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Ranjit Singanayagam, Commissoner

# **DEMOLITION PERMIT APPLICATION**

Project start date: 1.3.1.P Project end date: 2 WEEKS LATER.
Permit No: Fee:
Date:
Building location: 146-148 PEARL ST.
Description of proposed work: REMOVE EXISTING 2F HOUSE AND FOUNDMENTON
( KEPUCE WITH NOW ZF HOUSE)
Property Owner: CAMPRIEU ENSWORTH, MANAGER, 146-148 PEARL ST LLC
Address: 267 NORFOLK ST. CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139
Telephone Number: 617 799 4462 Email Address: CAMPBELLO ELLEWORTH ASSOCIATES
Contractor: CAMPHEN ELISWORTH
Address: 267 NORFOLK ST CAMBRIDGE UM ONBS 02139
Telephone number: 617 799 4462 Email Address: 5AME
Material of building: WOOD FRAME, RUBBLE STOWE FOUNDATION
Type of building construction (wood, concrete, steel, etc.):
How is building occupied: CUDERNTY VACANT No. of stories: 2/2
Number of residential units demolished: 2
Is a Street Occupany permit (DPW) necessary?:  Yes  No
Is a Sidewalk Obstruction permit required?:
Estimated cost of demolition (copy of contract must be attached):

A copy of the plot plan showing extent of demolition is required with the filing of this application.

READ BEFORE SIGNING: A 24 hour notice prior to commencement of any work shall be given to applicable agencies. The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she has read and examined this application and that the proposed work subject to the provision of the Massachusetts State Building Code and the other applicable laws and ordinaces is accurately represented in the statements made in this application and that the work shall be carried out in accordance with the foregoing statements and in compliance with the provisions of law and ordinance in force on the date of this application to the best of his/her ability.

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#### **Hold Harmless Clause:**

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The Permitee(s) by acceptance of this permit agree(s) to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Cambridge, and its employees from and against any and all claims, demands and actions for damages, and to assume the defense of the City of Cambridge, and its employees, against all such claims, demands and actions.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she has read and examined this application and that the proposed

#### **Read Before Signing:**

License Number

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Signature of Licensed Lontractor

Signature of Licensed Contractor

CAMPBELL H. ELLSWOTH

Print Name of Licensed Contractor

CAMPBELL H. ELLSWOTH

Print Name of owner

267 Notesox ST.

Owner's Address

CAMPBELL H. ELLSWOTH

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Print Name of owner

CONTRACTOR'S Address

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Print Name of owner

CONTRACTOR'S City, State, ZipCode

CONTRACTOR'S Telephone Number

Owner's Telephone Number

Campbell H. Ellsworth 267 Norfolk Street Cambridge, MA 02139

June 15, 2016

Charles Sullivan, Executive Director Sarah L. Burks, Preservation Planner Cambridge Historical Commission 831 Massachusetts Ave., 2nd Fl. Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Sullivan and Ms. Burks.

Please accept this letter as a supplement to the Application for Certificate, for the demolition of the property at 146-148 Pearl Street. Please find below a description of the property and the proposed project.

#### **Description of Proposed Work:**

We are requesting a permit to remove the structure at 146-148 Pearl Street in Cambridge. In its place, we propose to build a new two-family structure, which will provide a home for my family, and a small apartment that can be used as a rental or for a potential family home for aging parents.

#### The lot and the current building:

The lot is an irregularly shaped, non-conforming (both width and overall SF) property, and is located in the C zone. The lot size is 4,161 SF. The C zone has an FAR of 0.6, with an open space requirement of 36%. The size of the lot allows two units as of right.

The existing house is a two family structure, split down the middle (left/right), with a non-conforming driveway to the right. The building is existing non-conforming with respect front and left side setbacks, as well as the dimension of the driveway. The condition of the house is extremely poor, with sub-code structural conditions, very low ceilings and sagging floor joists. It was also occupied for the last 35 year by an owner who was a hoarder and kept it in an unsanitary condition.

#### Getting to this application:

My wife and I purchased the property in May of 2015. Our initial intention was to modify (reduce in size) the existing house, and to build a 2<sup>nd</sup> house behind. We designed that scenario and this has been permitted for construction by Cambridge Inspectional Services (please see the permitted site plan in the application documents). Almost immediately as the design of that project began, it occurred to us that it would be attractive if we could live in the back house that we now have permitted. We currently live in a condominium in the Inman Square area, and have no yard for our children, and no easy way to put up guests, or our parents who live in Europe and come for extended periods. But living in the currently

permitted back house at Pearl Street would also mean a reduction of our living and in-home office space to the point where it didn't make sense.

We then looked at quite a number of alternative schemes, including:

- Living in the back house, and using the basement of the front house as an office.
- Creating an enlargement of the existing house, both up and back on the lot, to capture the
  available buildable square footage. This, however, resulted in a gross enlargement of the house to
  the point where it required a complete rebuild, where it lost any resemblance of the existing
  structure, and it took on the proportions of a large, suburban home. This also would have required
  significant zoning relief.
- Adding a connected modern addition to the existing house. This would have also required significant zoning relief, and a balance of old and new, small and large, was not found.

We come to the current proposal after many attempts. We believe that the existing house will not serve our needs to raise our family, to provide the proper living space with room for additional family, or to provide a suitable environment.

We also believe that abandoning the currently permitted 2 house scenario opens up valuable open space, which is a benefit to all abutters.

I thank you both for your advice on this matter, and we look forward to presenting to the Cambridge Historic Commission at their next meeting.

