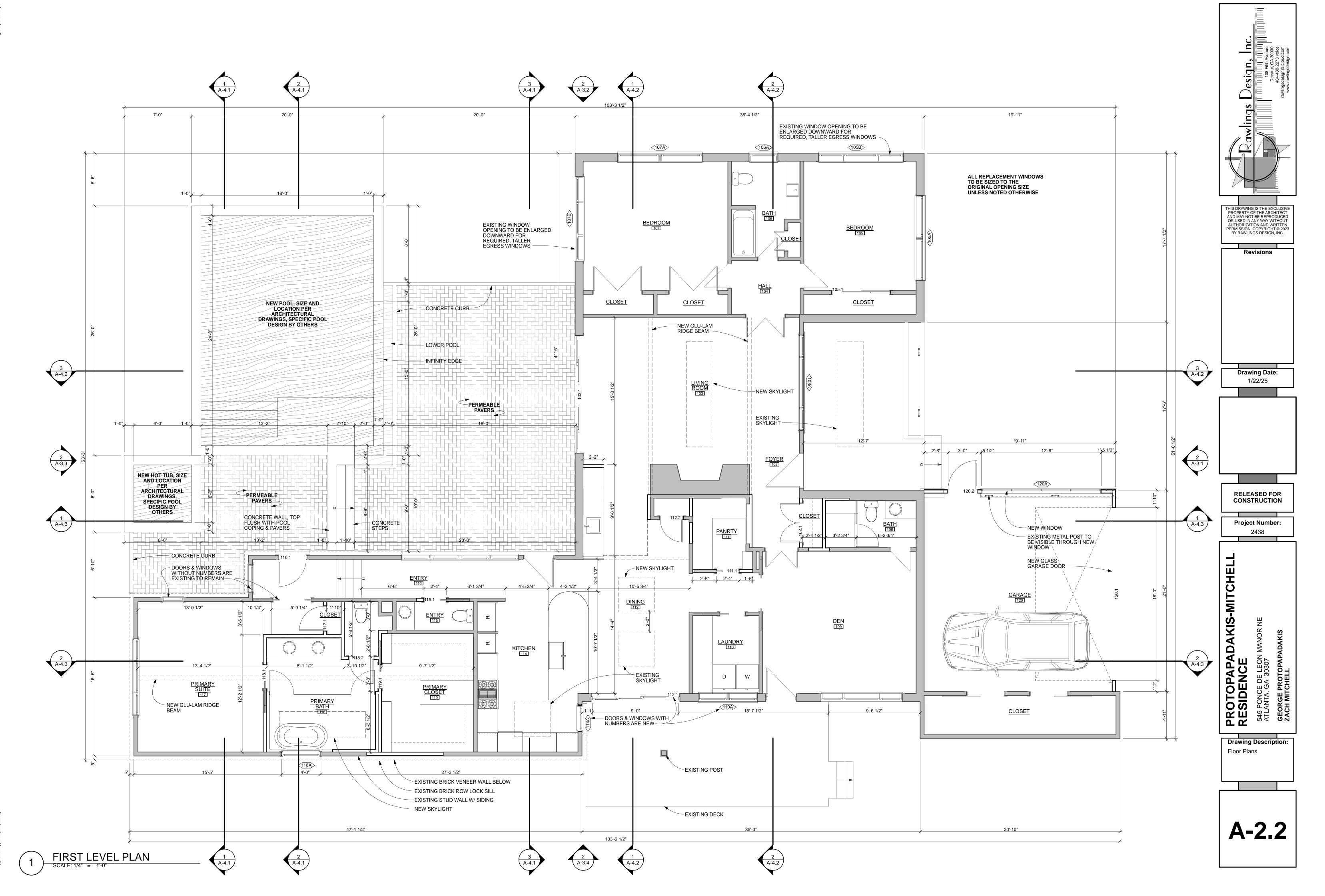
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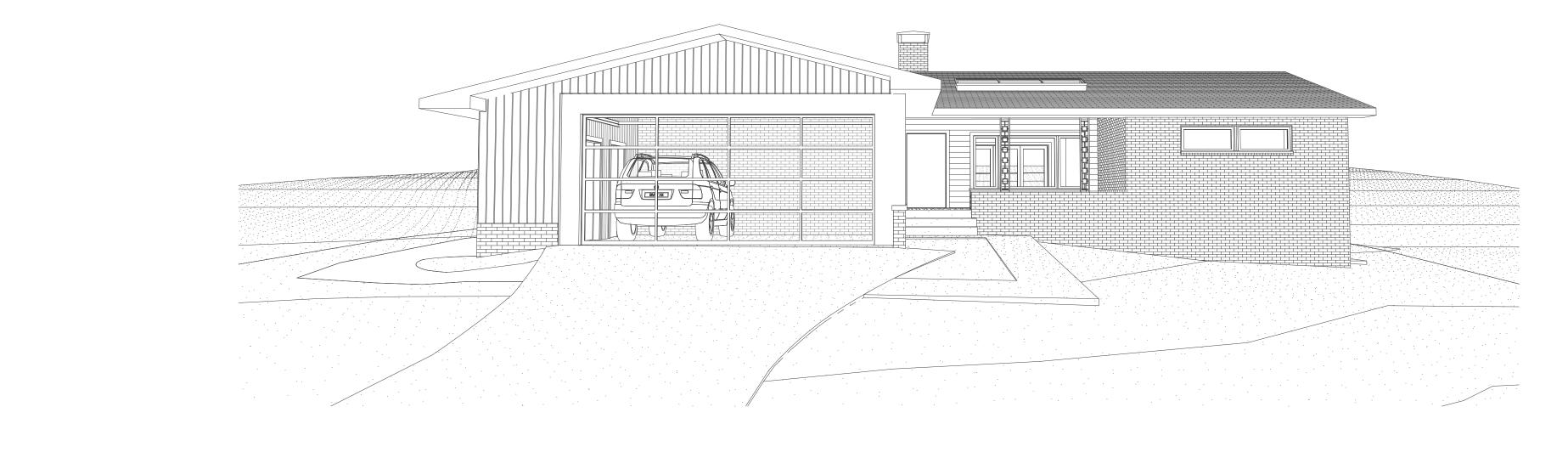
