

204 FAYERWEATHER

HISTORIC COMISSION SET

04/29/2021

KEYA & TOM
DANNENBAUM

204 Fayerweather St,
Cambridge, MA 02138



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INTERIOR DESIGNER:



ANNIE HALL INTERIORS
127A RIVER STREET
WEST NEWTON, MA 02465

STRUCTURAL ENGINEER:

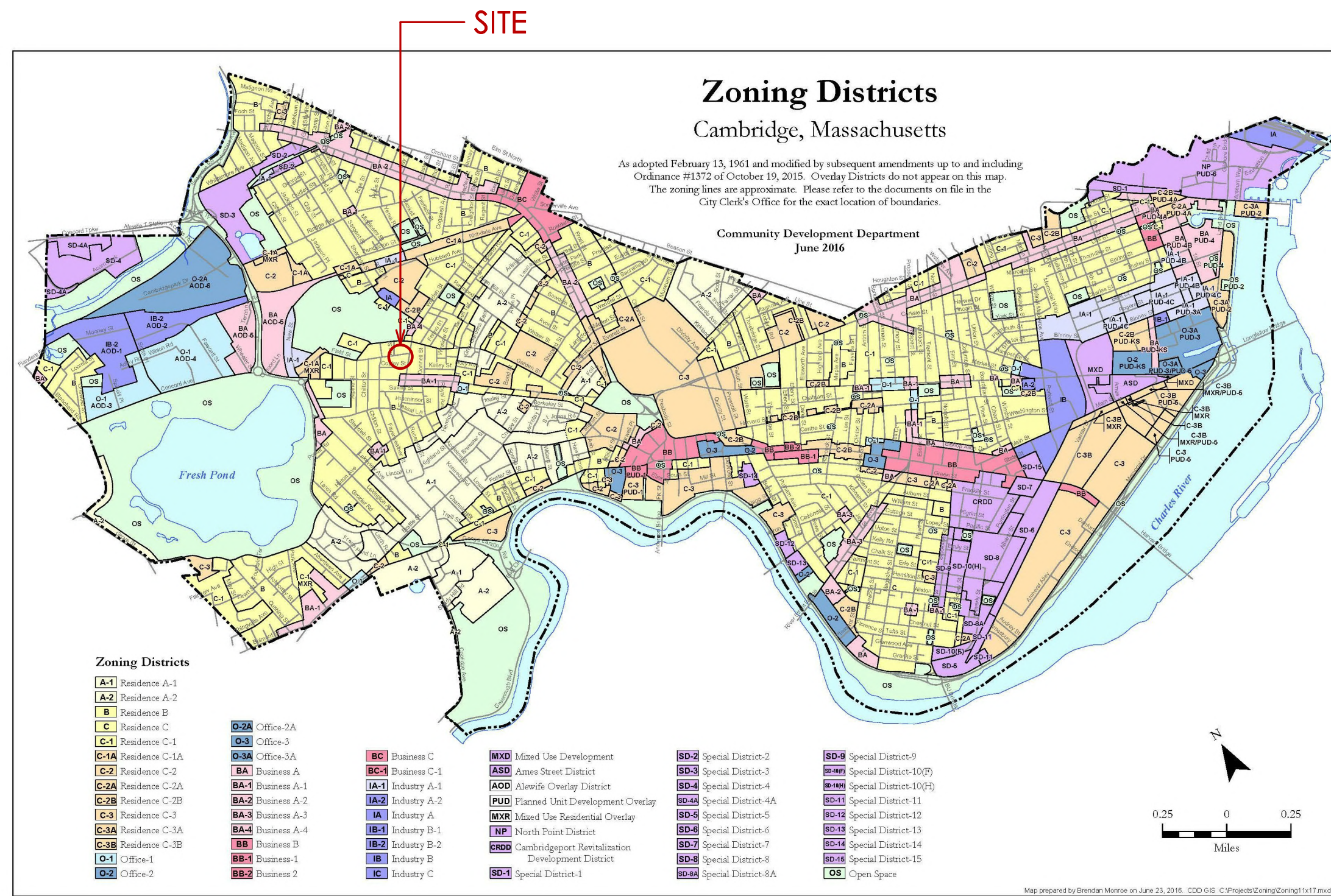


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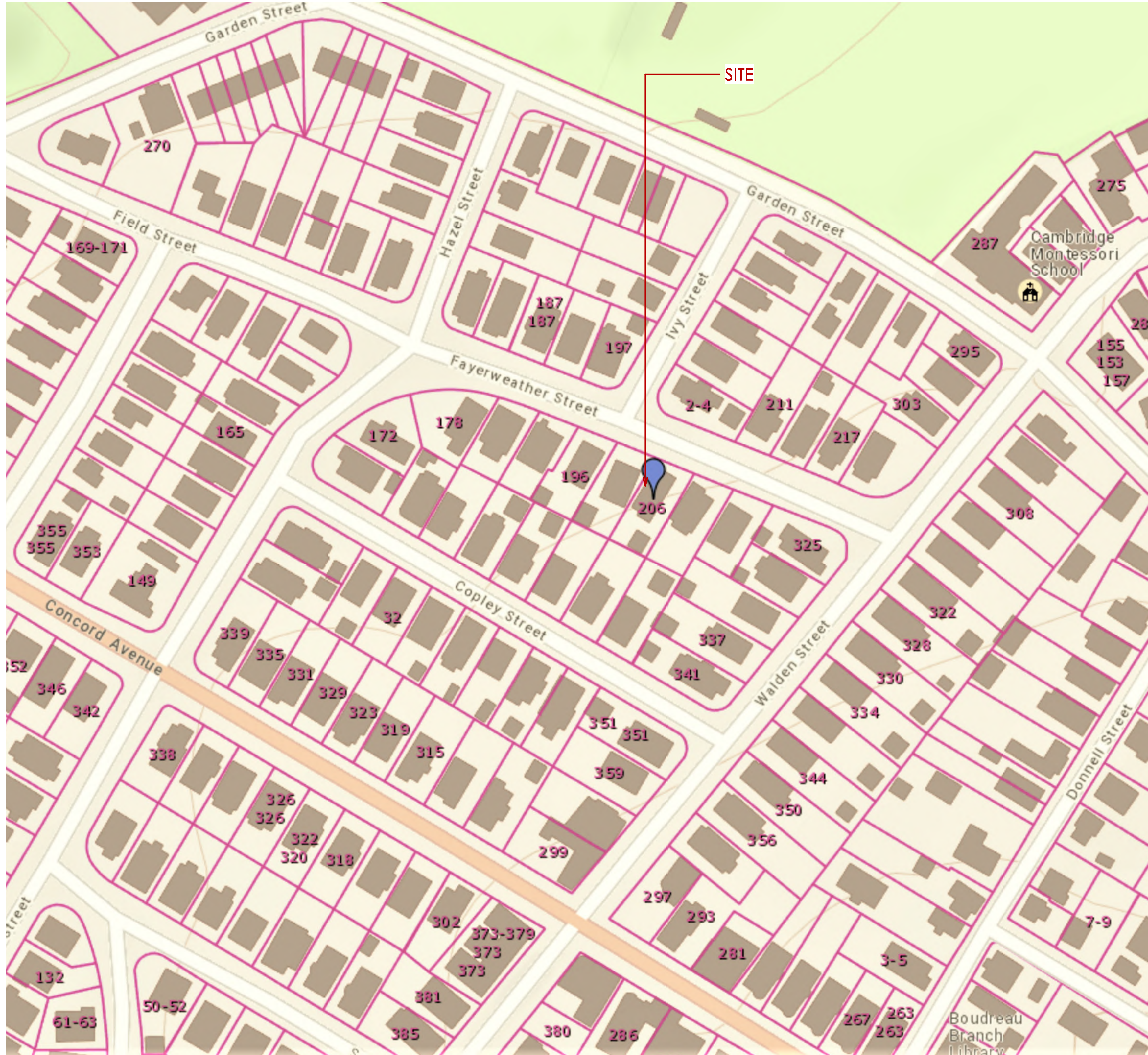
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LOCATION PLAN & GENERAL INFO



NARRATIVE:

204-206 FAYERWEATHER IS A TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE BUILT IN 1927 WITH A CONCRETE BLOCK GARAGE BUILT IN THE 1950'S. THE STRUCTURE HAS BEEN STRIPPED TO THE STUDS AND SUBFLOOR BEFORE BEING PURCHASED BY THE EXISTING OWNER. THE FOUNDATION IS A COMBINATION OF STONE AND UNREINFORCED MASONRY THAT WOULD NEED TO BE REPLACED TO BE BROUGHT UP TO CODE AS WELL AS COMPROMISED WOOD STRUCTURE. THE OWNER REQUESTS DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING STRUCTURE IN ORDER TO BUILD WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED SETBACKS FOR THE NON CONFORMING LOT WHICH WOULD ALLIEVIATE CROWDING OF THE NEIGHBOR, INCREASE OPEN SPACE ON THE SITE, AND ALLOW MORE SPACE FOR THE OWNER'S GROWING MULTIGENERATIONAL FAMILY. A DEDICATED ENTRY TO THE LOWER LEVEL WILL PRESERVE IT AS A TWO-FAMILY INTO THE FUTURE.



ZONING CALCULATIONS RESIDENCE -ZONE B

LOT WIDTH:	44'-0" *
LAND AREA:	4,718 SF *
EXISTING LIVING AREA:	2,830 SF
PROPOSED LIVING AREA:	2,861 SF
REQUIRED FAR:	0.50
EXISTING FAR:	0.55 *
PROPOSED FAR:	0.61 *
OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENT:	40%
EXISTING OSR:	28% *
PROPOSED OSR:	40%

SETBACK	ALLOWED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
FRONT (NORTH)	15'-0"	6'-8" *	15'-1"
SIDE (EAST)	7'-6" **	13'-7"	12'-6"
SIDE (WEST)	7'-6" **	5'-9" *	6'-8" *
REAR (SOUTH)	27'-0"	35'-4"	32'-8"
HEIGHT	35'-0"	29'-8"	34'-10"

* = non-compliant condition
** = sum of 20



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D1

Scale

179 to 221 Block of Fayerweather Street



212-214 Fayerweather



208-210 Fayerweather



204-206 Fayerweather (e)



200 Fayerweather



196-198 Fayerweather



192 Fayerweather

APPROX. GRADE
AT BUILDING



213-215 Fayerweather



211 Fayerweather



197 Fayerweather



193 Fayerweather



187 Fayerweather



183-185 Fayerweather

APPROX. GRADE
AT BUILDING



204-206 Fayerweather (p)



188-186 Fayerweather



180 Fayerweather



221 Fayerweather



219 Fayerweather



179-181 Fayerweather

APPROX. GRADE
AT BUILDING

- Mix of 2 and 3 story structures of various heights and rooflines
- Porches are covered and uncovered across 50% -100% of facades



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NEIGHBORHOOD
CONTEXT

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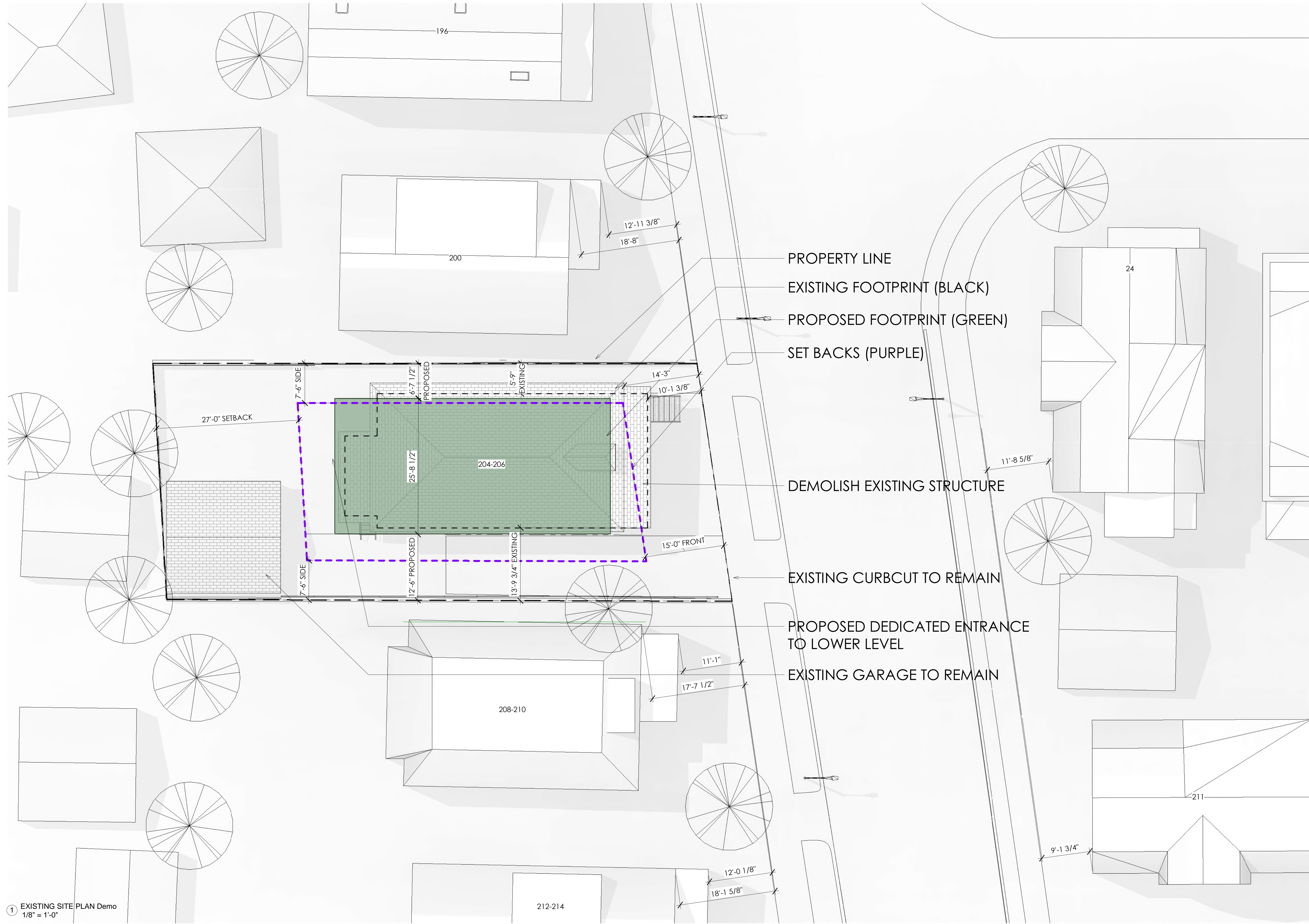
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EXISTING SITE PLAN



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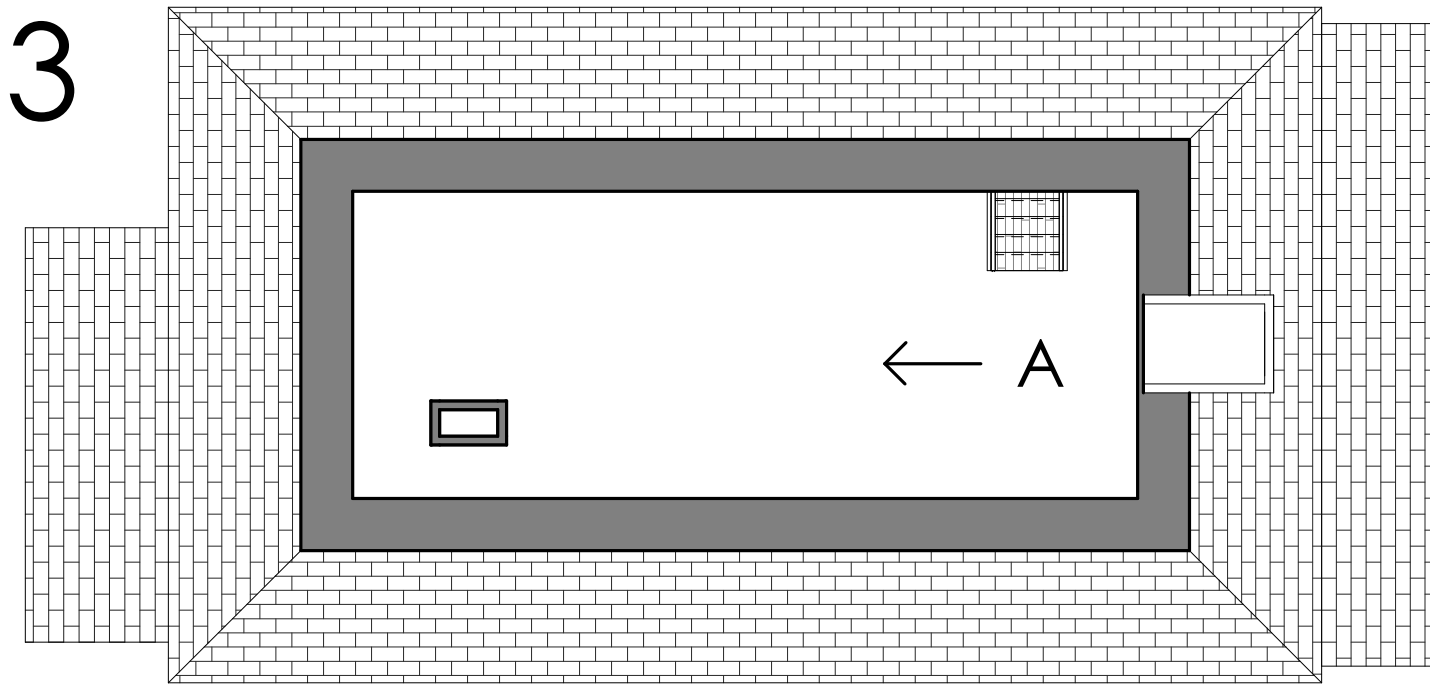
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1 EXISTING SITE PLAN Demo
 1/8" = 1'-0"