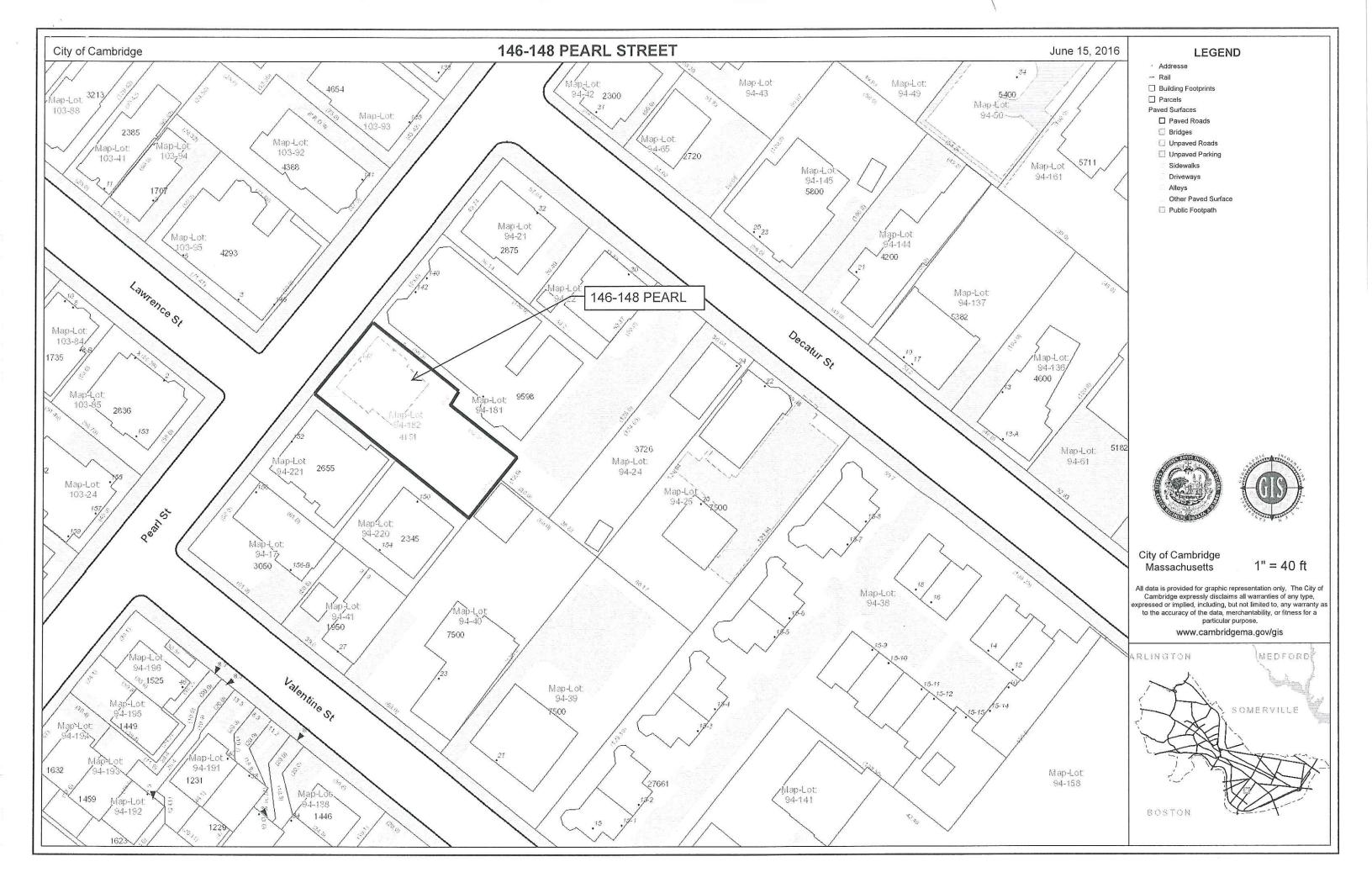
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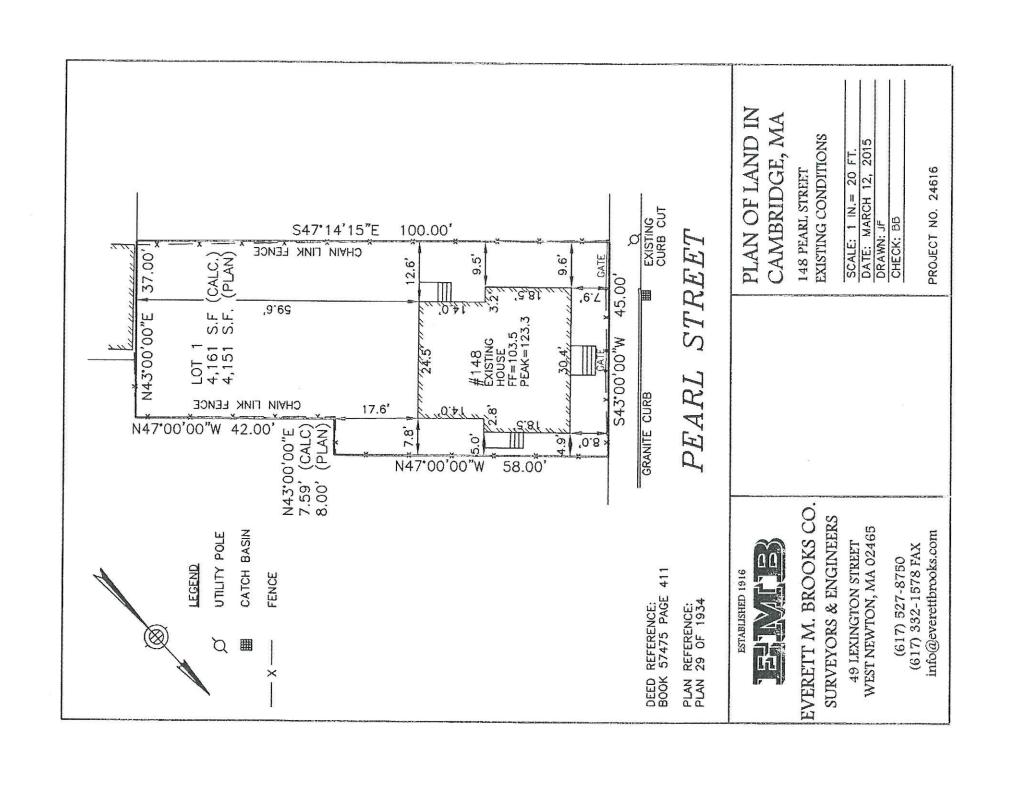
Campbell H. Ellsworth MA Lic. Architect #8740