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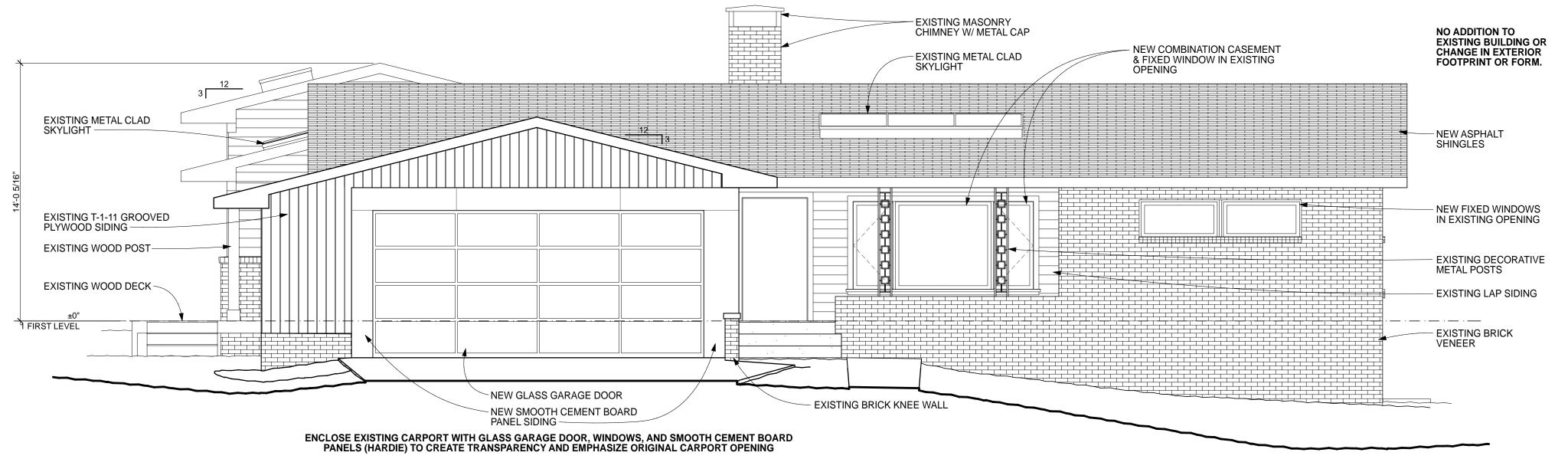
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