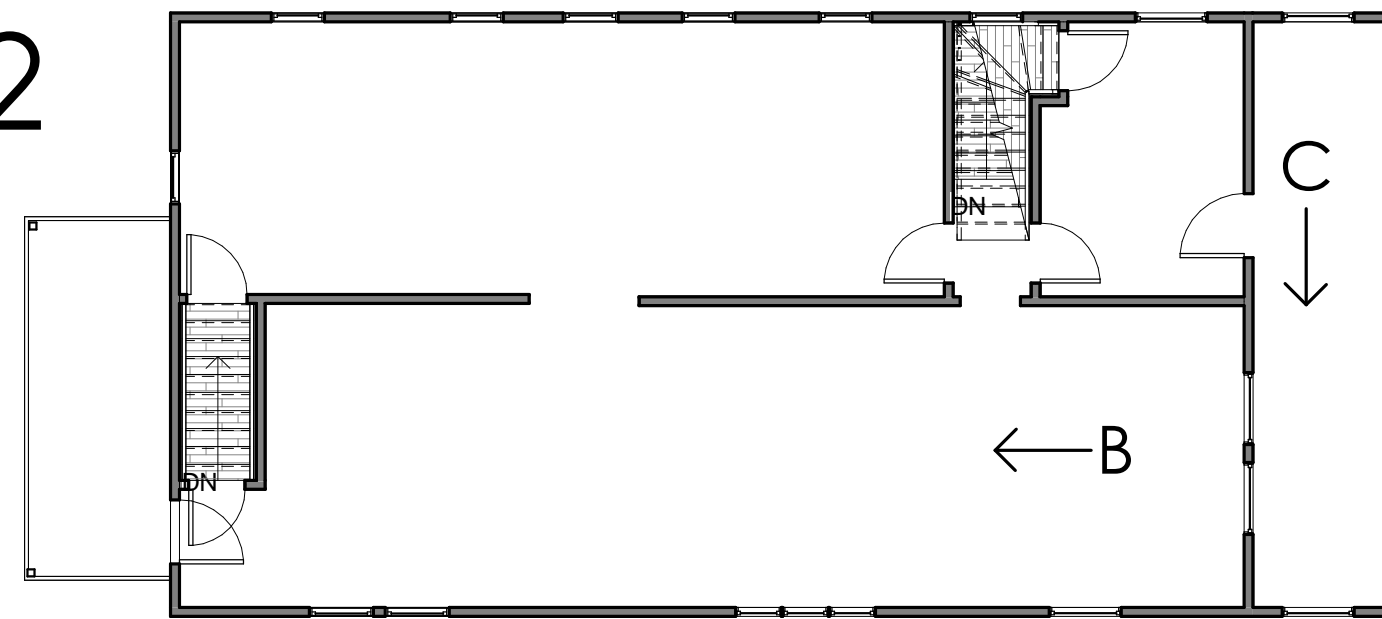
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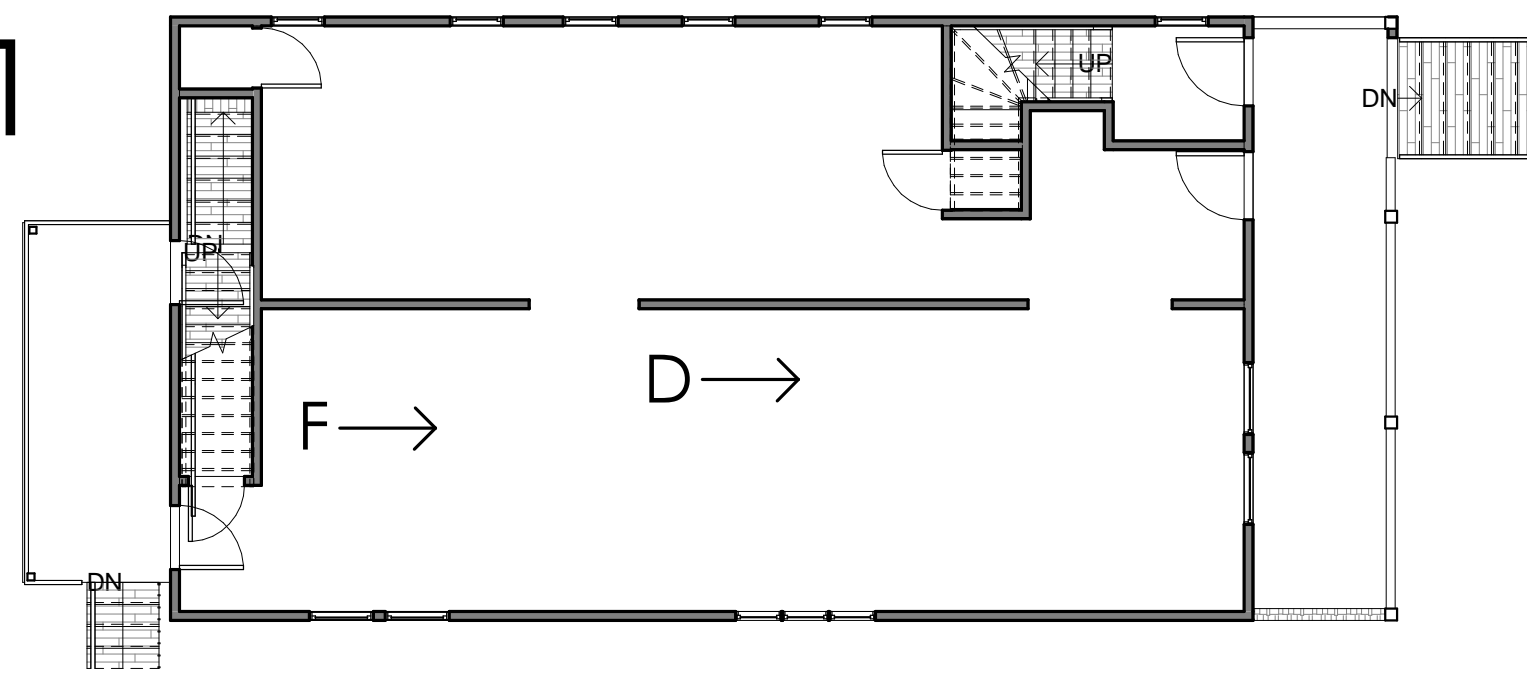
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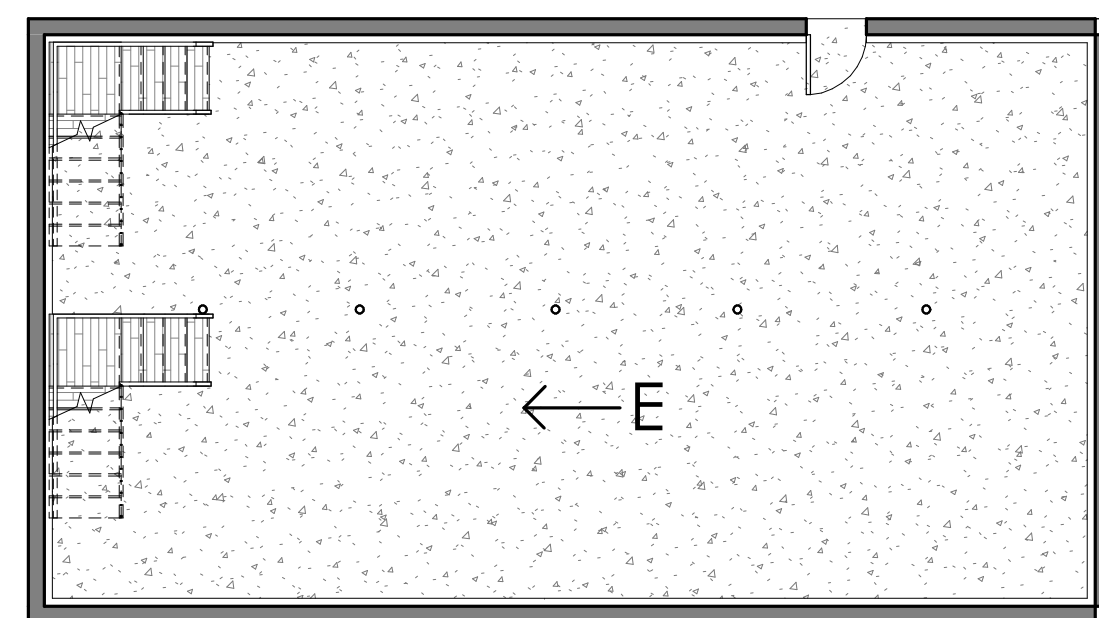
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LEVEL 1



LEVEL 0



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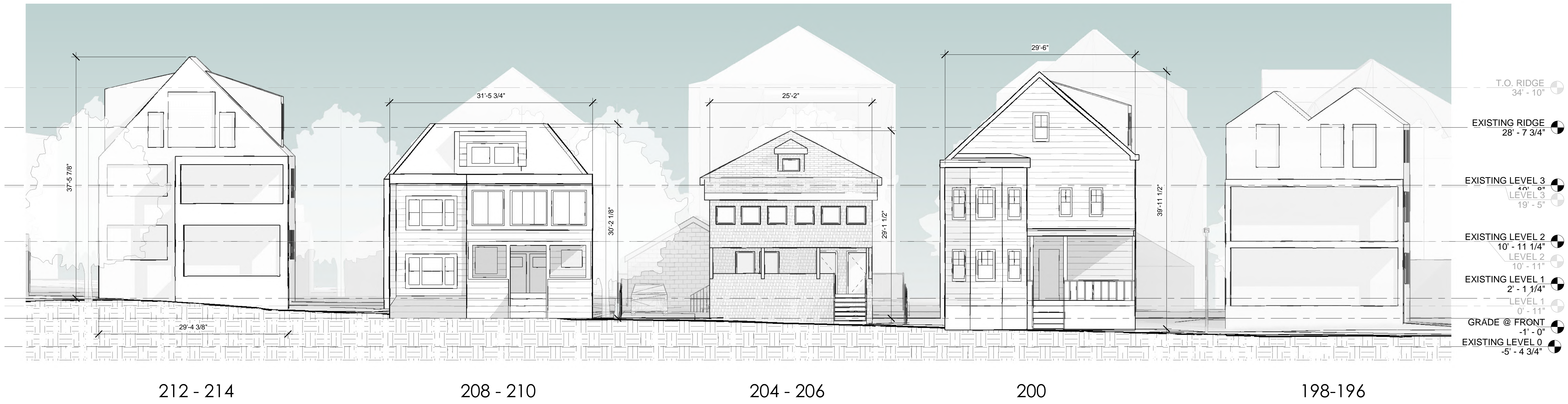
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STREETSCAPE

EXISTING STREETSCAPE



PROPOSED STREETSCAPE



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PROPOSED EXTERIOR



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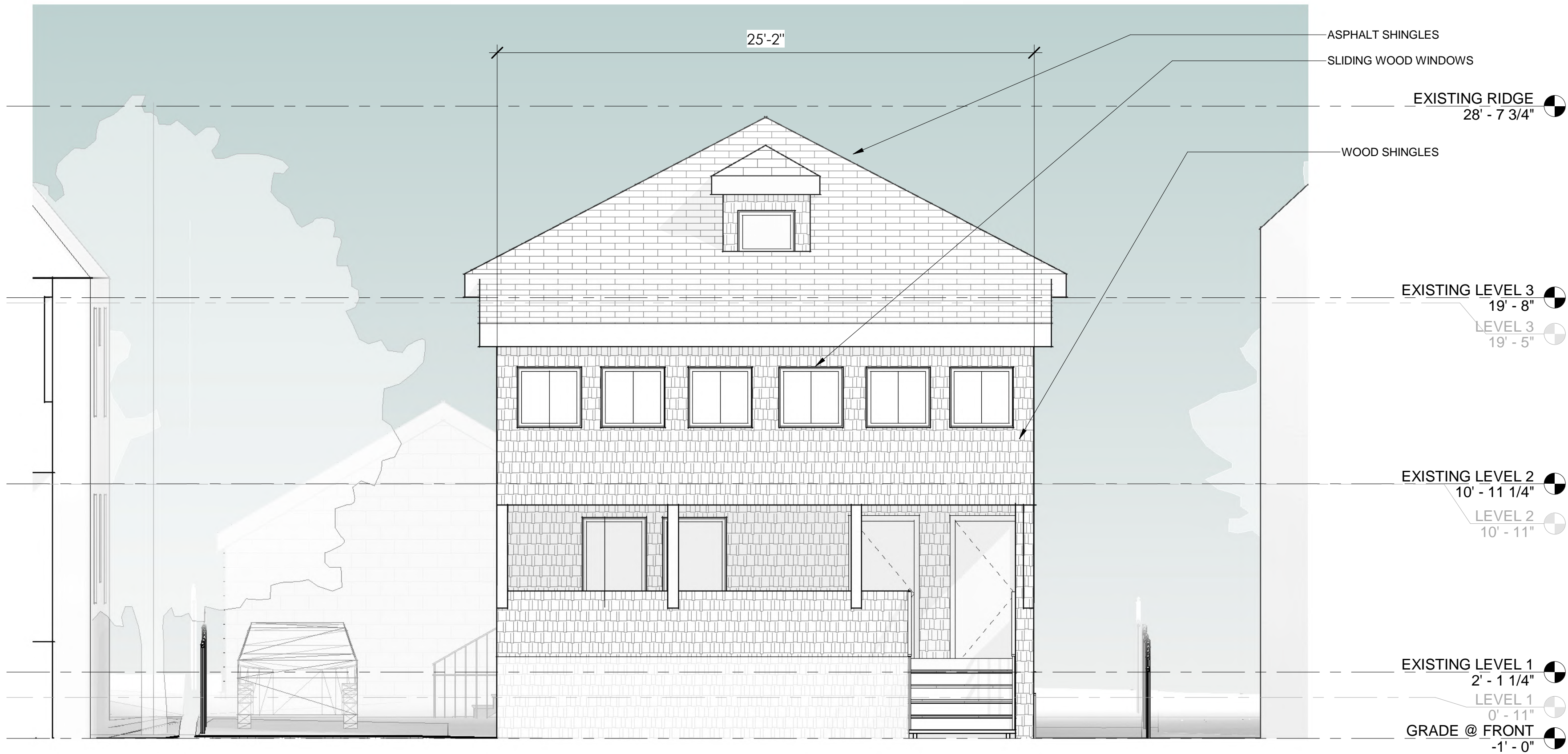
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Scale

NORTH ELEVATION



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ELEVATION NORTH

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Scale 1/4" = 1'-0"

EAST ELEVATION



- T.O. RIDGE 34' - 10"
- EXISTING RIDGE 28' - 7 3/4"
- EXISTING LEVEL 3 19' - 8"
- LEVEL 3 19' - 5"
- EXISTING LEVEL 2 10' - 11 1/4"
- LEVEL 2 10' - 11"
- EXISTING LEVEL 1 2' - 1 1/4"
- LEVEL 1 0' - 11"
- GRADE @ FRONT -1' - 0"