MA Lic. Construction Supervisor #78813

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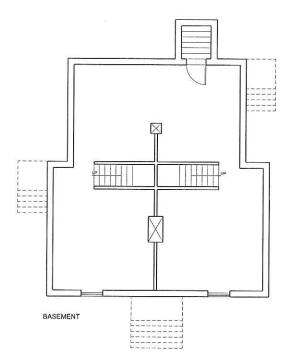
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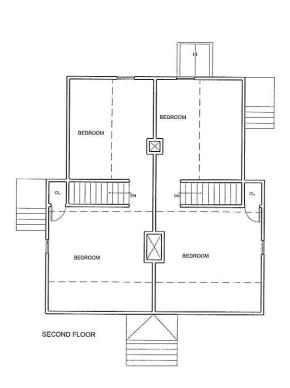


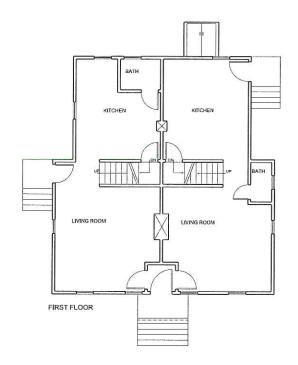


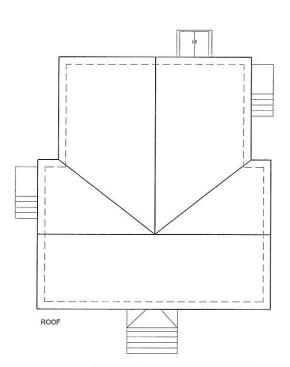
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146-148 PEARL ST.
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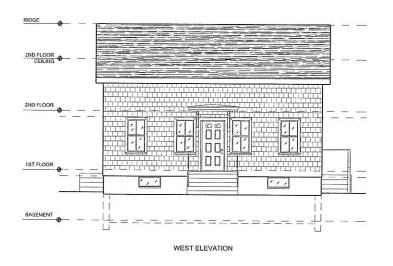


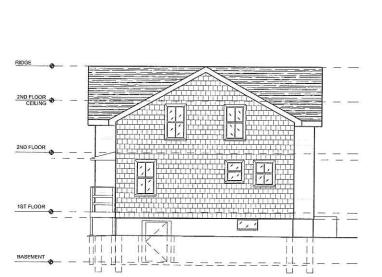
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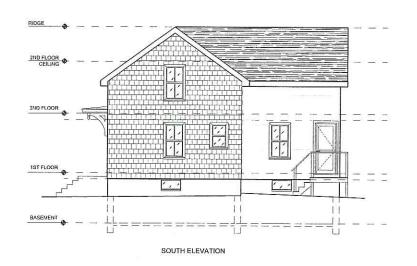
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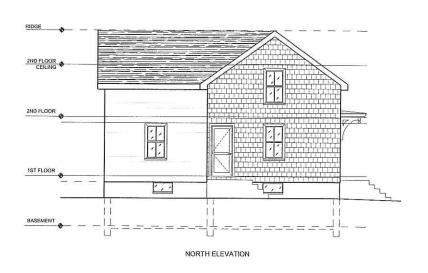
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EAST ELEVATION





146-148 PEARL ST.

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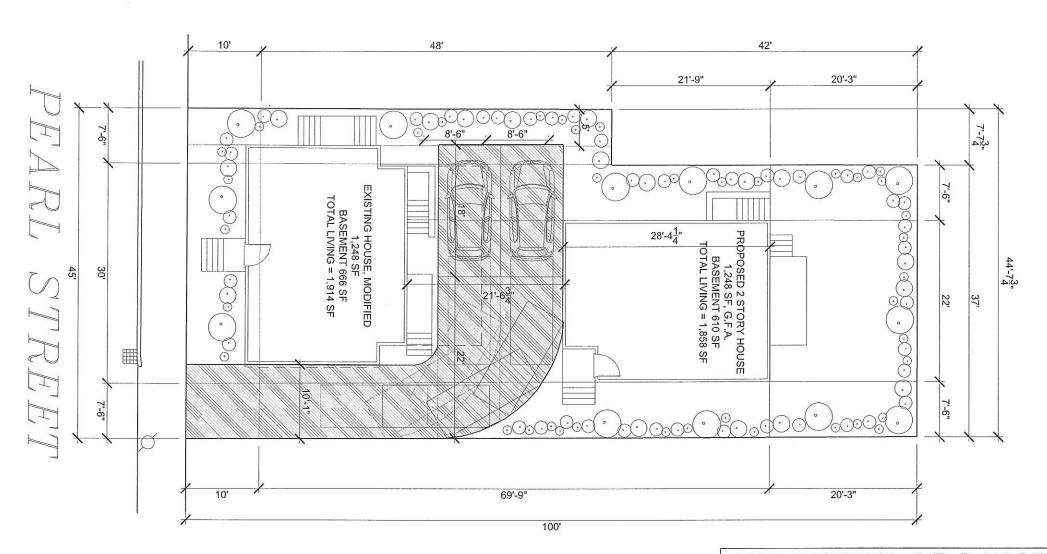
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LOT SIZE 4,161 S.F.