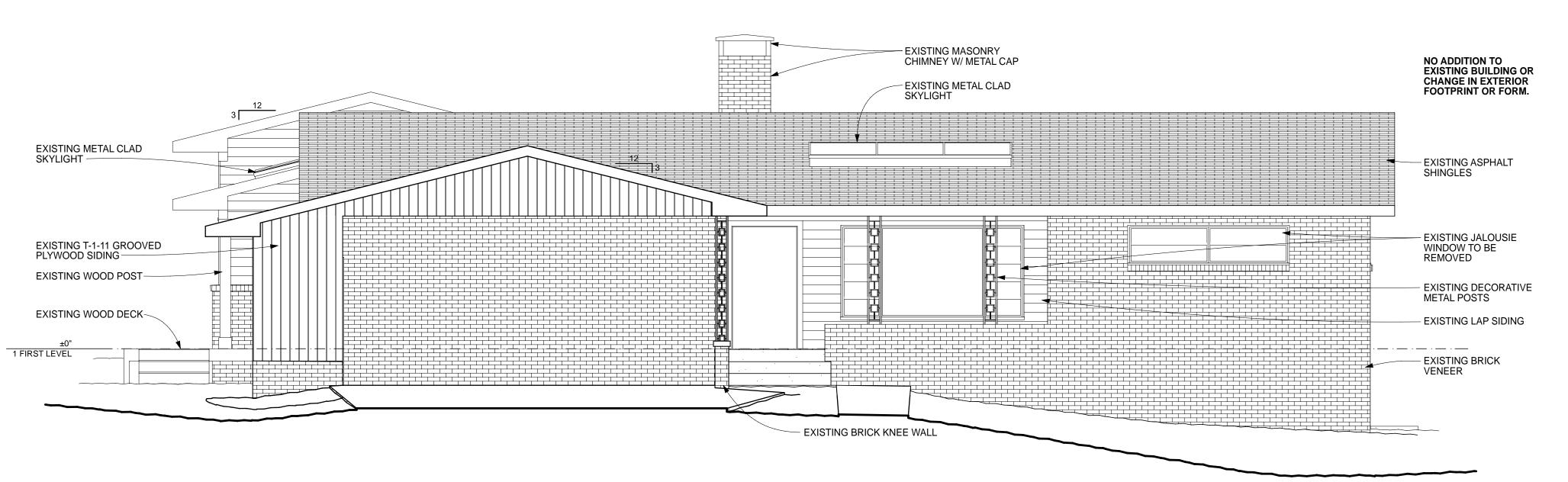
ROOF PLAN
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PROPOSED FRONT ELEVATION