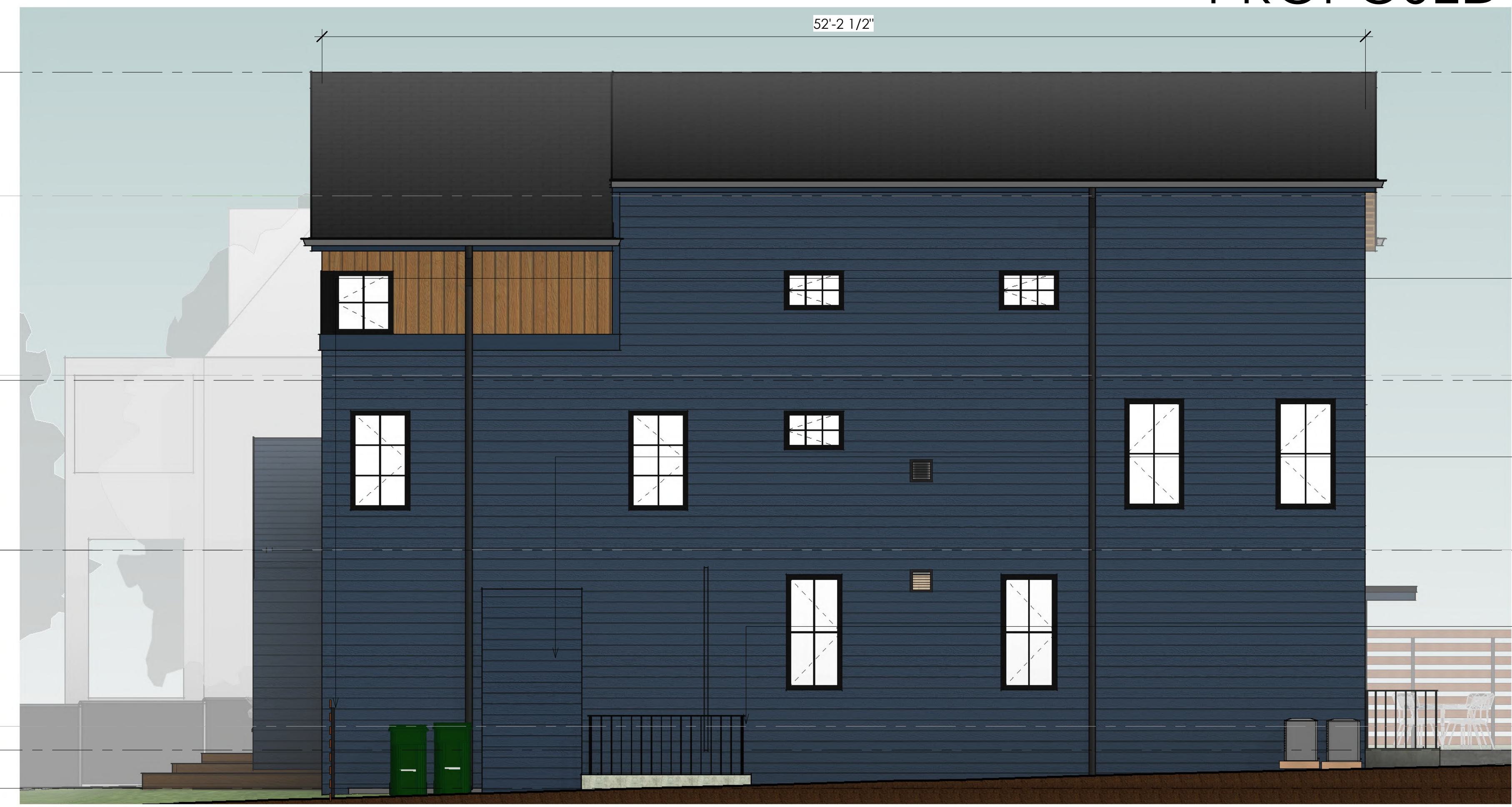
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REGISTRATIONS:

PROPOSED



- T.O. RIDGE 34' - 10"
- EXISTING RIDGE 28' - 7 3/4"
- 4' HIGH HORIZONTAL SLATE GATE
- EXISTING LEVEL 3 19' - 8"
- LEVEL 3 19' - 5"
- ENCLOSURE FOR DIRECT VENT FIREPLACE
- EXISTING LEVEL 2 10' - 11 1/4"
- LEVEL 2 10' - 11"
- EGRESS WINDOW WELL
- EXISTING LEVEL 1 2' - 1 1/4"
- LEVEL 1 0' - 11"
- GRADE @ FRONT -1' - 0"

ELEVATION EAST

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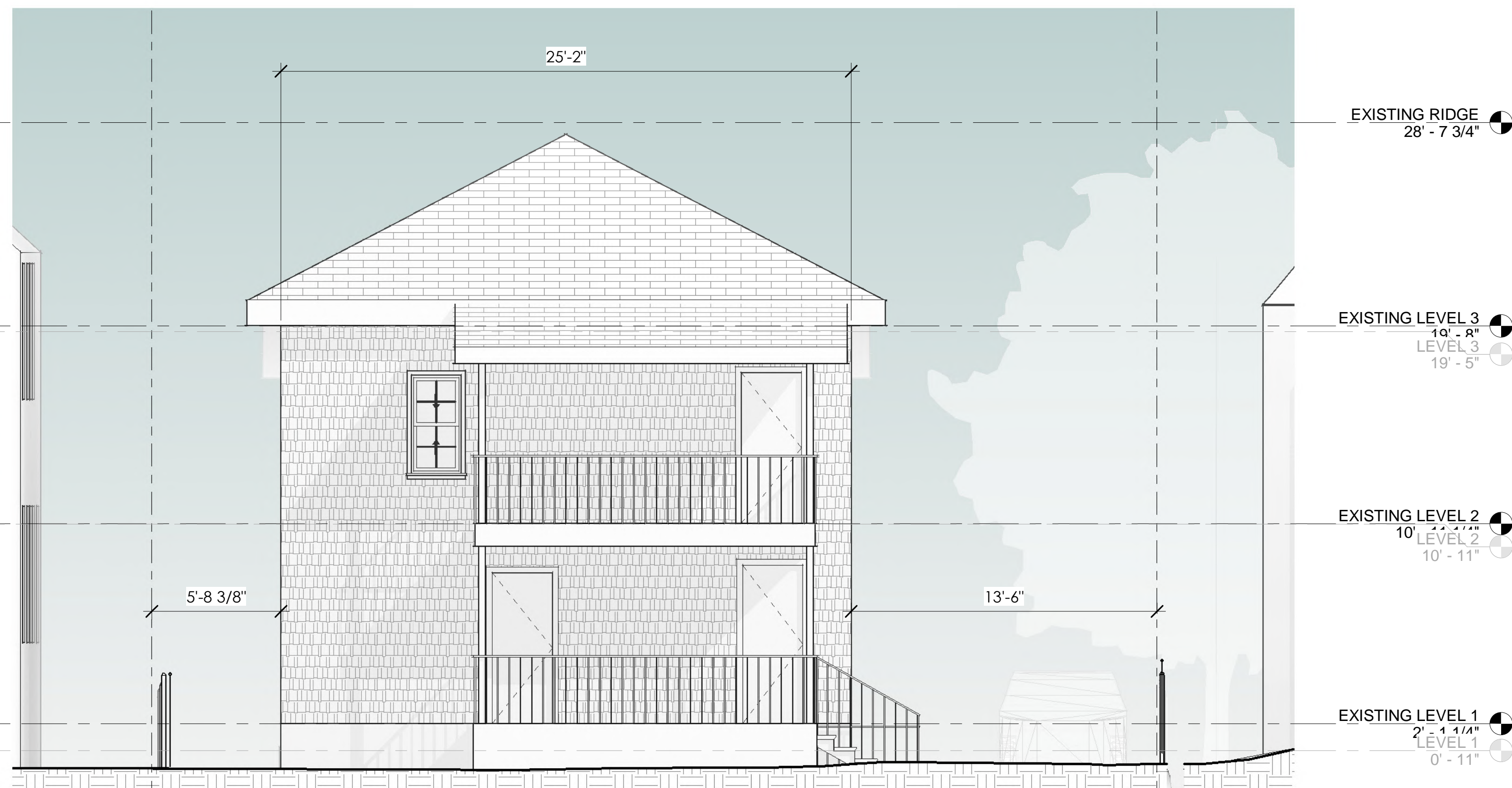
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SOUTH ELEVATION

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ELEVATION SOUTH

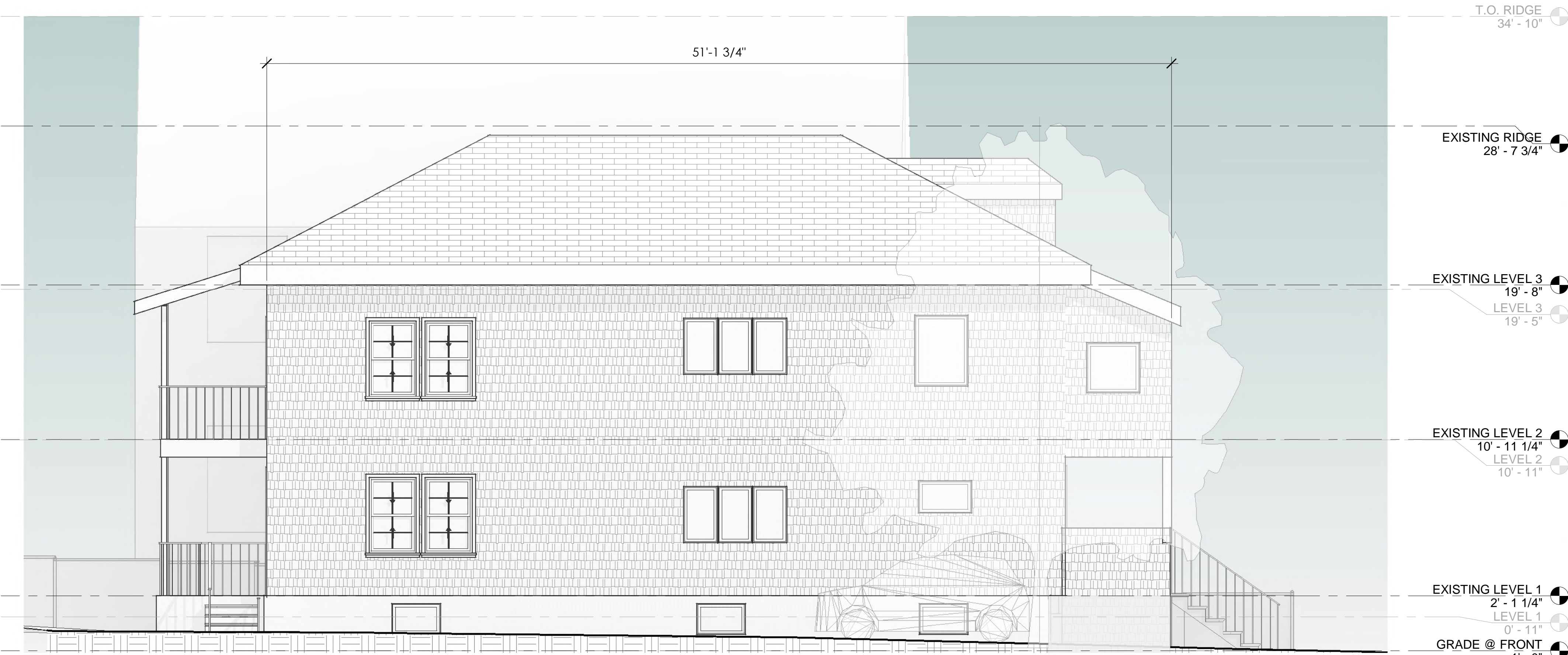
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WEST ELEVATION



EXISTING



- T.O. RIDGE
34' - 10"
- EXISTING RIDGE
28' - 7 3/4"
- EXISTING LEVEL 3
19' - 8"
- LEVEL 3
19' - 5"
- EXISTING LEVEL 2
10' - 11 1/4"
- LEVEL 2
10' - 11"
- EXISTING LEVEL 1
2' - 1 1/4"
- LEVEL 1
0' - 11"
- GRADE @ FRONT
-1' - 0"