# 146-148 PEARL ST.

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- BLDR-032071-2015

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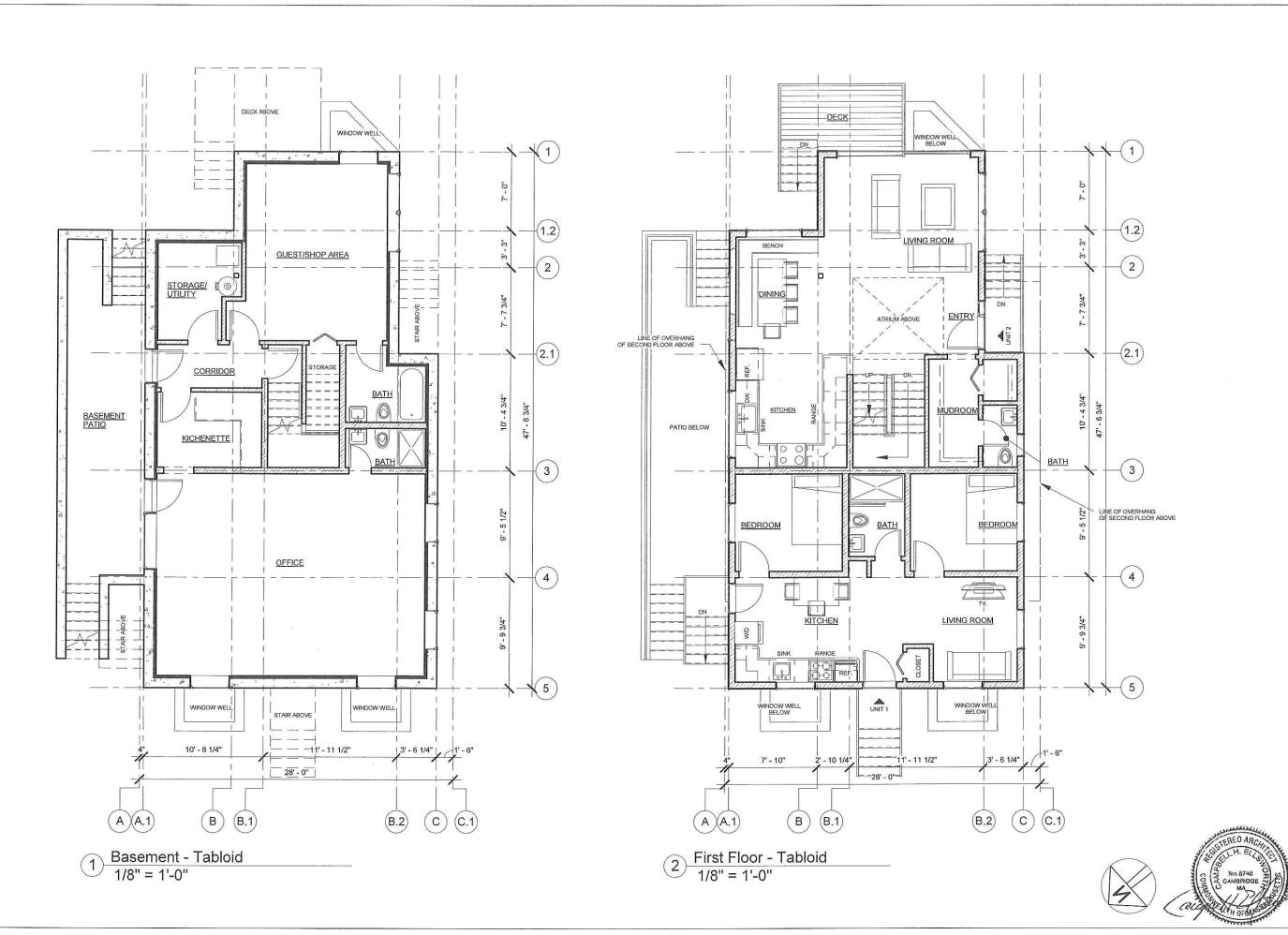
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DATE: 04/04/2015