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



1 EXISTING FRONT ELEVATION

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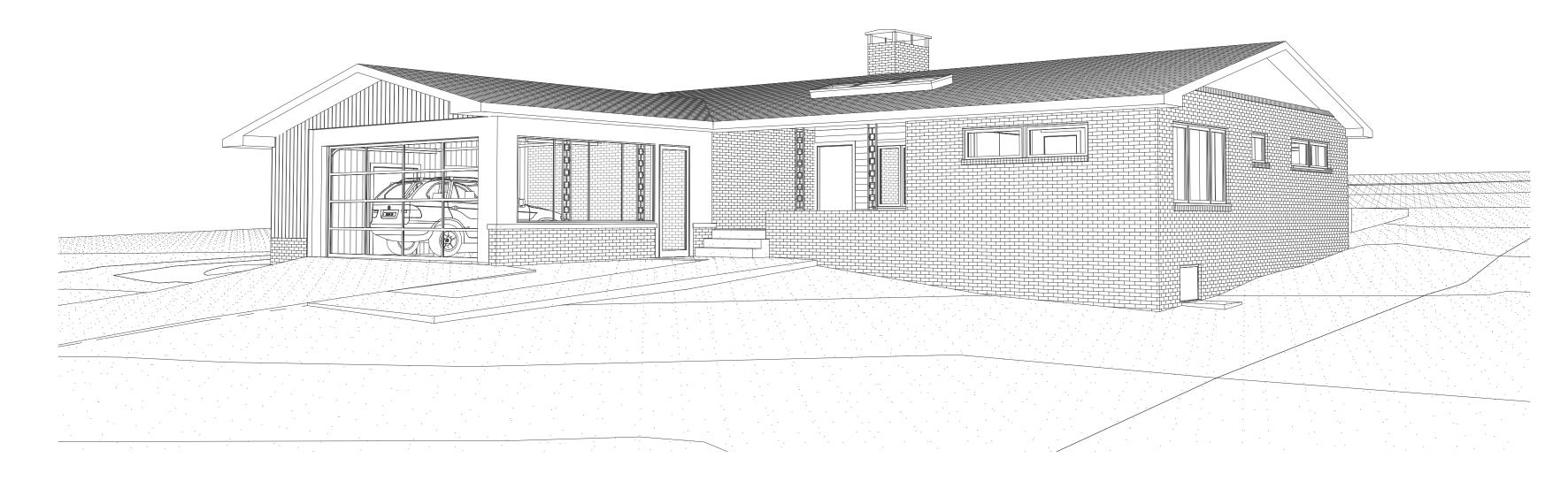
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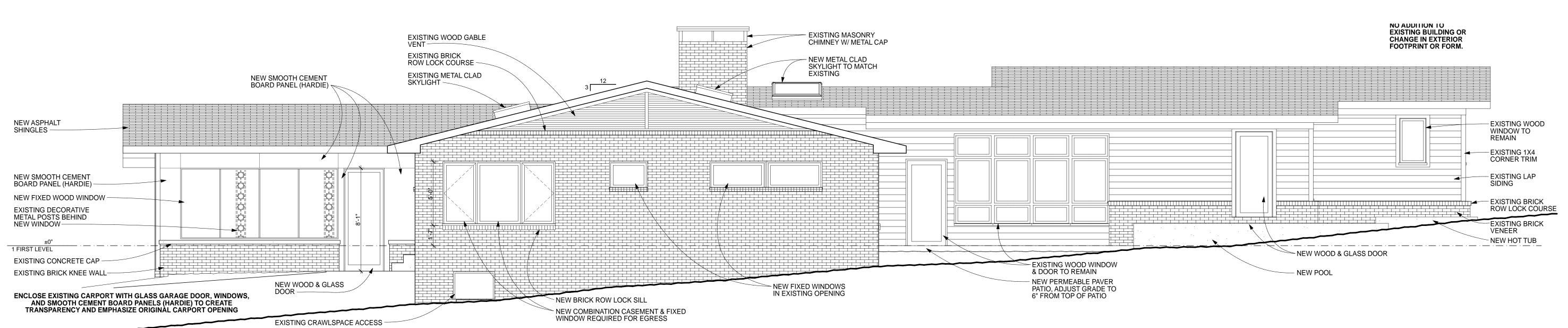
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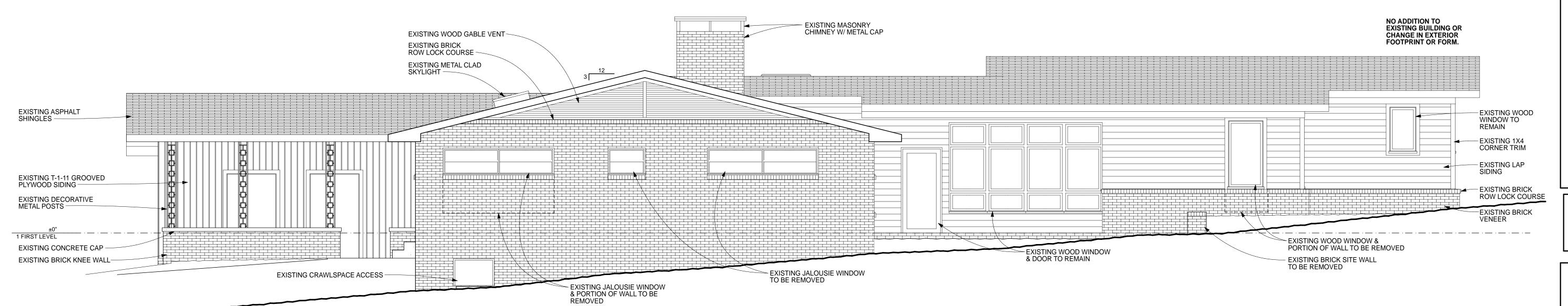
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PROPOSED RIGHT ELEVATION

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EXISTING RIGHT ELEVATION

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NO ADDITION TO
EXISTING BUILDING OR
CHANGE IN EXTERIOR
FOOTPRINT OR FORM.