PROPOSED



- T.O. RIDGE
34' - 10"
- SKY LIGHTS
- EXISTING RIDGE
28' - 7 3/4"
- EXISTING LEVEL 3
19' - 8"
- LEVEL 3
19' - 5"
- AWNING TO
MATCH ROOF
- EXISTING LEVEL 2
10' - 11 1/4"
- LEVEL 2
10' - 11"
- HORIZONTAL
WOOD FENCE
- EXISTING LEVEL 1
2' - 1 1/4"
- LEVEL 1
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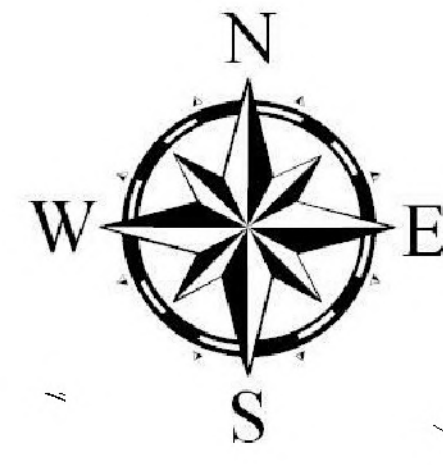
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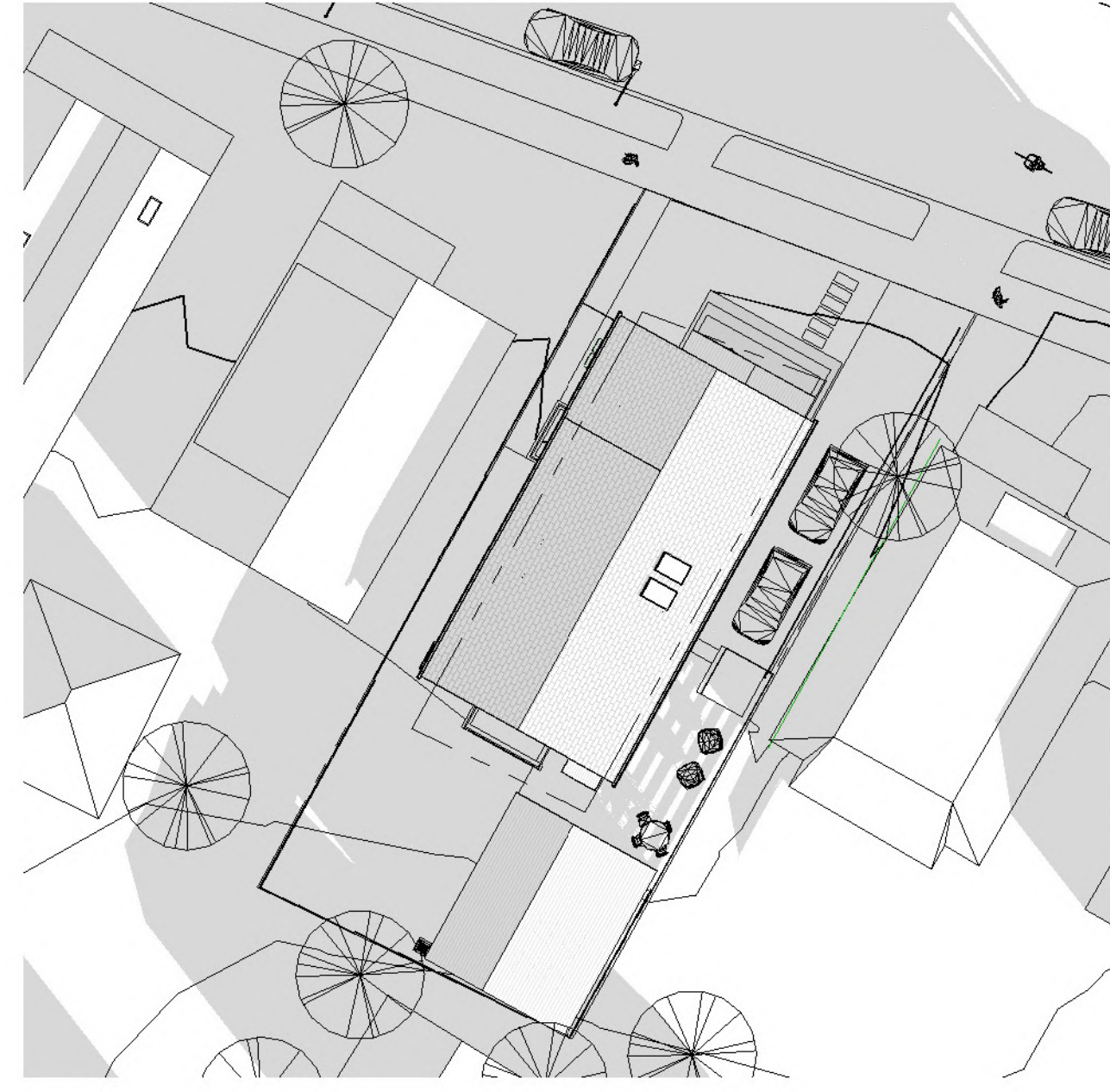
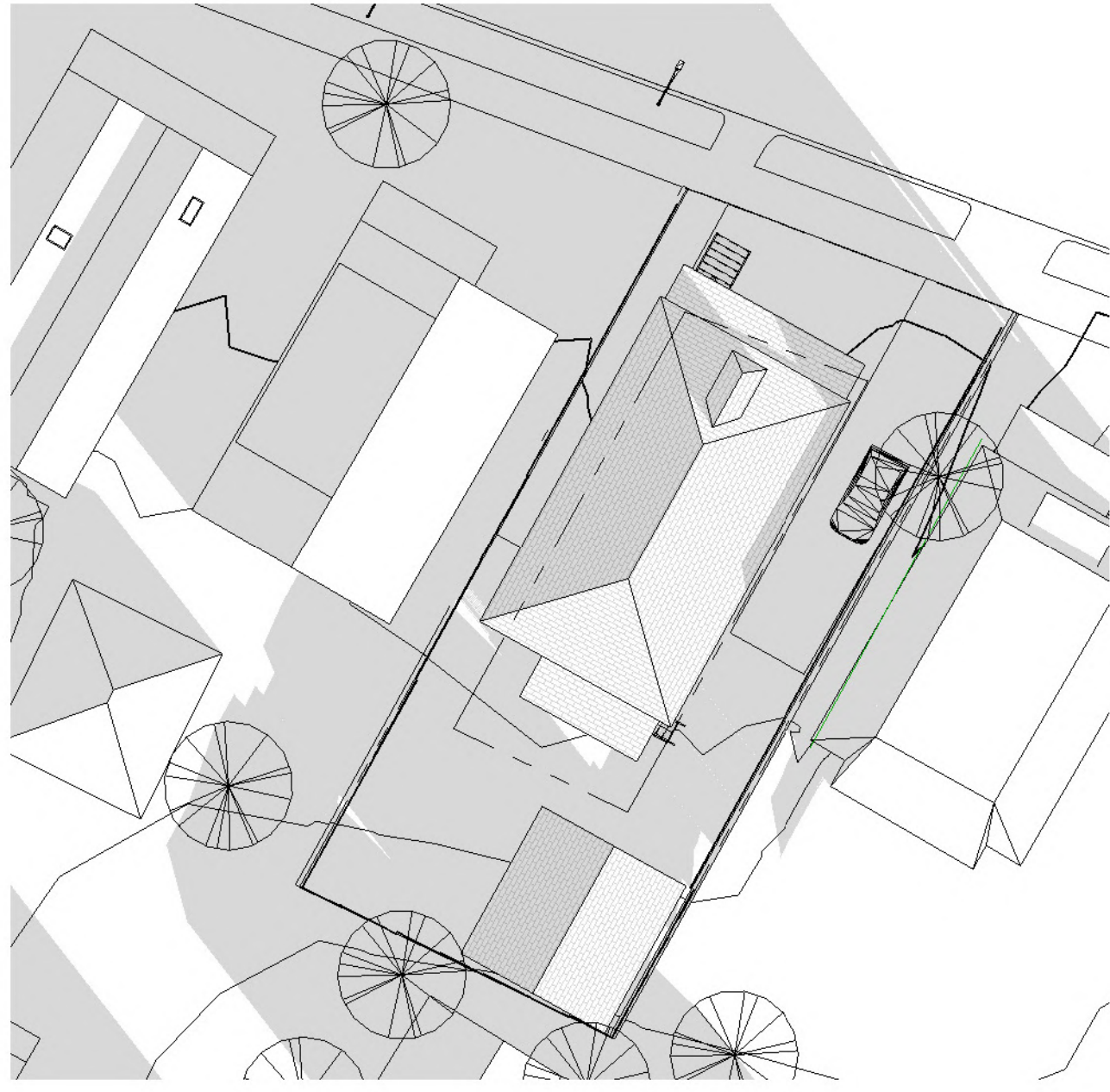
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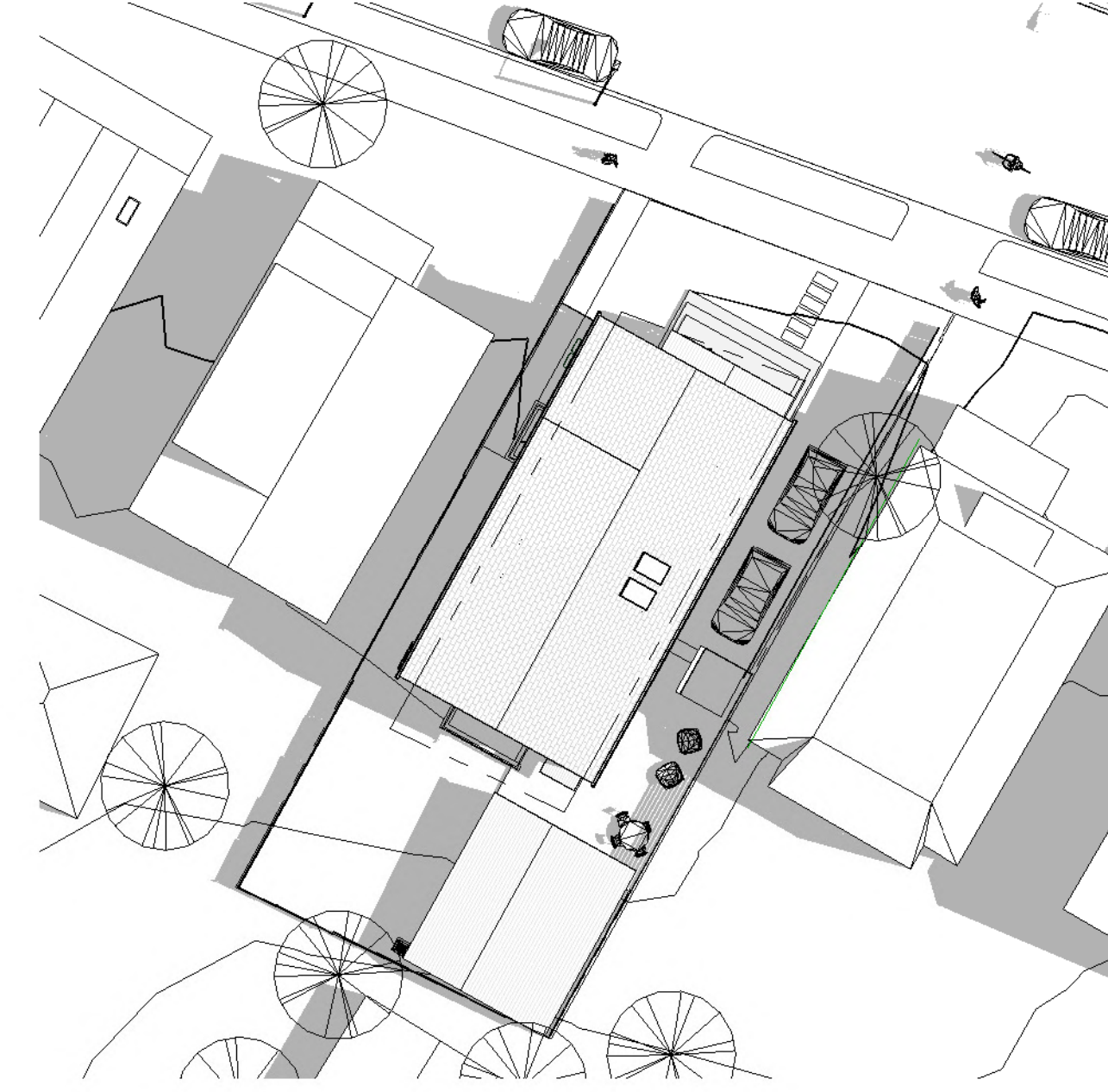
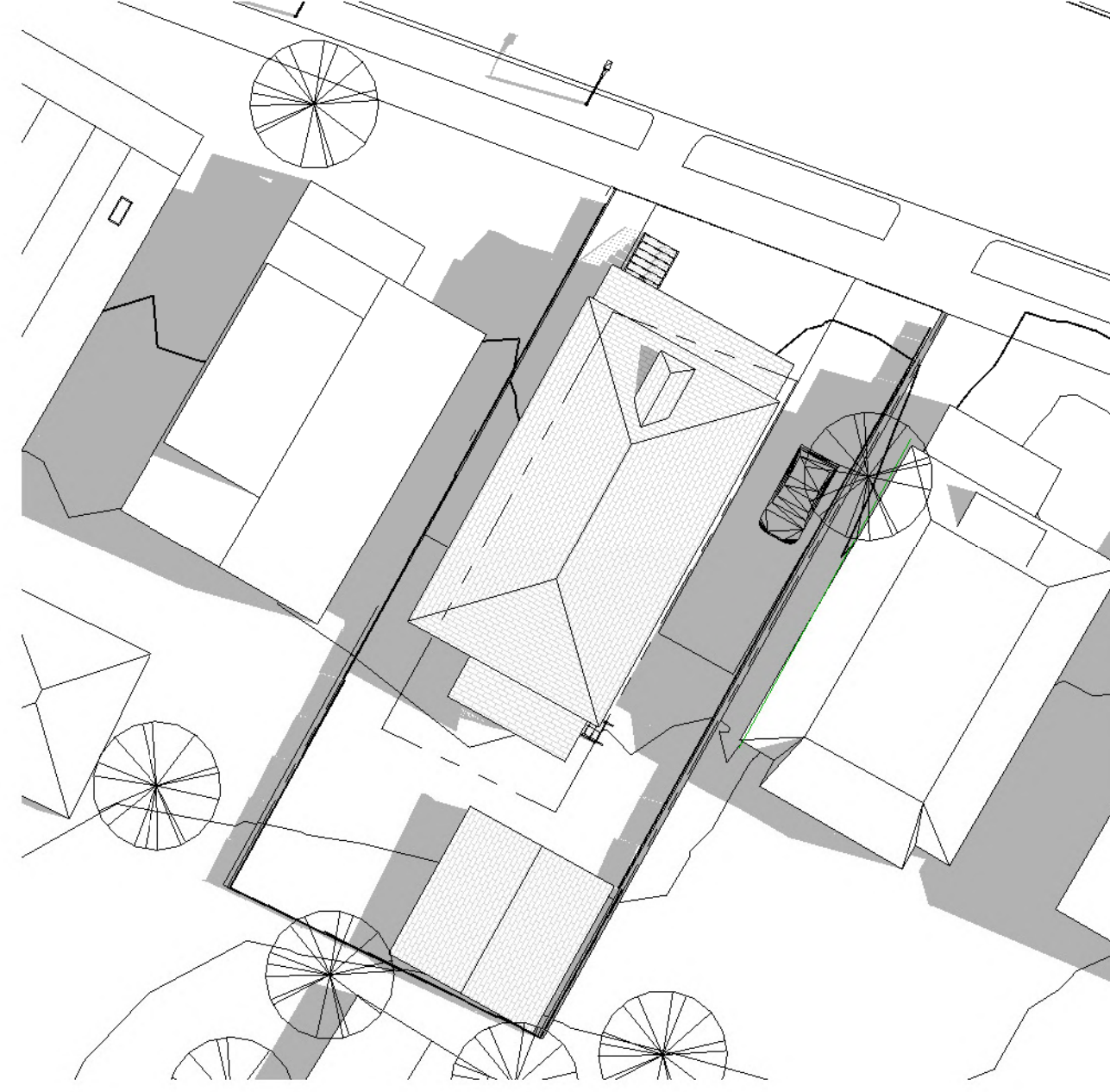
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SUMMER SOLSTICE - PROPOSED