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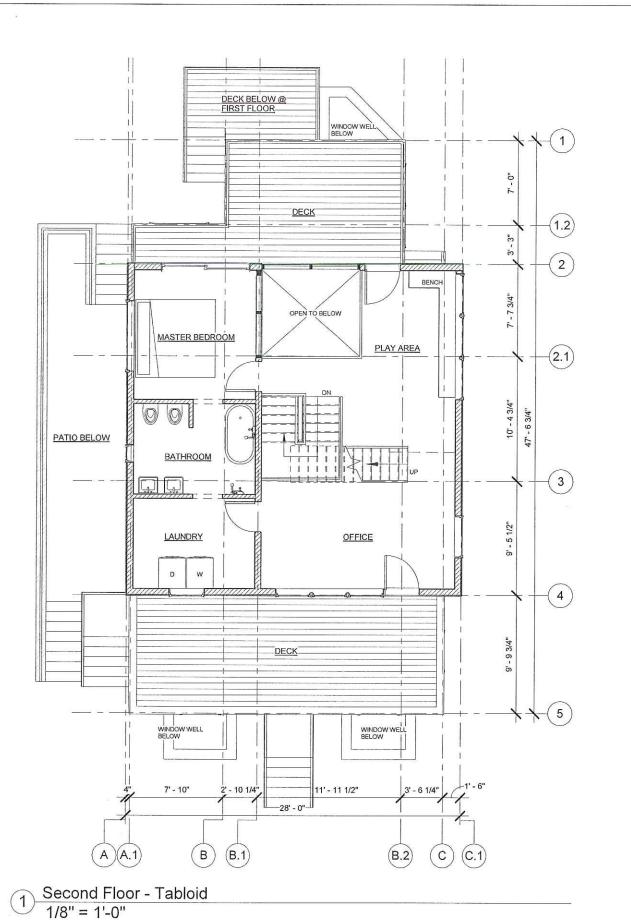
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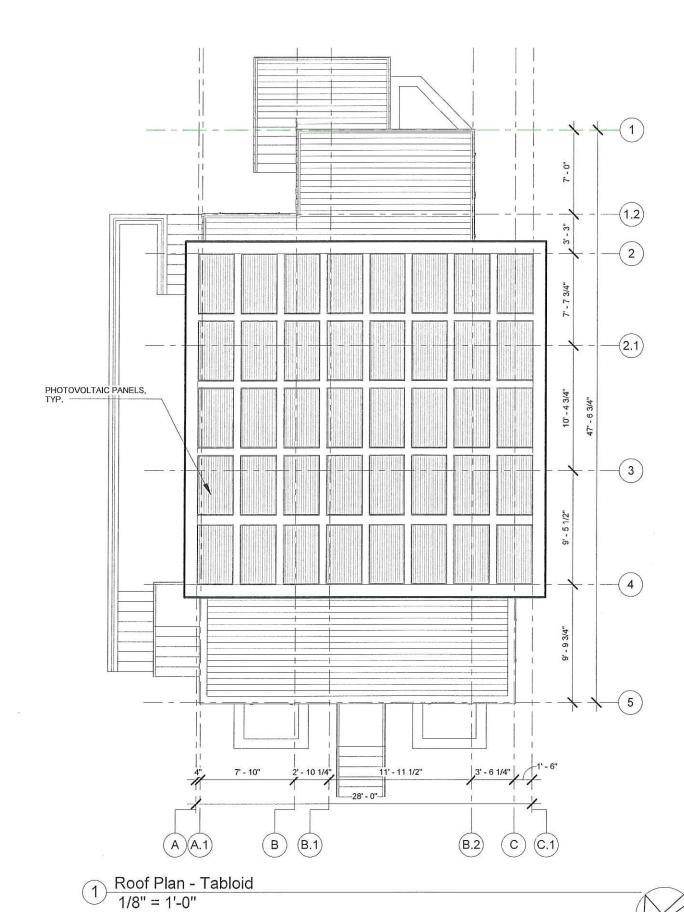
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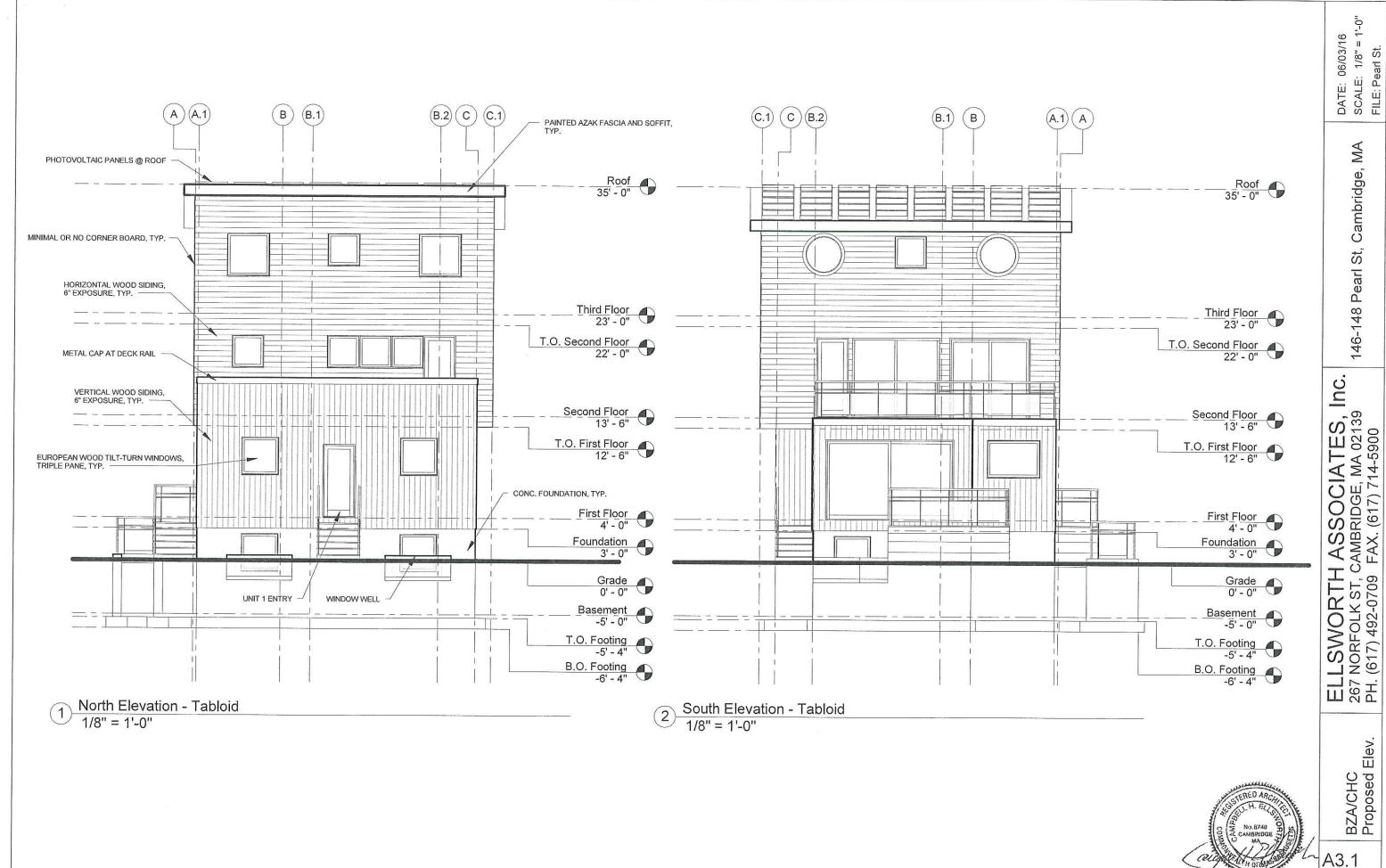
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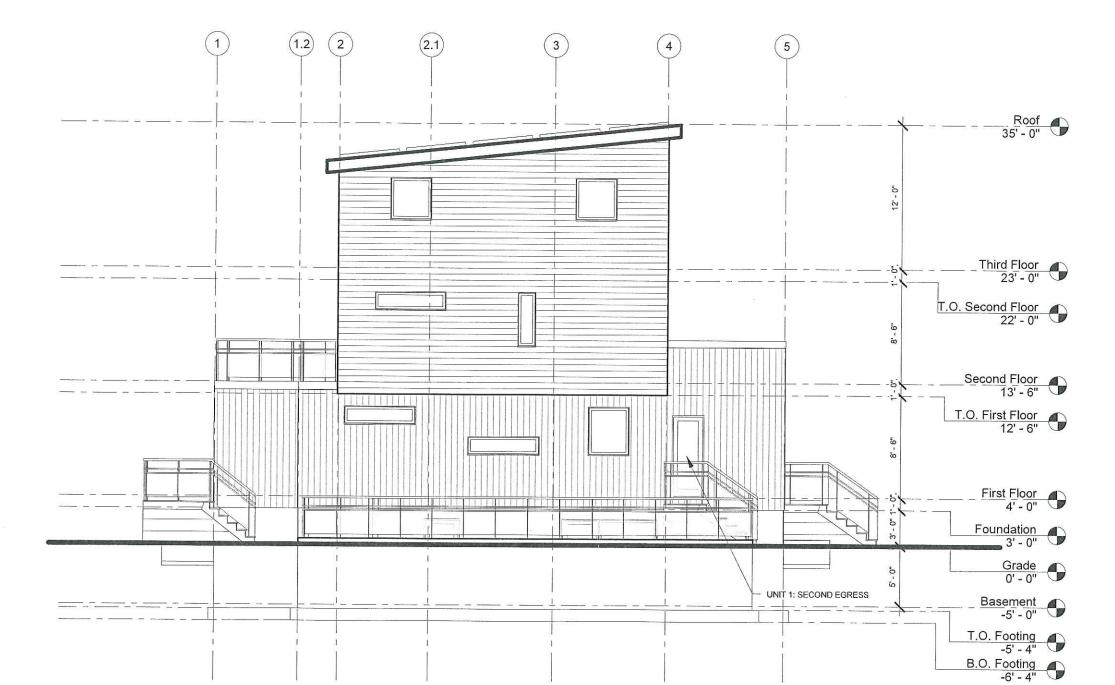
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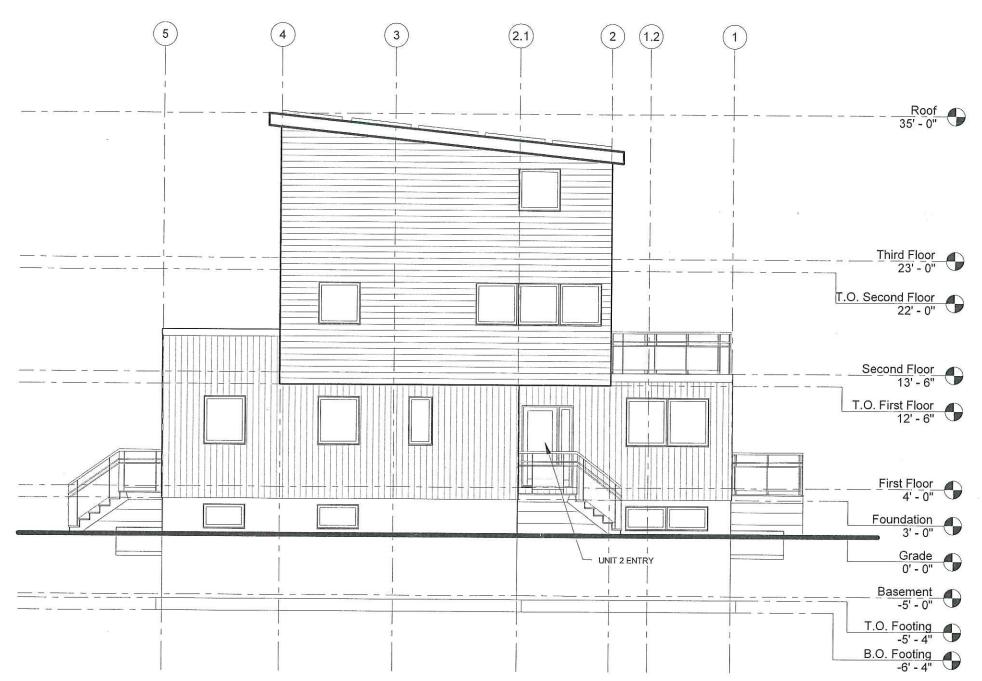