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PROPOSED REAR ELEVATION

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

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EXISTING SHOUSE WINDOW

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1 EXISTING REAR ELEVATION

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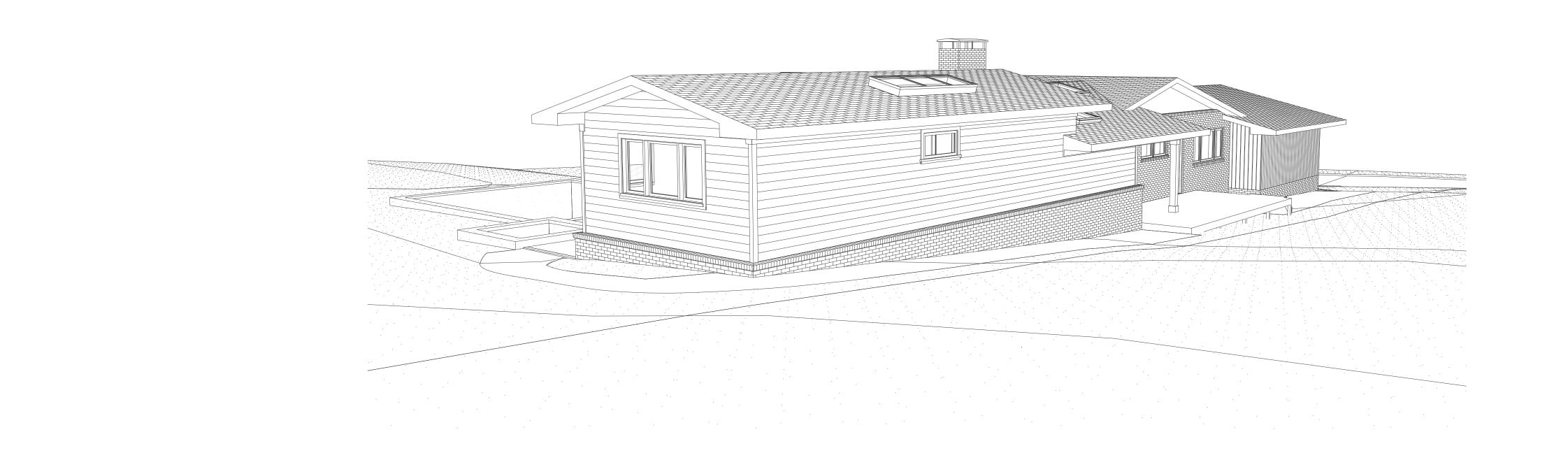
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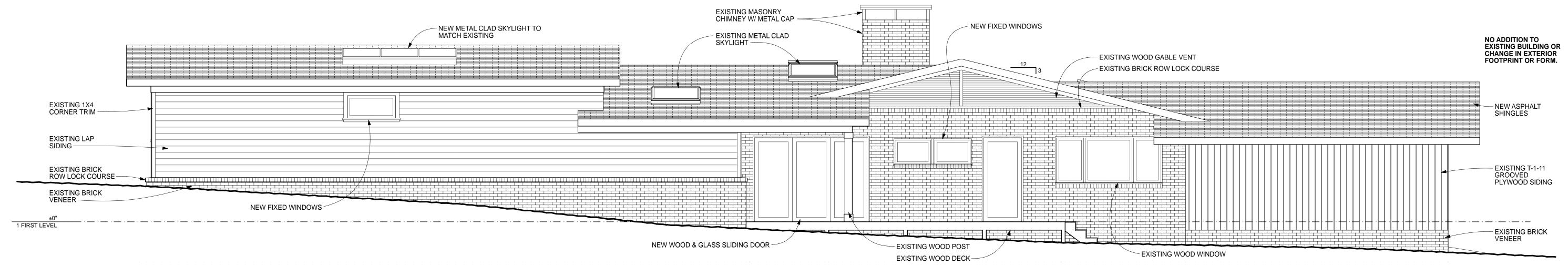
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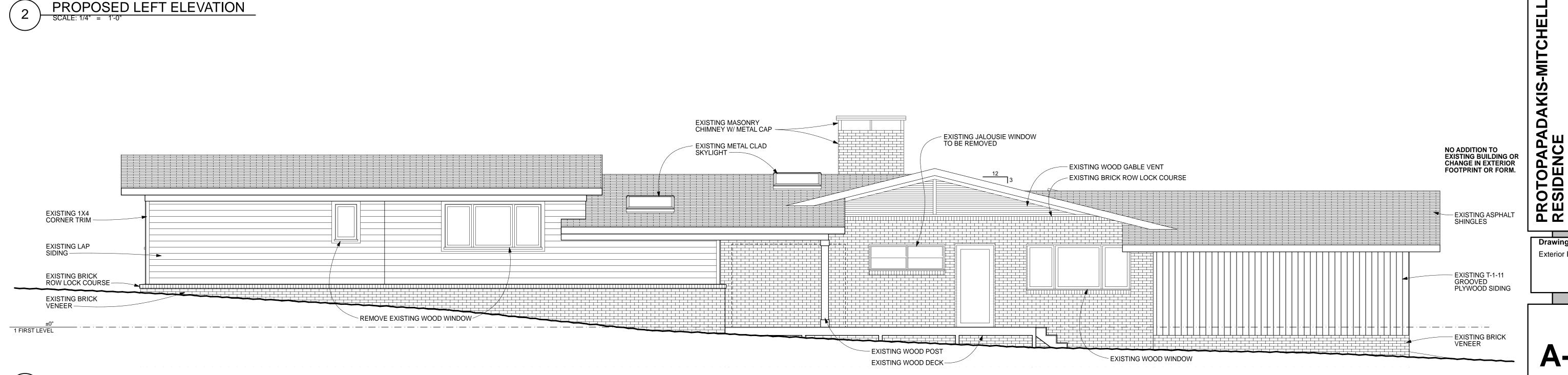
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PROPOSED LEFT ELEVATION
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