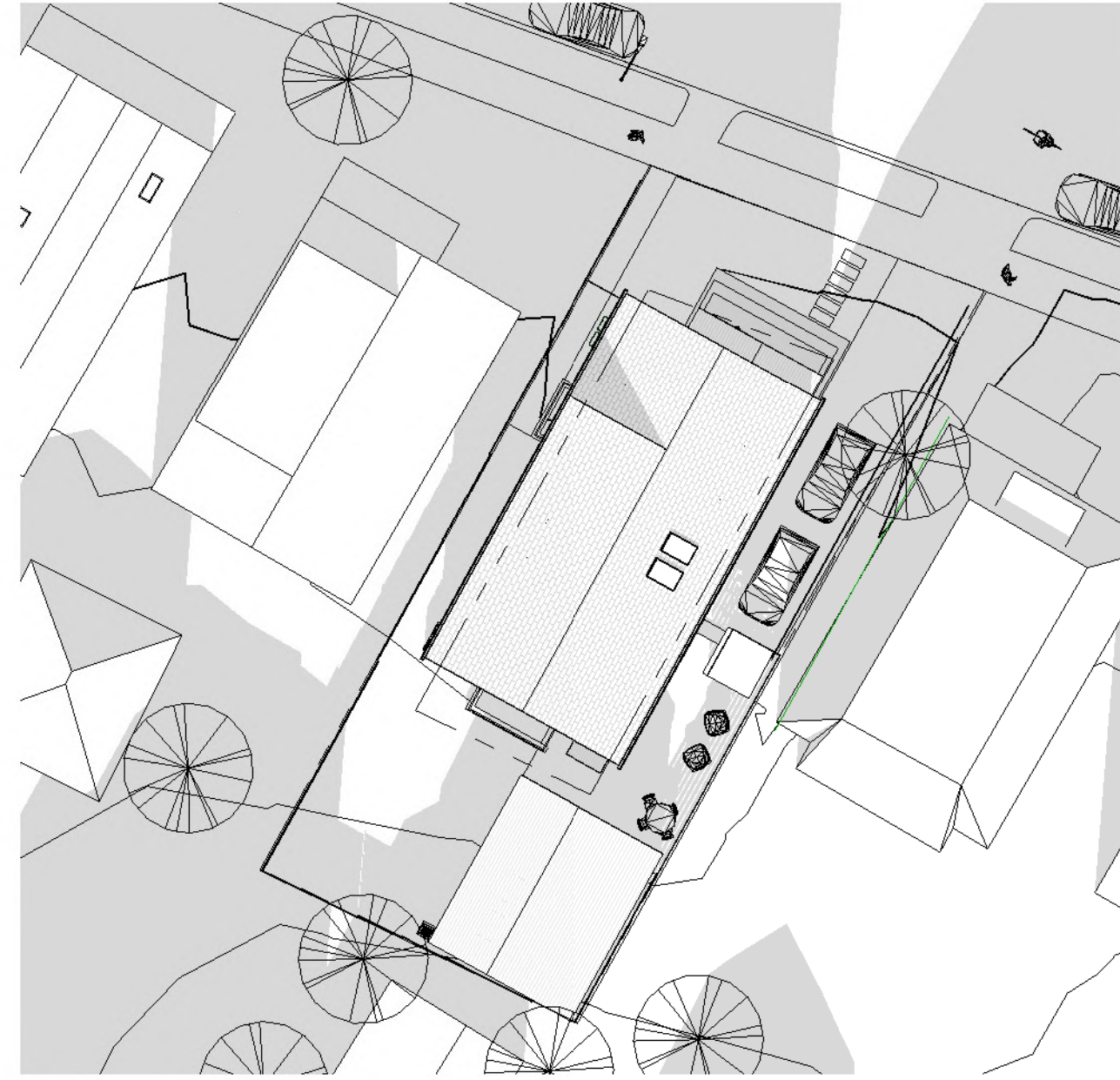
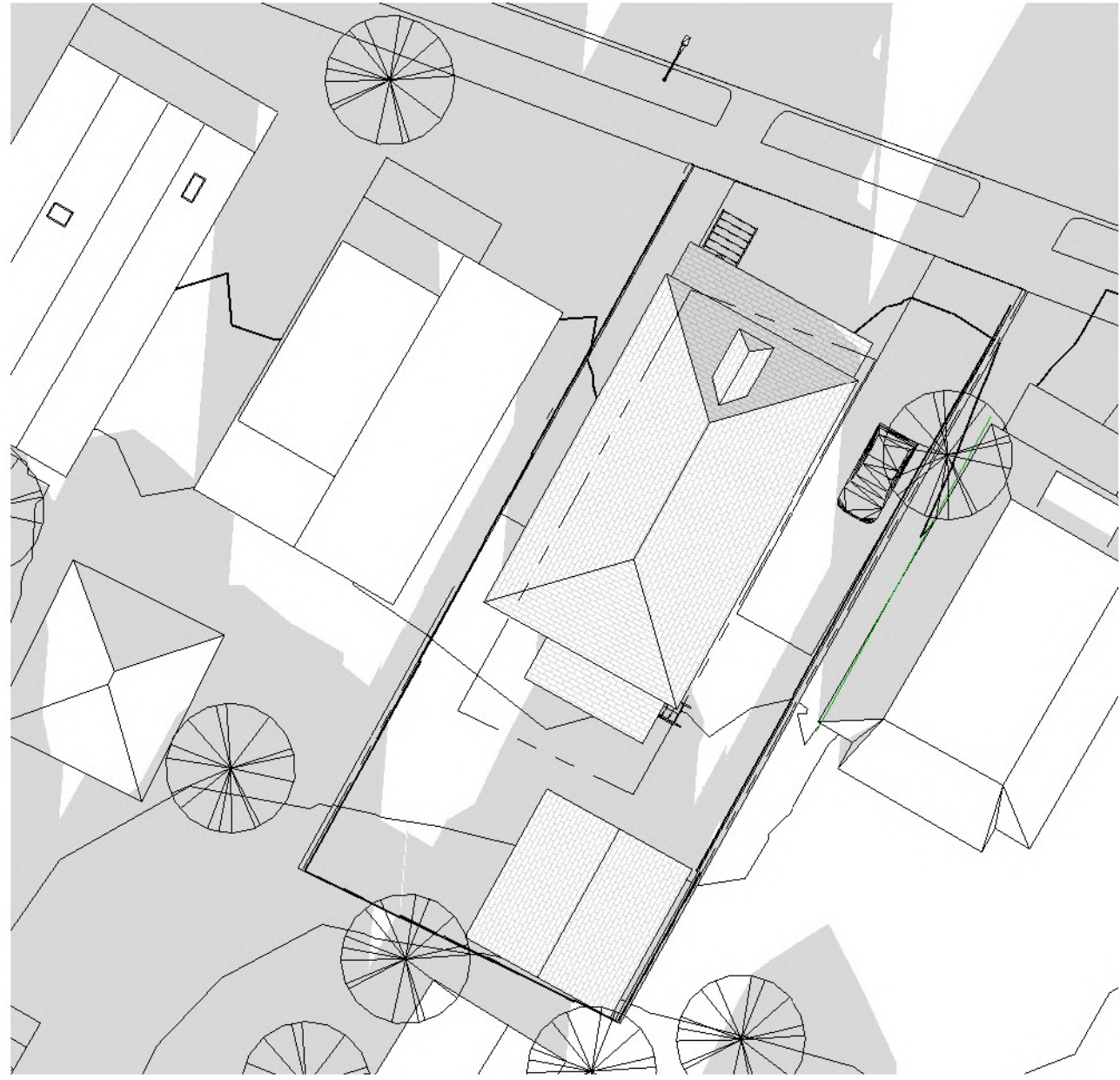
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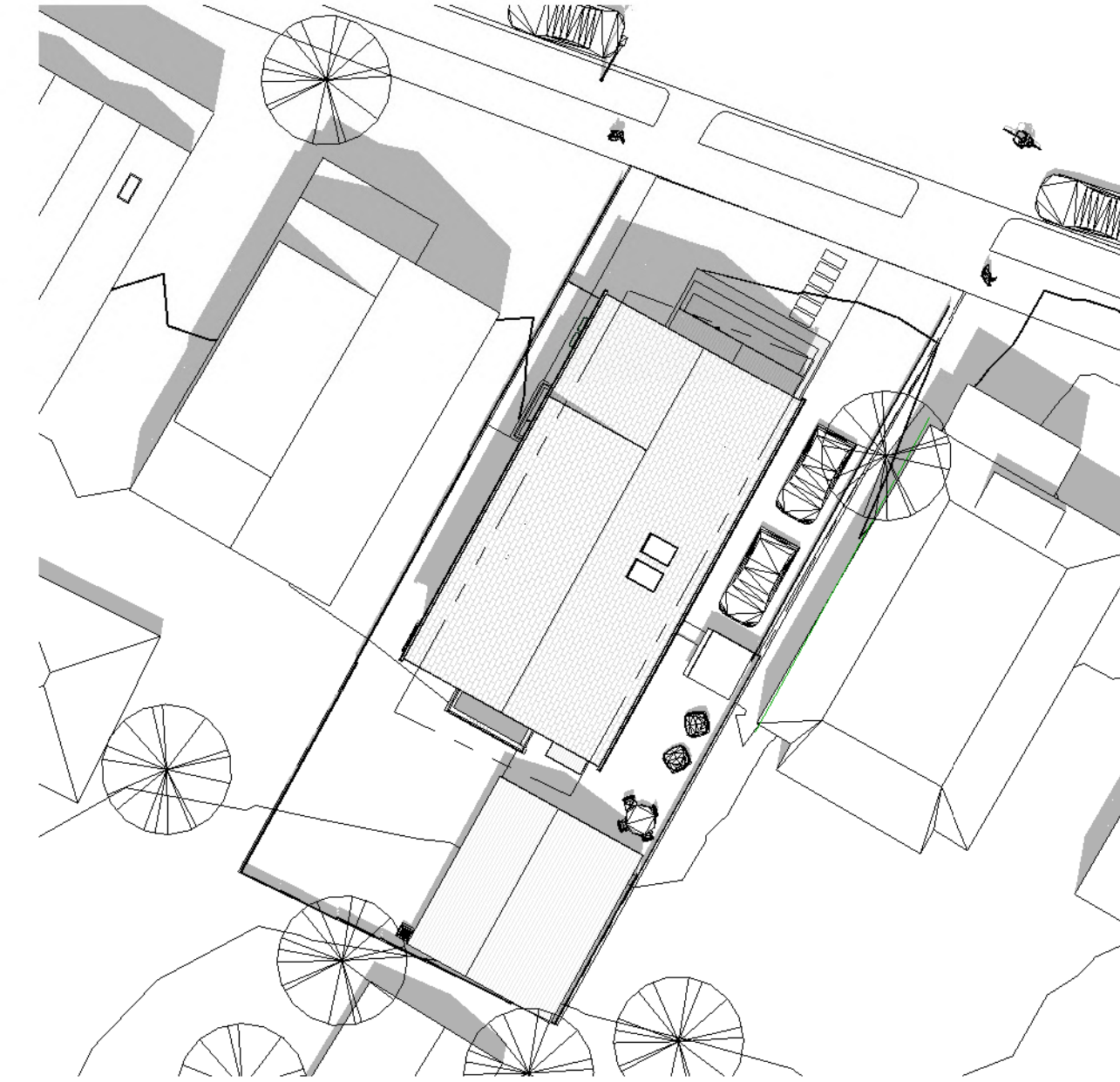
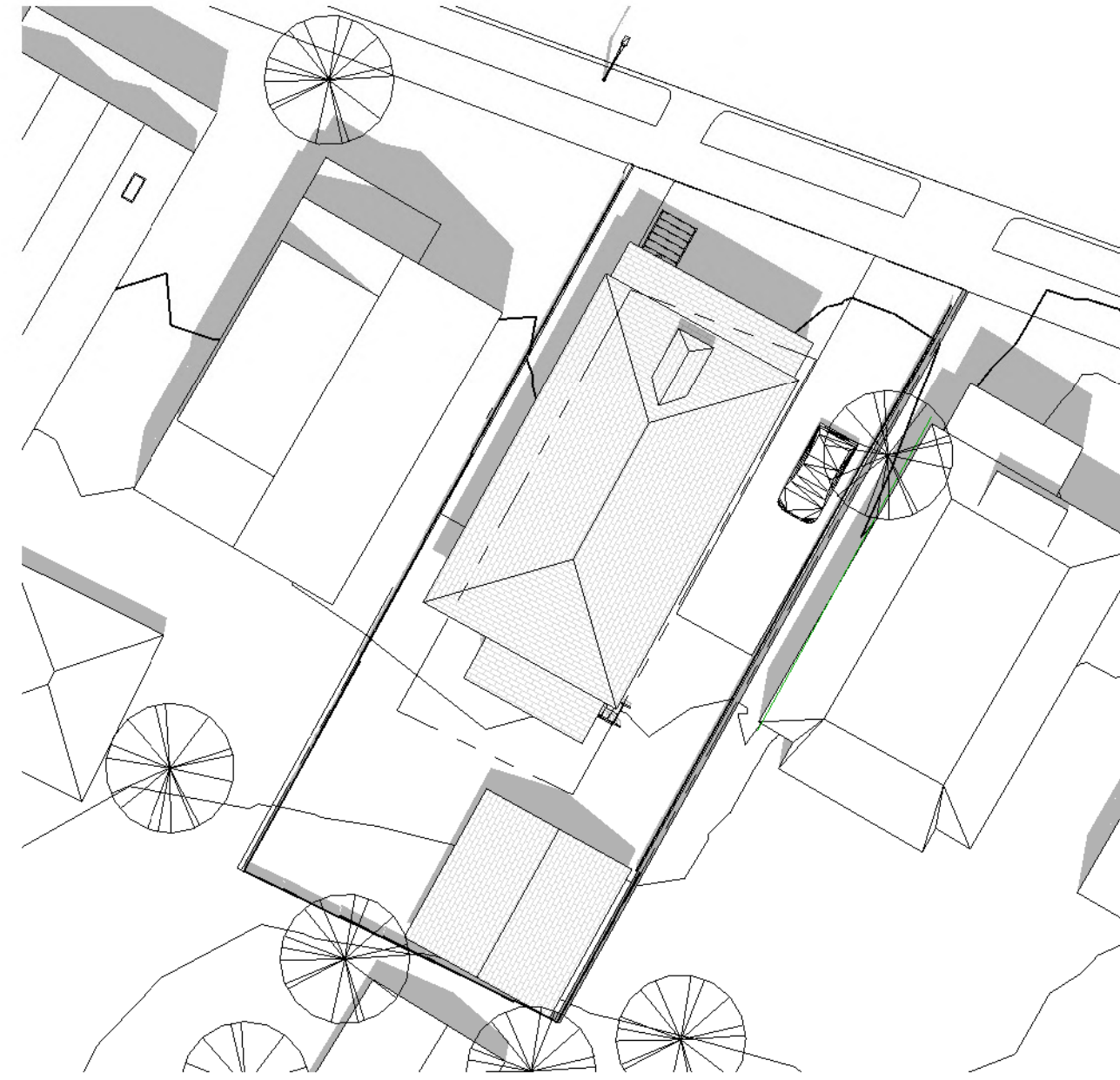
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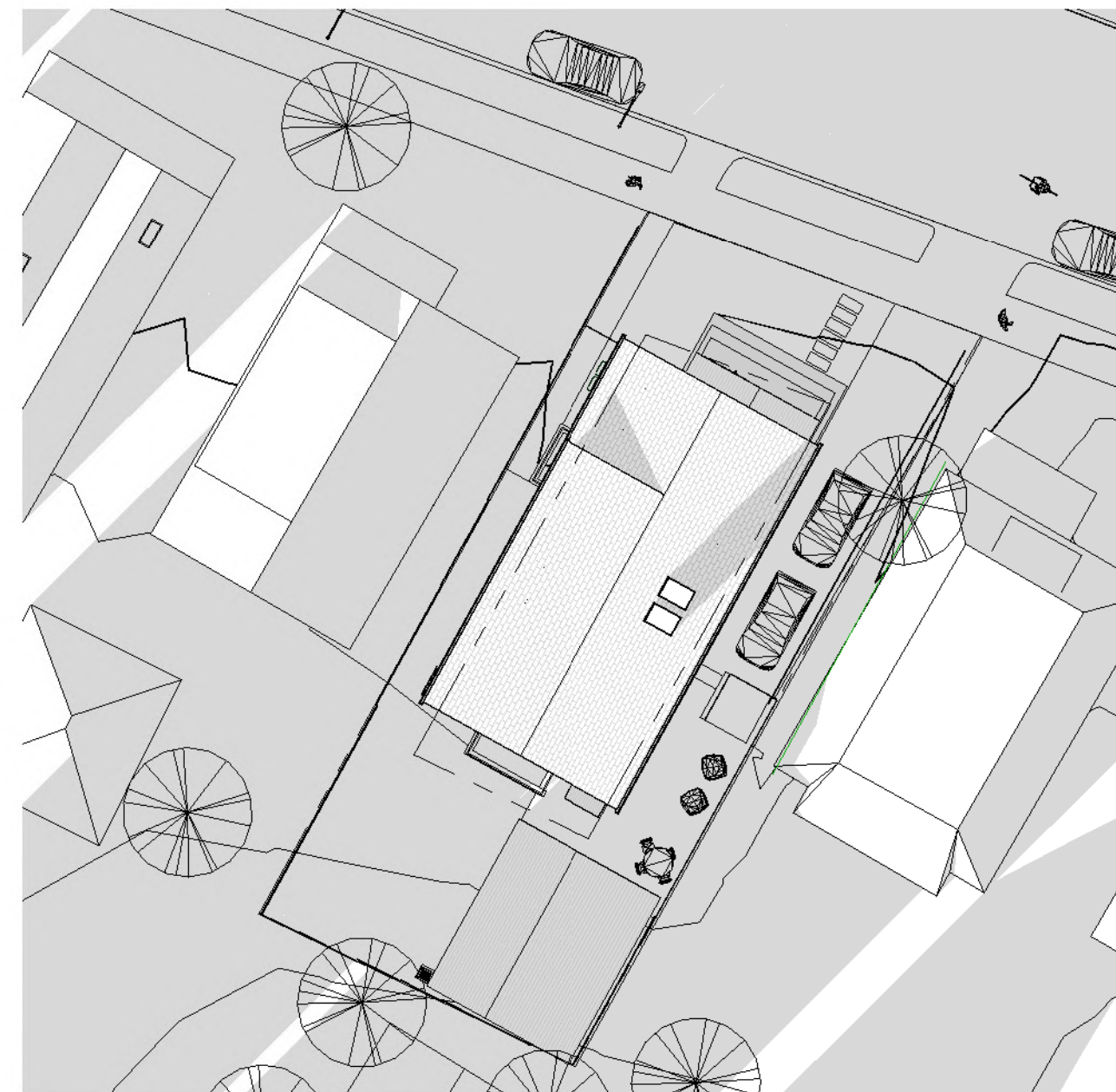
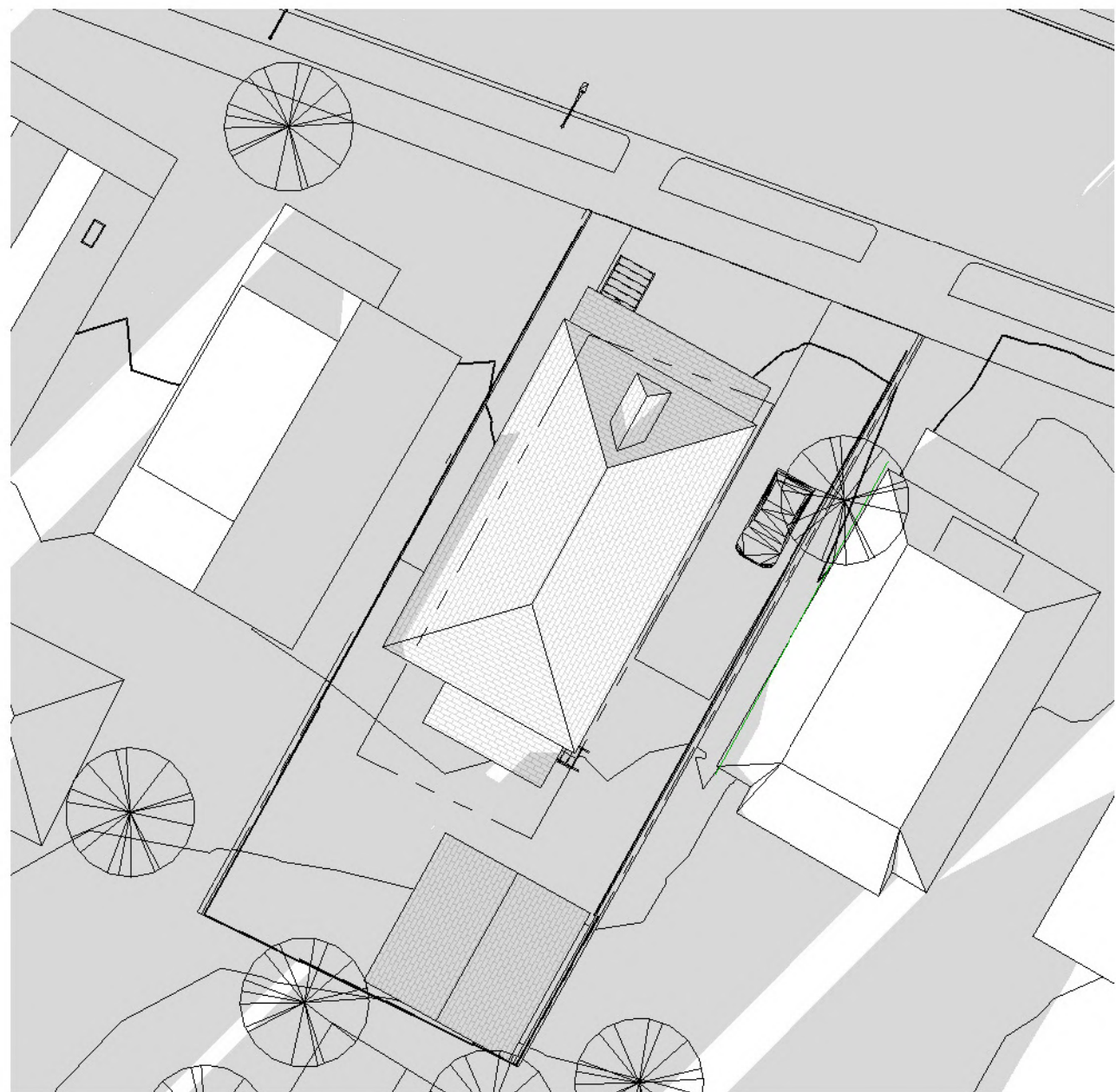
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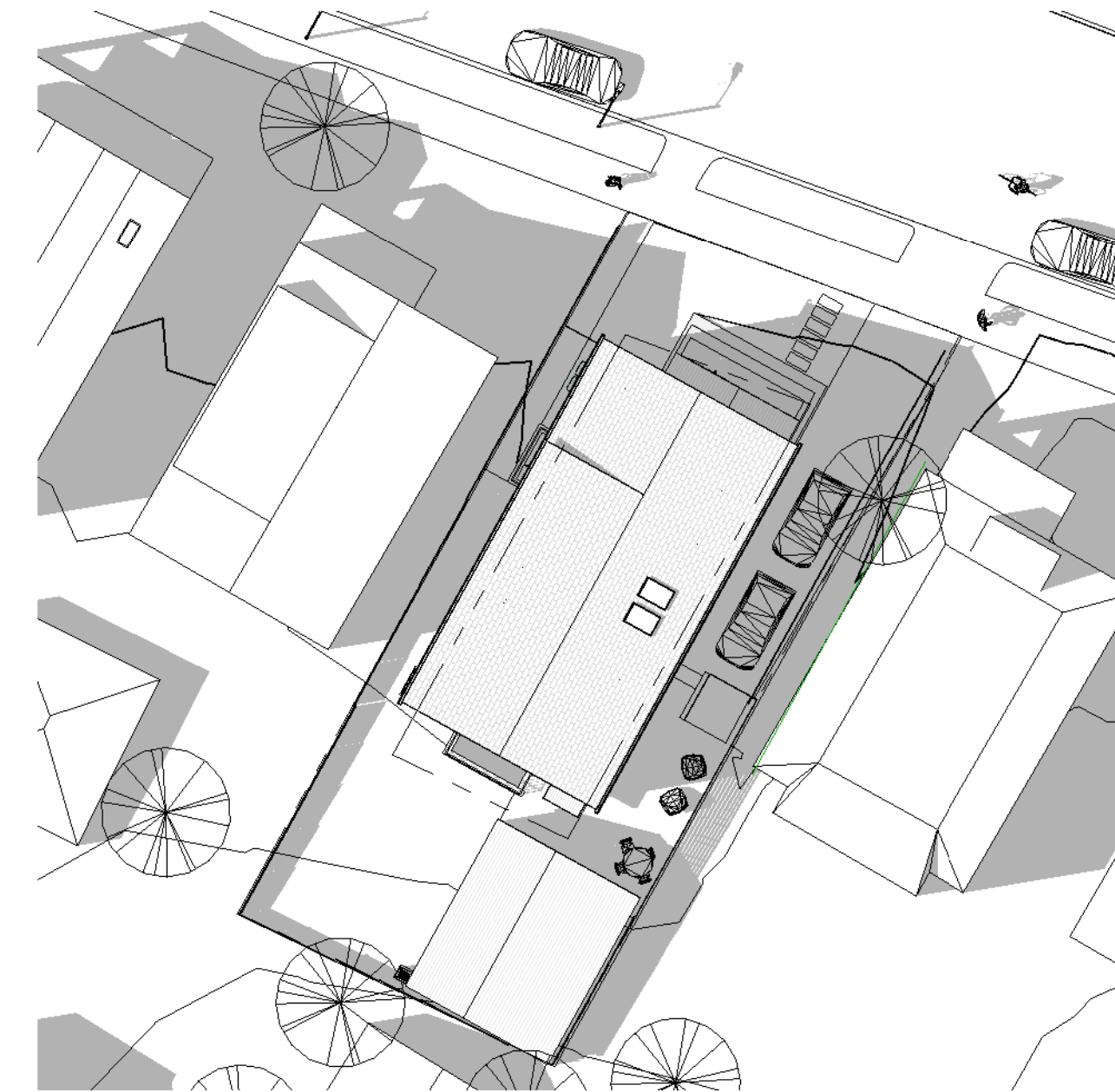
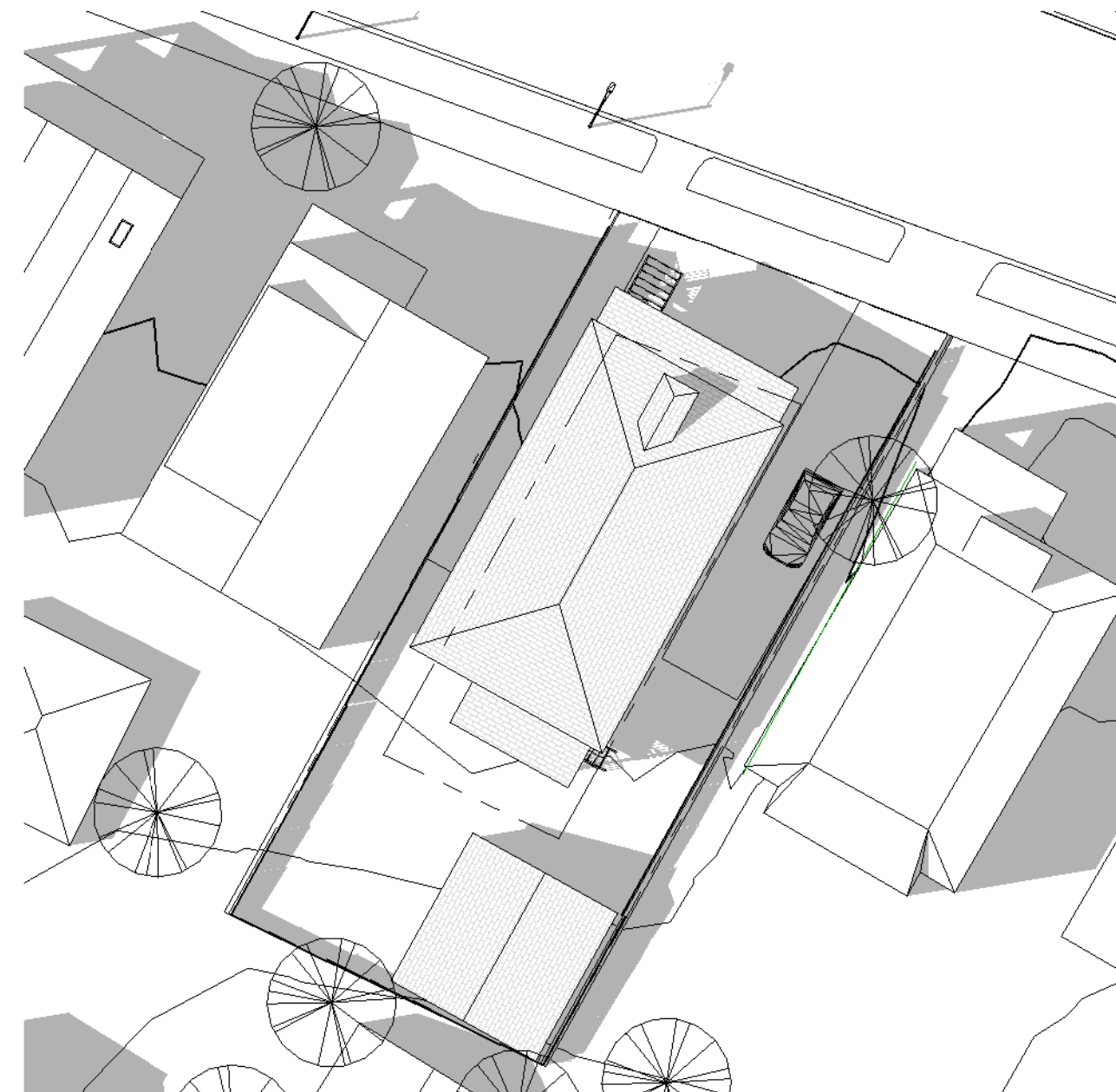
NOON - 12PM