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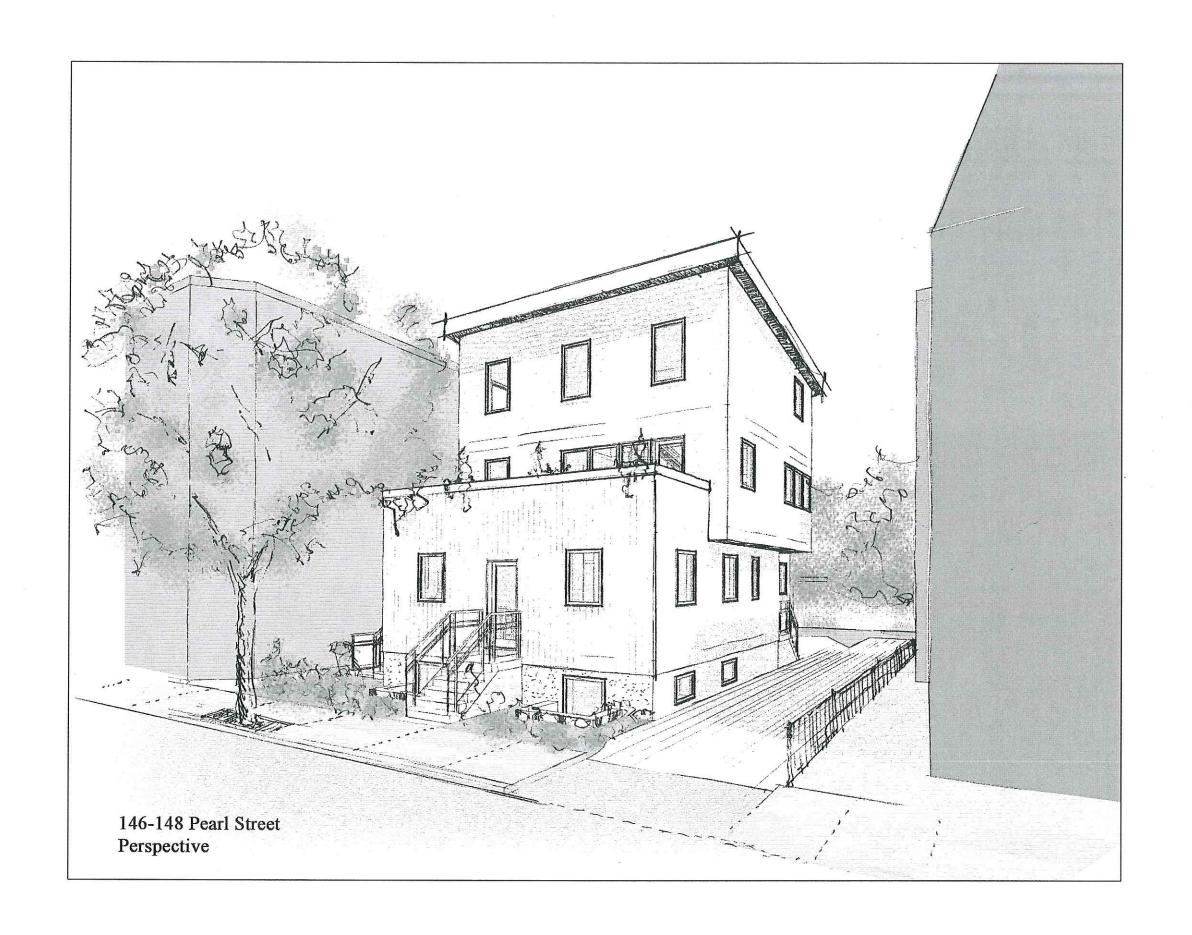
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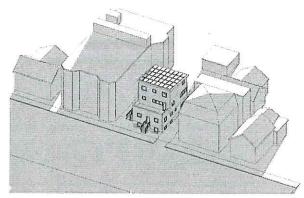