EXISTING LEFT ELEVATION

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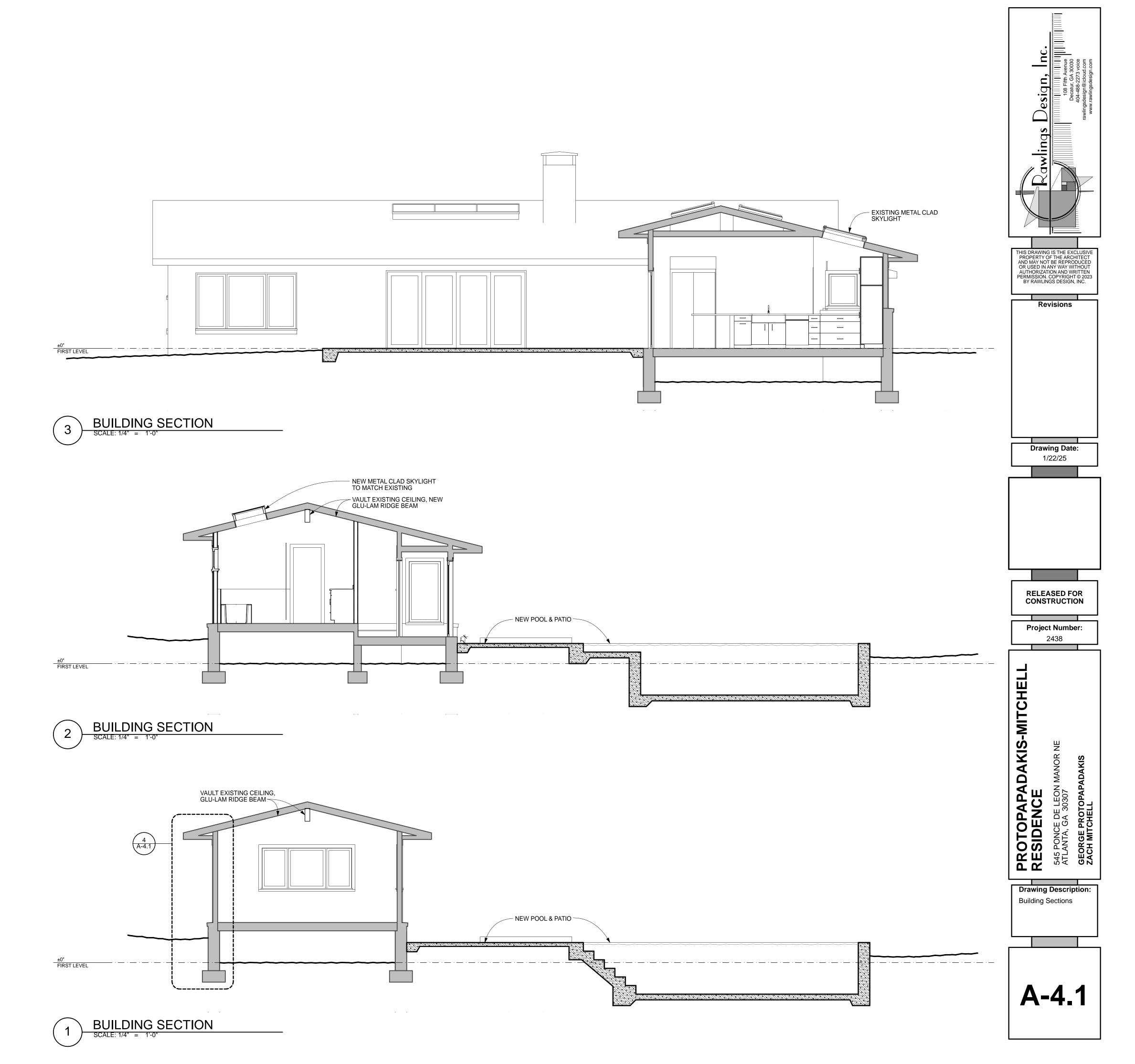
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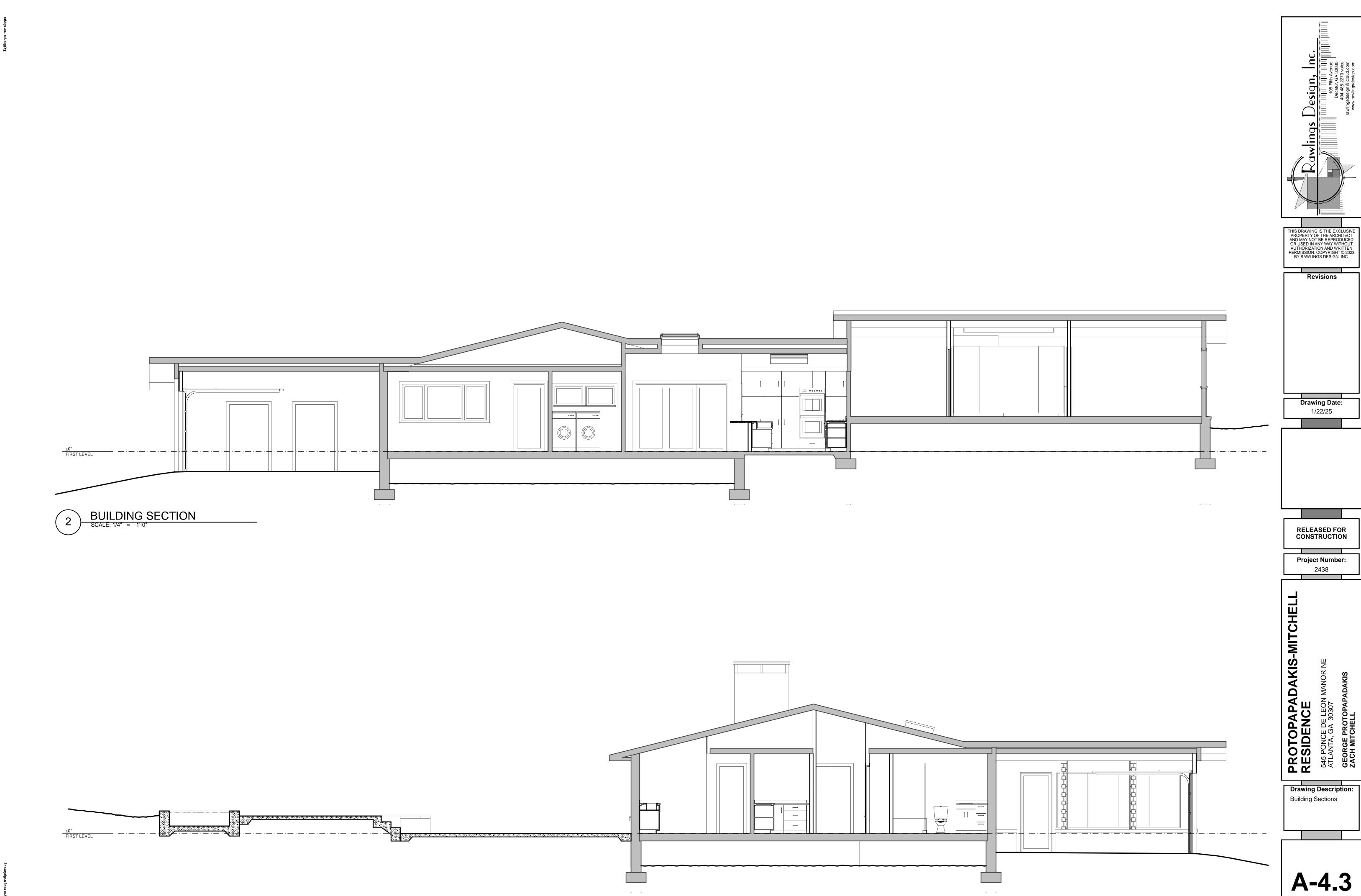
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EXISTING RAFTERS — NEW SPRAY FOAM INSULATION, MIN. R-20 -EXISTING 1/2" PLYWOOD SHEATHING~ NEW 15# ROOFING FELT -NEW ASPHALT SHINGLES ~ NEW DRIP EDGE NEW 1/2" GYPSUM BOARD EXISTING 1/2" GYPSUM BOARD — EXISTING R-13 BATT INSULATION EXISTING CEMENT BOARD SIDING EXISTING 1/2" PLYWOOD SHEATHING _ EXISTING WOOD BASE EXISTING FLOOR SYSTEM EXISTING SUB-FLOOR EXISTING FLOOR FINISH EXISTING BRICK VENEER____ EXISTING GRADE NEW CLOSED CELL SPRAY FOAM INSULATION @ ALL EXTERIOR MASONRY WALLS, R-5 MIN. EXISTING FOUNDATION -VAPOR BARRIER, 6 MIL. MIN.