AFTERNOON - 3PM



AFTERNOON - 3PM



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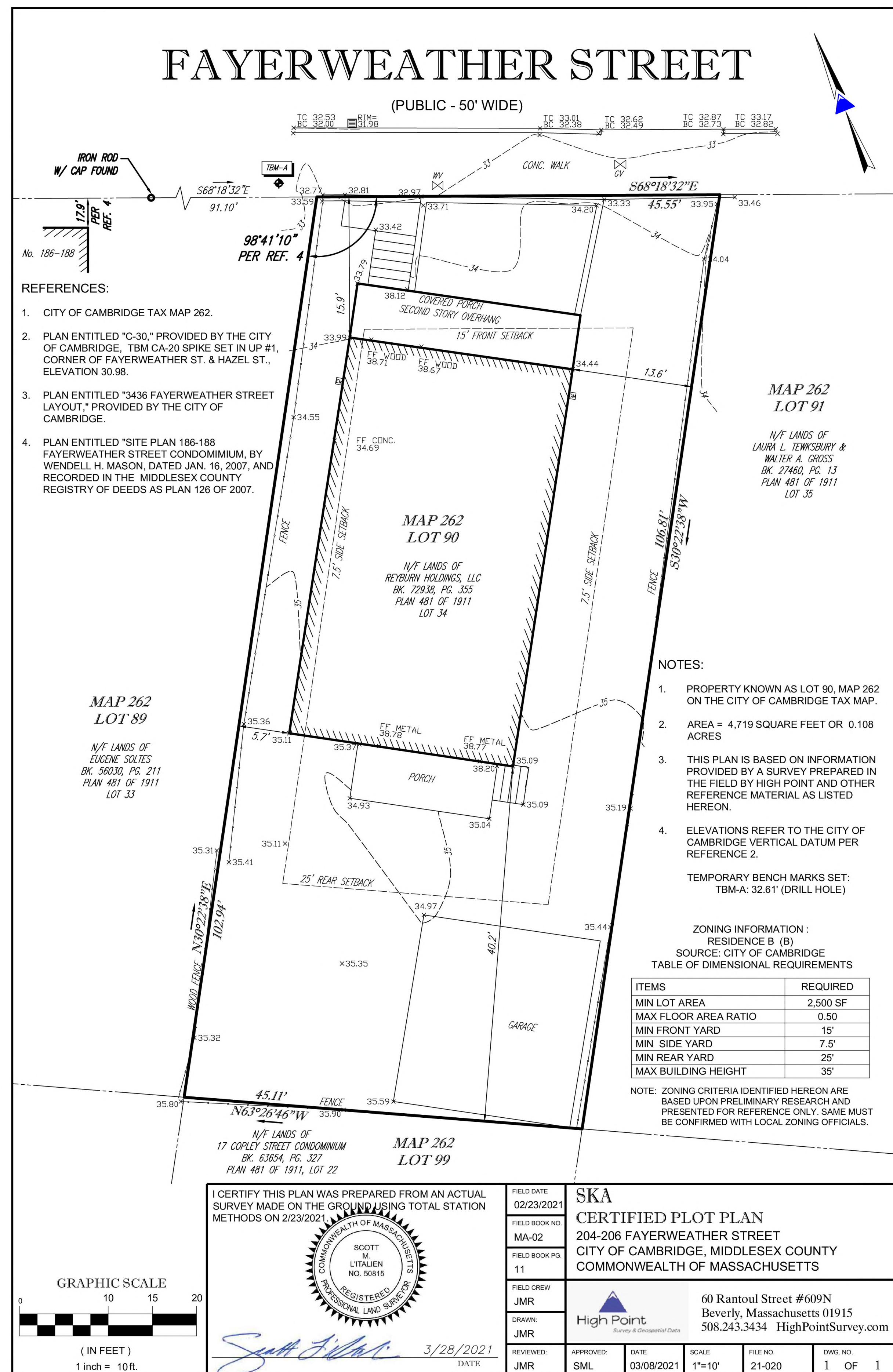
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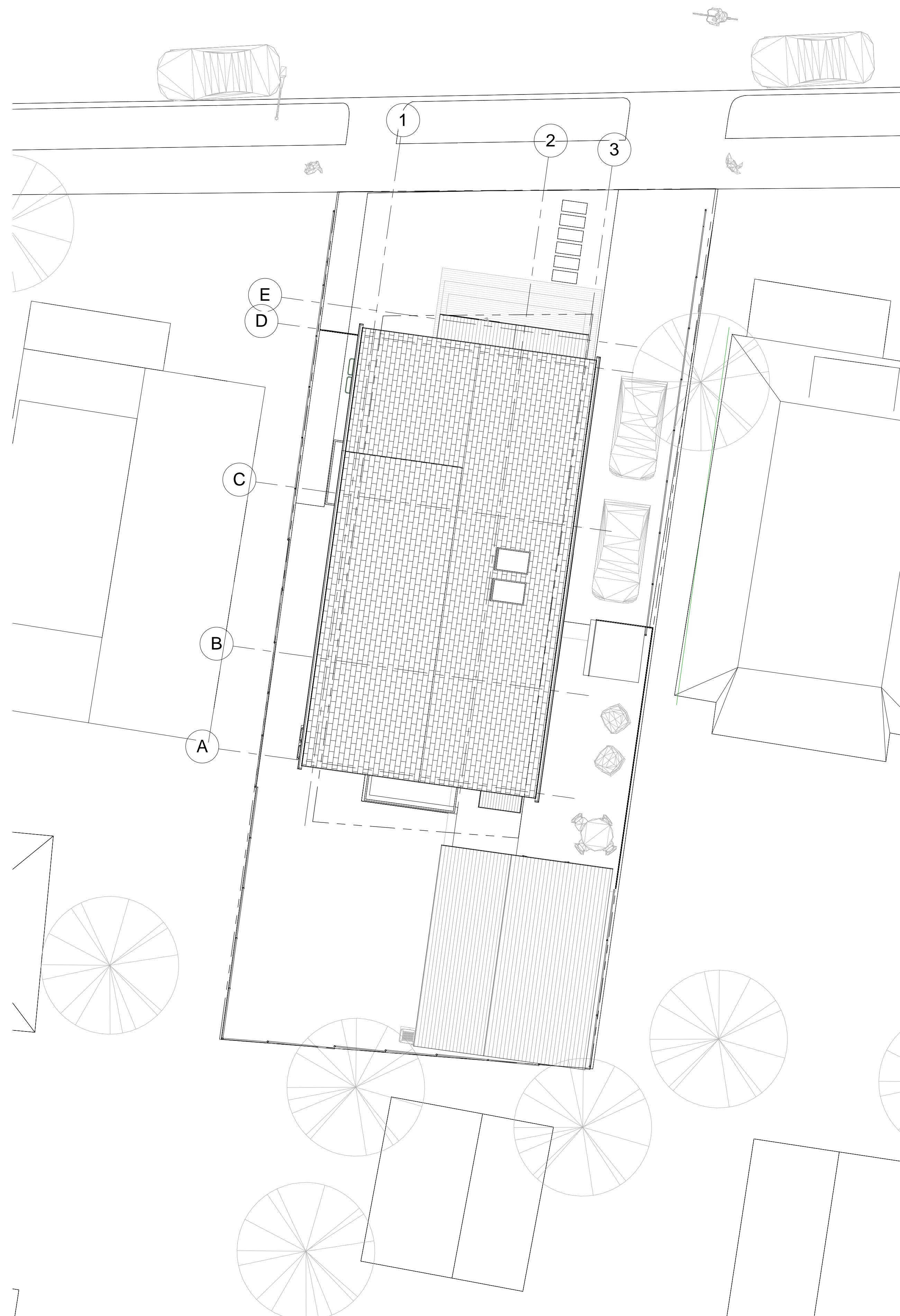
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SITE SURVEY