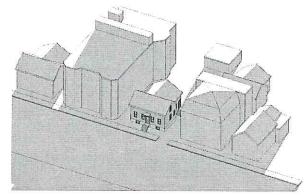
146-148 PEARL STREET EXISTING and PROPOSED Street Elevations

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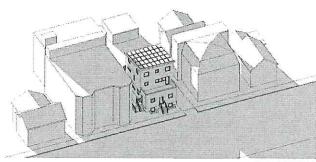
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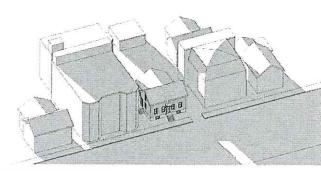
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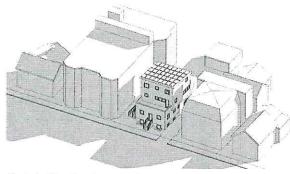
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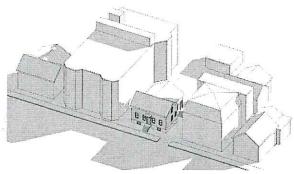
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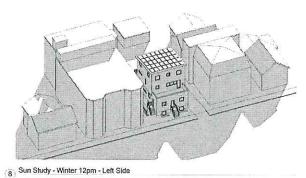
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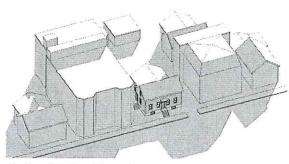
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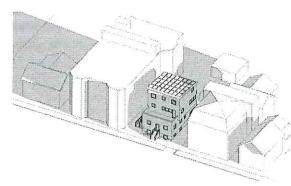
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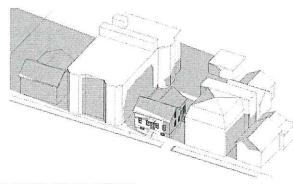
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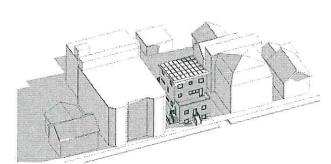
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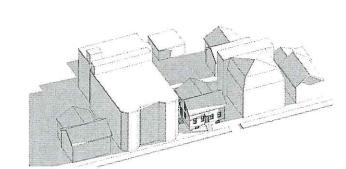
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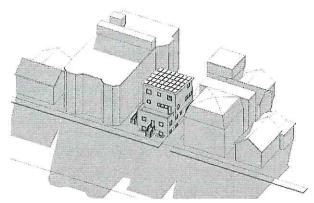