WALL SECTION
SCALE: 1" = 1'-0"



1 BUILDING SECTION

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"























From: George Protopapadakis

To: Zach Mitchell
Cc: Paige V. Jennings

Subject: Re: Questions Regarding Application for 545 Ponce de Leon Manor

Date: Thursday, February 13, 2025 11:43:24 AM

Hi, Paige!

No, the exterior brick will not be painted. As for landscaping, I imagine they will do some cleanup on the front of the home, but nothing major. Do we need to disclose any landscaping being done in the back yard?

We appreciate your patience and time to address our questions as this process is new to us. Thanks!

George

On Thu, Feb 13, 2025 at 11:38 AM Zach Mitchell <<u>zachmitchellp@gmail.com</u>> wrote: Hi Paige,

We will get back to you as soon as possible.

Zach

Zach Mitchell 678.386.7637

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On Thu, Feb 13, 2025 at 11:22 AM Paige V. Jennings pvjennings@dekalbcountyga.gov
wrote:

Good Morning,

Hope that this email finds you well!

We are finalizing our staff reviews for the upcoming HPC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 18th. Before finalizing our report on the application for <u>545 Ponce de Leon Manor</u>, could you please provide information for the following questions?

- 1. Will the exterior brick be painted as well as a part of the scope of work?
- 2. Is there any proposed landscaping for the property? If so, can you please provide a narrative of the landscaping for the HPC to review?

Please provide all information that you can, as soon as possible. Our reports will be finalized no later than Friday afternoon and will be sent out along with the agenda for the meeting to applicants.

Thank You,

Paige