EXISTING SITE



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PROPOSED PLAN



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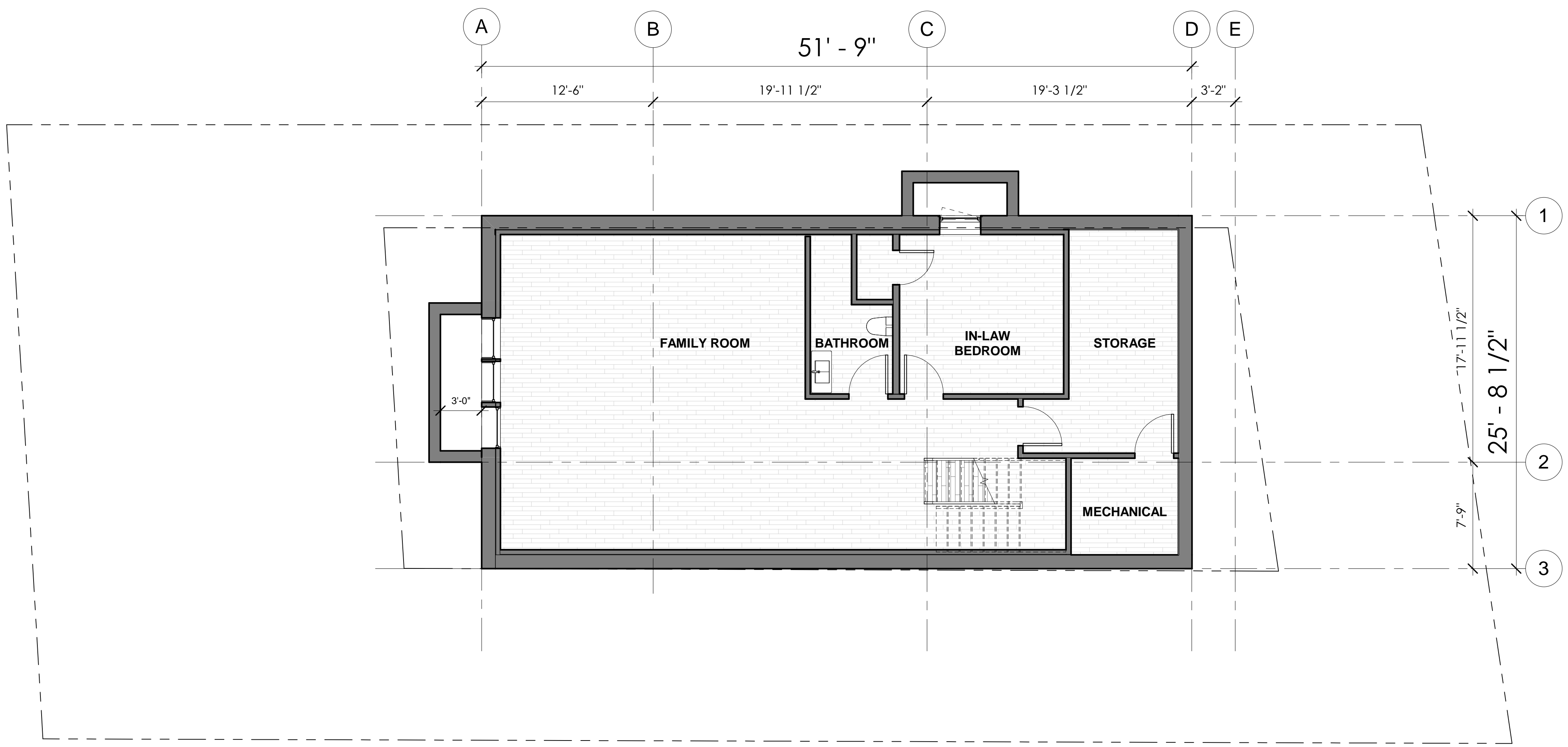
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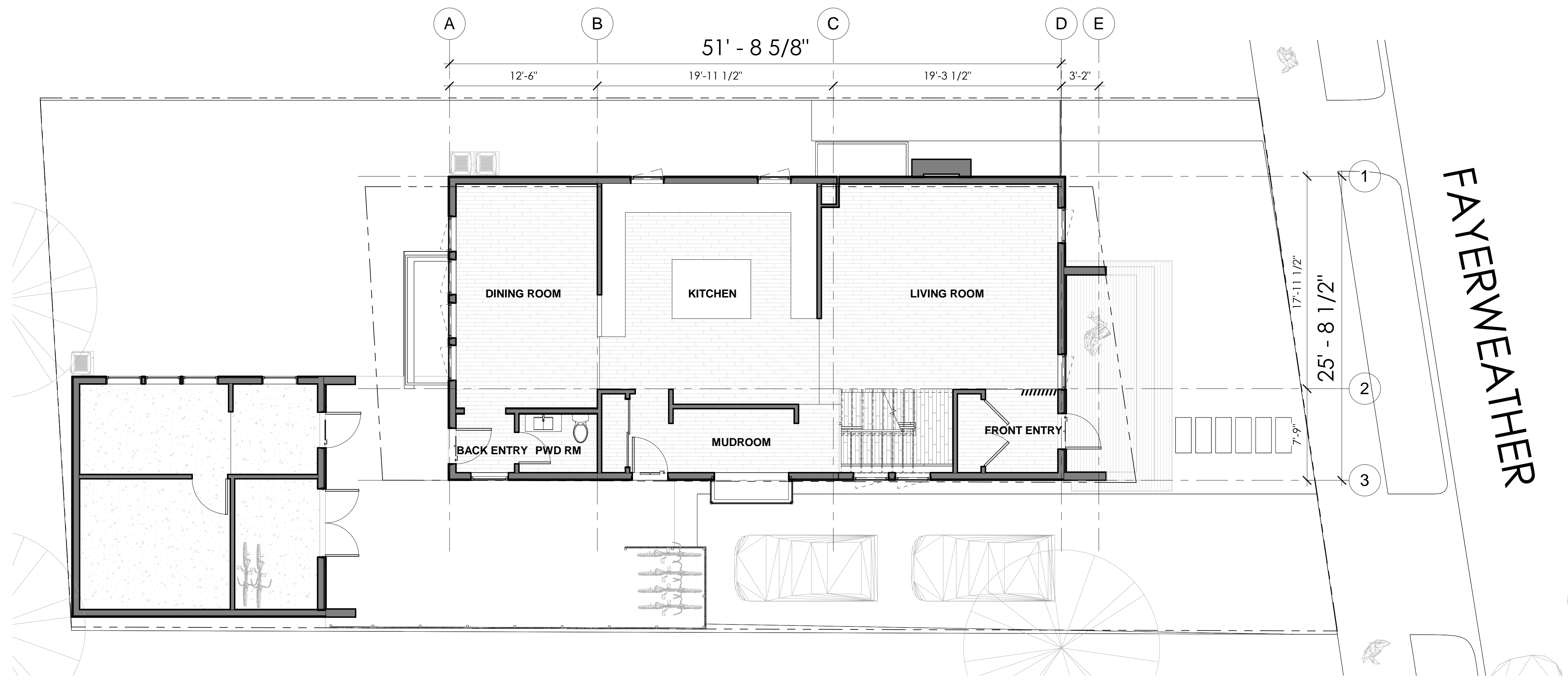
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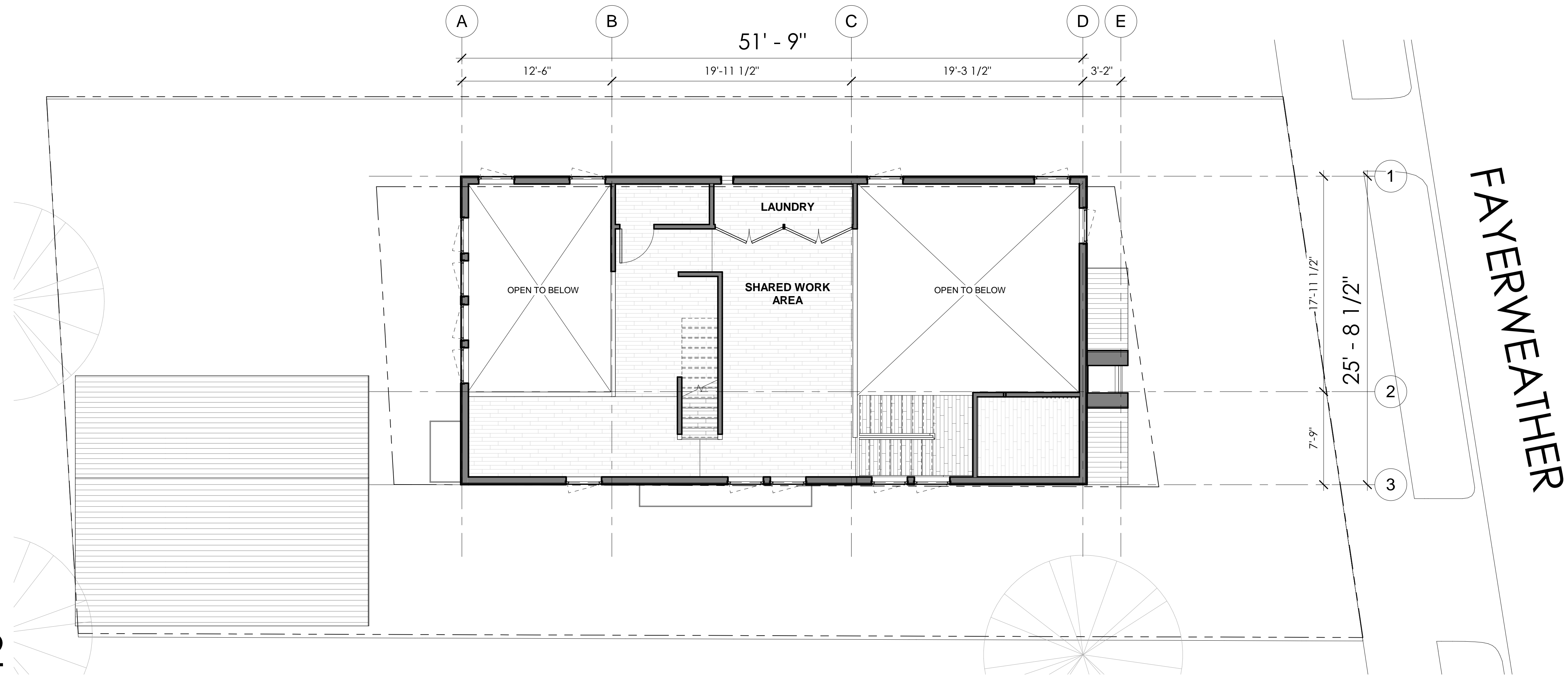


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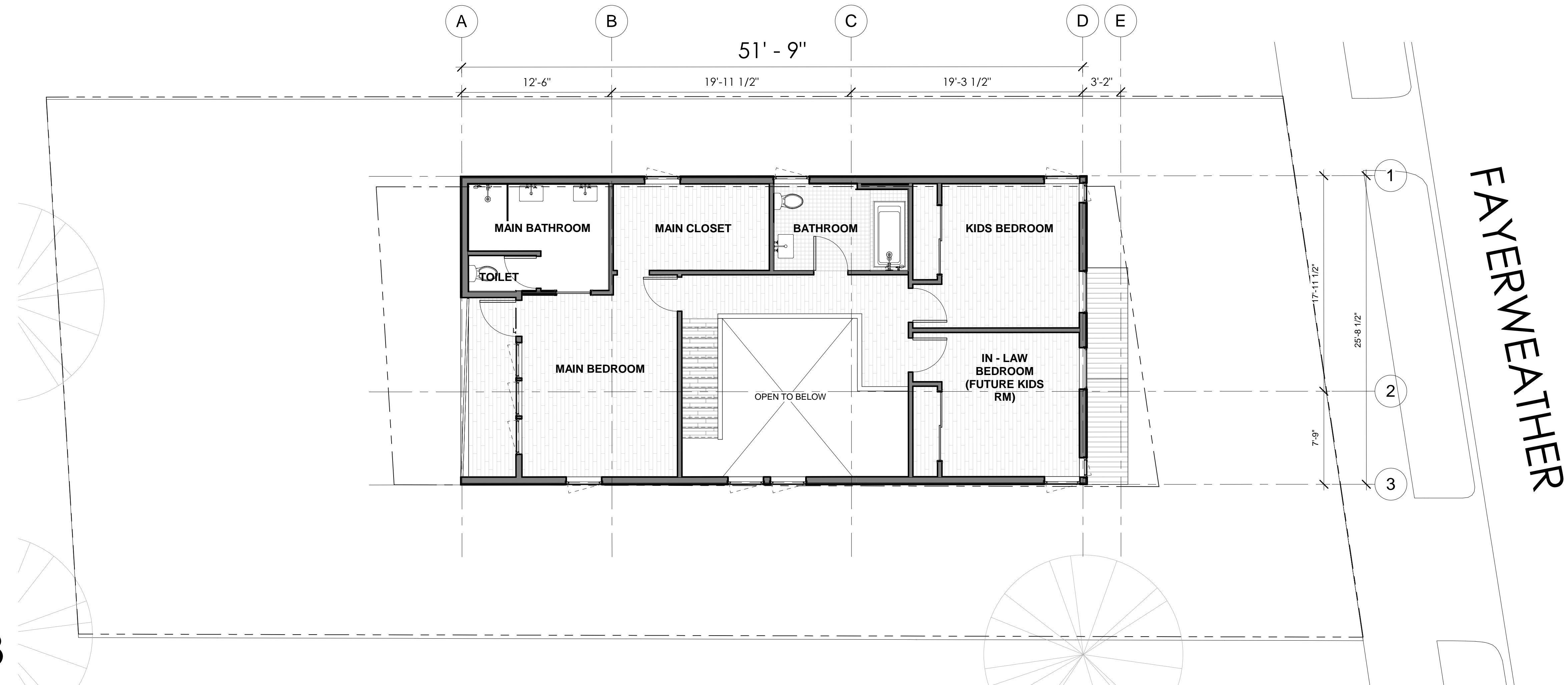