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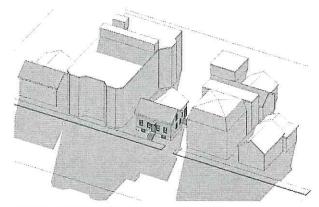
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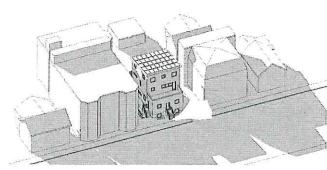
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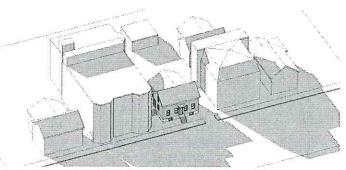
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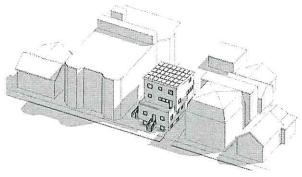
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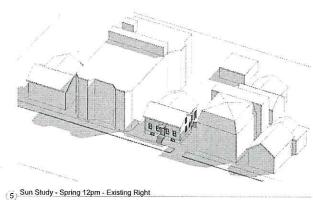
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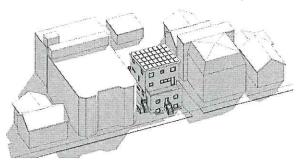
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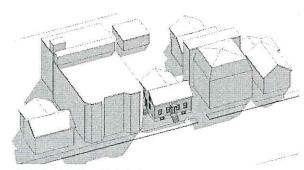
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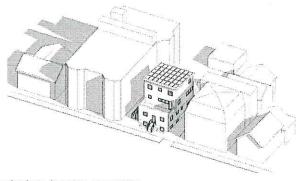
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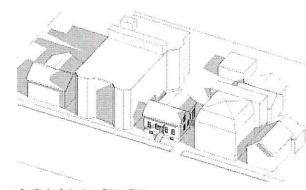
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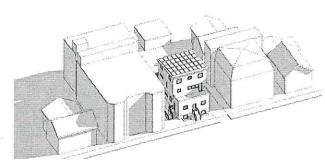
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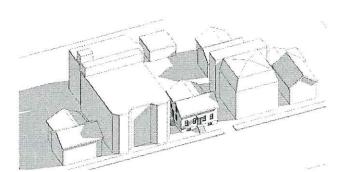
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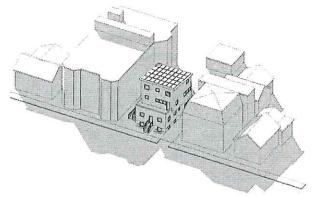
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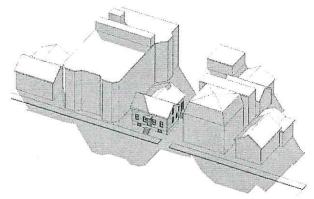
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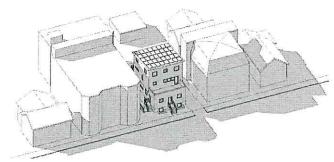
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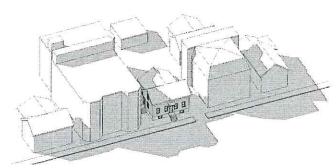
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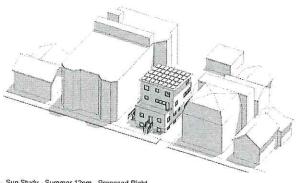
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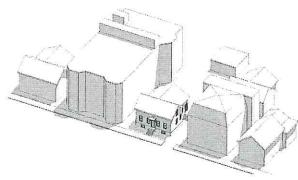
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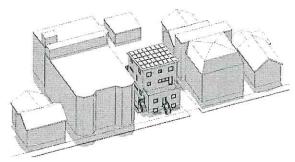
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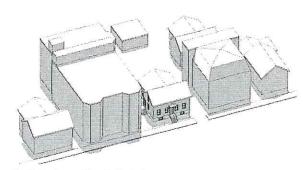
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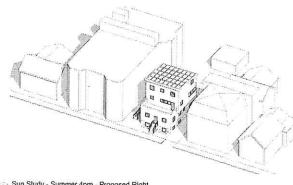
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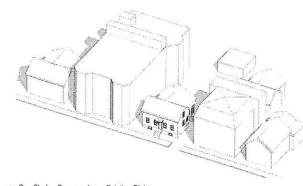
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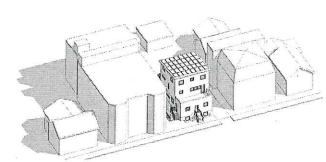
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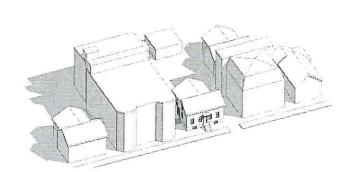
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9 Sun Study - Summer 4pm - Proposed Left



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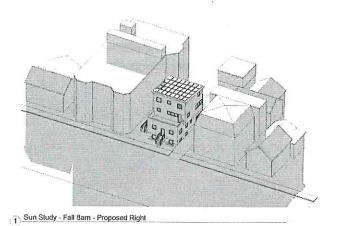


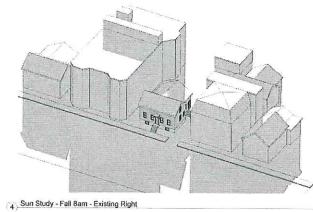
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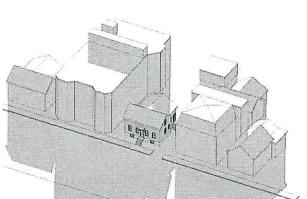
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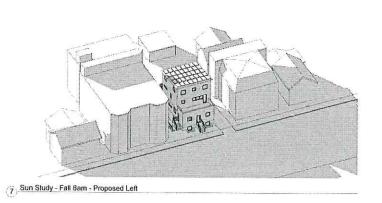
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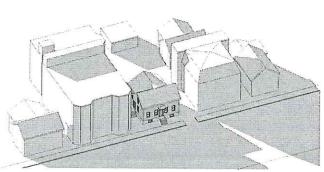
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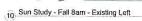


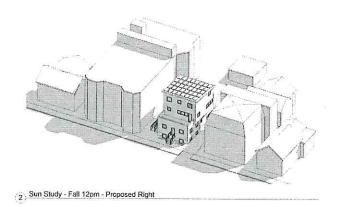


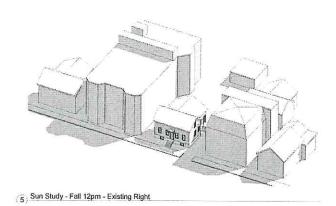


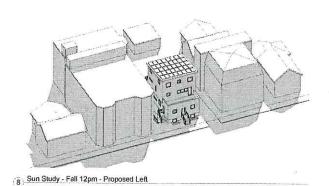


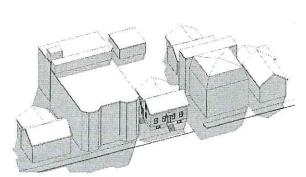


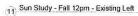


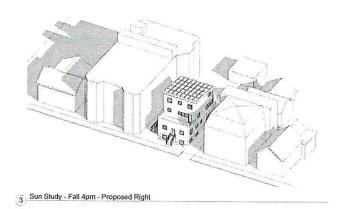


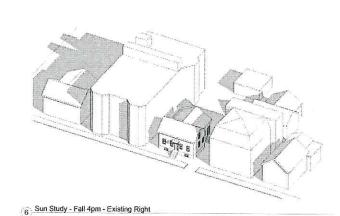


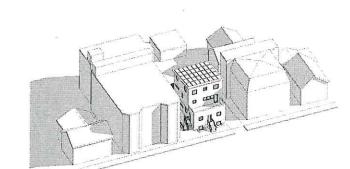




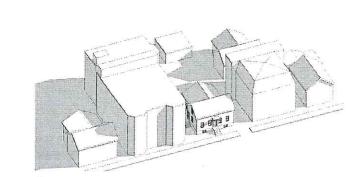








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