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LEVEL 2



LEVEL 3



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3D VIEW



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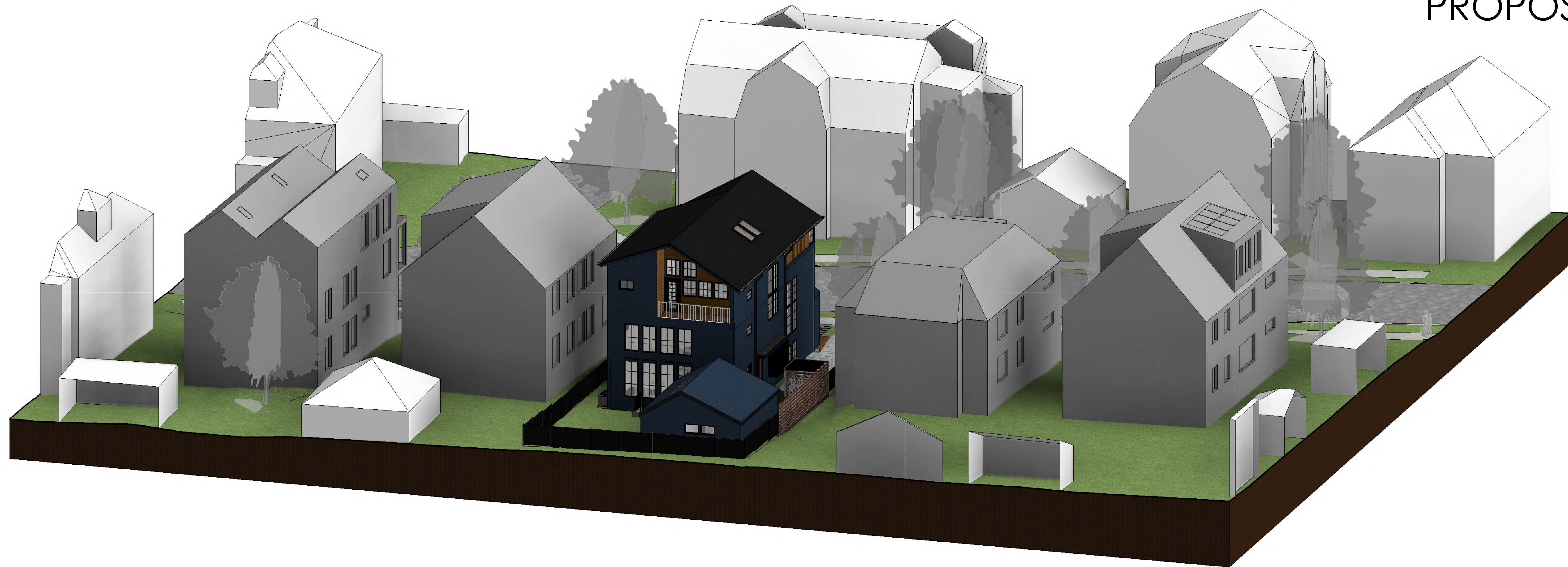
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3D VIEW



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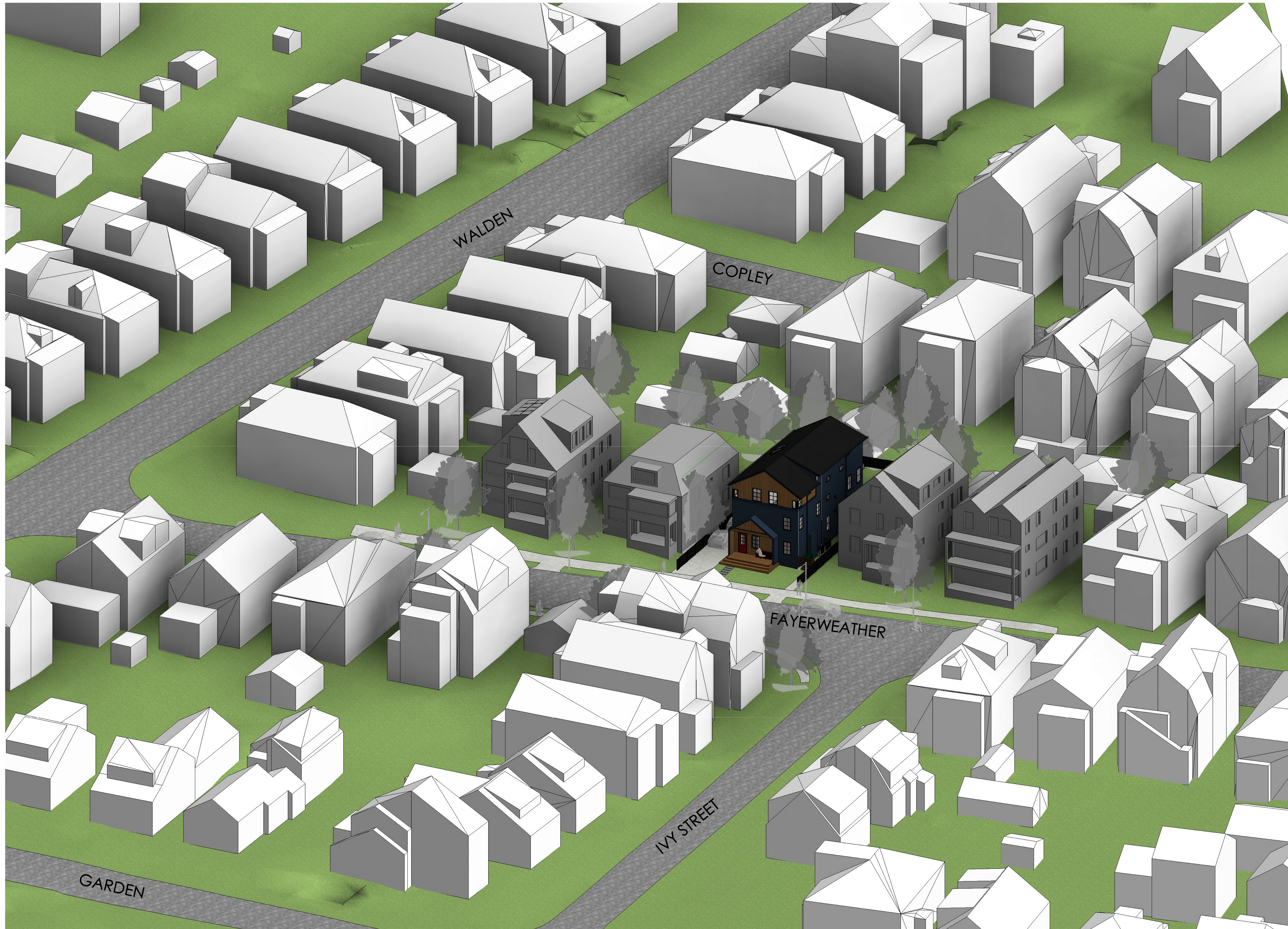
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Scale

Case D-1570, 204-206 Fayerweather Street

Date: 4/18/21

Dear City of Cambridge Historical Commission:

My name is Nancy Beams and I live at _____

I am writing to state my support for my neighbors, Keya and Tom Dannenbaum, in their proposed project at 204-206 Fayerweather Street, Cambridge, MA 02138. They have been communicative as their project has developed and responsive to questions and concerns from neighbors. We believe they will be respectful stewards of this community going forward.

Sincerely,

Nancy Beams

I bought and moved into 2 Ivy St. in 2004. I knew the last generation of Thompkins who lived in 204-206 Fayerweather. When the son's father died he moved back to San Francisco and at the time his home was in good condition. It was sold to owner's who rented the property until this recent sale. My kitchen window looks directly at this property and I have slowly watched the house deteriorate. It's too late to leave it as an historical monument and leaving it for another year is a hazard for our neighborhood. Please let Keya & Tom start work on the property soon & tear it down. Permanent residents are what we need. Thank You - Nancy

Case D-1570, 204-206 Fayerweather Street

Date: 4/28/21


Dear City of Cambridge Historical Commission:

My name is Elza Conant Wiesner and I live at

9 Ivy Street

I am writing to state my support for my neighbors, Keya and Tom Dannenbaum, in their proposed project at 204-206 Fayerweather Street, Cambridge, MA 02138. They have been communicative as their project has developed and responsive to questions and concerns from neighbors. We believe they will be respectful stewards of this community going forward.

Sincerely,



*I fully support your design of
your new home!*

Elza

Case D-1570, 204-206 Fayerweather Street

Date: 4-19-21

Dear City of Cambridge Historical Commission:

My name is Elaine McCarthy / Paul True and I live at
196 Fayerweather St.

I am writing to state my support for my neighbors, Keya and Tom Dannenbaum, in their proposed project at 204-206 Fayerweather Street, Cambridge, MA 02138. They have been communicative as their project has developed and responsive to questions and concerns from neighbors. We believe they will be respectful stewards of this community going forward.

Sincerely,

Elaine McCarthy Paul True

Case D-1570, 204-206 Fayerweather Street

Date: 4/13/21

Dear City of Cambridge Historical Commission:

My name is Tien-yi Lee + David Miller and I live at

4 Ivy Street, Cambridge.

I am writing to state my support for my neighbors, Keya and Tom Dannenbaum, in their proposed project at 204-206 Fayerweather Street, Cambridge, MA 02138. They have been communicative as their project has developed and responsive to questions and concerns from neighbors. We believe they will be respectful stewards of this community going forward.

Sincerely,

Tien-yi Lee + David Miller

Case D-1570, 204-206 Fayerweather Street

Date: 4/13/21


Dear City of Cambridge Historical Commission:


My name is KAREN SUTIN + GREG KOYTIGER and I live at


197 FAYERWEATHER STREET #1

I am writing to state my support for my neighbors, Keya and Tom Dannenbaum, in their proposed project at 204-206 Fayerweather Street, Cambridge, MA 02138. They have been communicative as their project has developed and responsive to questions and concerns from neighbors. We believe they will be respectful stewards of this community going forward.

Sincerely,


(KAREN SUTIN)




(GREG KOYTIGER)

Case D-1570, 204-206 Fayerweather Street

Date: 4/29/21

Dear City of Cambridge Historical Commission:

My name is Elizabeth Edmunds + Michael Haroz and I live at
186 Fayerweather St.

I am writing to state my support for my neighbors, Keya and Tom Dannenbaum, in their proposed project at 204-206 Fayerweather Street, Cambridge, MA 02138. They have been communicative as their project has developed and responsive to questions and concerns from neighbors. We believe they will be respectful stewards of this community going forward.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Edmunds and Michael Haroz
186 Fayerweather St.

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12 Ivy Street
Cambridge, MA 02138
April 29, 2021

City of Cambridge Historical Commission
831 Massachusetts Ave., 2nd Floor
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear City of Cambridge Historical Commission:

RE: Case D-1570, 204-206 Fayerweather Street

Our names are Chris and Marija Featherman, and we live at 12 Ivy Street in Cambridge. We are writing to state that our neighbors, Keya and Tom Dannenbaum, have communicated with us about their proposed project at 204-206 Fayerweather Street, Cambridge, MA, 02138. They have informed us of their plans, and we appreciate their offer to remain in communication about their project should we have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Chris Featherman



Marija Featherman

Liza Kennedy and Carsten Boers
121 Raymond Street
Cambridge, MA 02140

March 21, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to express our support for Keya and Tom Dannenbaum's home reconstruction project at 206 Fayerweather Street.

We are long-time Cambridge residents and care deeply about the well-being of this neighborhood. Liza grew up nearby and attended high school here in Cambridge; her mother has lived here since 2000. We returned here as a married couple in 2012 and we are raising our two children here. We currently live across the street from Raymond Park and Carsten is one of the leaders of the Friends of Raymond Park (FORP), a fundraising and event committee for social, sporting, caretaking and other events in the park. Both of our daughters are enrolled in Cambridge Public Schools (Tobin Montessori, 197 Vassal Lane).

We have been close friends with Keya and Tom since they moved to Cambridge almost four years ago and our oldest children were in school together. They are wonderful! We've enjoyed the births of our younger daughters in the community and frequently pass hand-me-downs between the families. We are so happy they are planning to live here long-term. We have found them to be fun, conscientious, and thoughtful members of the community. They enjoy what the city has to offer in terms of our local parks and playgrounds, they are devoted users of public transit and pedestrian/cycling means of transportation, and they make it a point to keep up with local city news and developments.

They have shared their plans for the property at 206 Fayerweather street, and we have noticed how they have incorporated their environmentalism into the design. Their criteria was to be sensitive to the character of the neighborhood and the streetscape, choosing exteriors with natural materials, muted colors and a shape that matches the gabled-roof homes on their block. They are committed to making environmentally friendly choices, like a roof design to maximize solar panel placement and choosing to maximize bike parking and storage (as opposed to car parking). And they have made design choices to support their plans to be in Cambridge for the long-term, such as a separate bedroom/bathroom for their aging parents, who visit for long stretches of time and may one day come to live here permanently.

We are so happy that in their move from Alpine Street to Fayerweather Street, Keya and Tom will be moving a little bit closer to us! But more than that, we are very glad that our piece of West Cambridge will benefit from their neighborly and community-oriented

presence for many years to come. We look forward to our children growing up as neighbors and returning home to see us and each other throughout their adult lives.

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature on the left is a cursive 'L' followed by a long horizontal stroke. The second signature on the right is a more complex cursive signature.

Liza Kennedy and Carsten Boers
121 Raymond Street

Mariana Castro and Alfredo Guerrero
65 Reservoir St.
Cambridge, MA 02138

March 15, 2021

Dear Cambridge Zoning Authority,

We are homeowners at 65 Reservoir Street in Huron Village in West Cambridge. We have been in Cambridge for 3 years and have two children, 5 years old and 18-months old, who are exactly the same ages as (and great friends of) Keya and Tom Dannenbaum's children. It is in support of their project at 204 Fayerweather Street that we are writing today.

We know how much Keya and Tom, and their children, love this neighborhood. They have been thinking for some time about moving into a home that can better accommodate the fact that their mothers – both of whom live quite far away (in Texas and in England) – are spending increasing amounts of time with them. They looked in many neighborhoods and could never come to grips with moving very far from where they currently live, with its immediate adjacency to Danehy Park, Fresh Pond and the Concord Ave local businesses they love so much. They were so thrilled to find this opportunity at Fayerweather Street which will allow them to stay right here, and we are so happy too as we get to keep them in the neighborhood.

We also know how much care to foster harmony and cultivate good will Keya and Tom are taking in the course of developing a vision for this project. Just the other day we were taking a family walk to Danehy Park ourselves, and we ran into Keya and their youngest daughter Aavya headed towards Fayerweather Street with a stack of envelopes in hand. Given that current health conditions prevent a lot of in-person interaction, these were one in a series of communications they have been leaving with the neighbors – first a note of introduction, followed by initial sketches of the house plans and followed again by detailed drawings of the façade, height and site changes, sunlight change evaluations and more. They have asked for feedback and been responsive to questions. They clearly want to engage in a process by which everyone has a chance to be heard. They understand that far more than any aesthetic or structural choices about the house itself, this outreach is what will make all the difference to this being the home they want to stay in for the next forty years!

We have seen the plans ourselves and believe they will provide a thoughtful, beautiful, unobtrusive update to the street.

Taking all these factors into account, we today submit our strong support for their application.

Sincerely,
Mariana Castro and Alfredo Guerrero

Mariana Castro Alfredo Guerrero

Charlie and Patrice Liu
159 Chilton Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

March 15, 2021

Dear Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeals,

Our family has lived in Cambridge for 4 years and we have been homeowners at Chilton street for almost a year now. We are writing today in support of Keya and Tom Dannenbaum in their application before the Board regarding the project at 204-206 Fayerweather Street.

We got to know Keya and Tom because both our families are cargo-bicycle commuters, taking our children to and from their Cambridge schools on the front/back of our respective bicycles. Keya and Tom have been wonderful neighborhood guides to us – recommending their favorite nearby playgrounds (especially the all-natural playground at Kingsley Park at Fresh Pond) and guiding us from our part of the neighborhood to the Minuteman trailhead by Alewife Station.

One of the things that was most notable upon first meeting Keya and Tom was how they strive to live their values, in particular through their commitment to no-car living. They told us they opted to not have a car for the first several years of their time in Cambridge (only deciding to get one with the arrival of their second child), and how easy it was to navigate on foot, bike and public transportation, even with a small child in tow. We understand that they have decided not to utilize the existing garage space at 204-206 Fayerweather for cars, deciding instead using it partially for bike storage and partially as office space. We don't know how many people would make that choice, but it does not surprise us coming from them!

In addition, Keya and Tom have impressed us with their commitment to staying close to neighborhood developments. For example, when their youngest child was just 6 weeks old, Keya told us how she attended community meetings (in the evenings, while still

nursing her new baby!) regarding the new universally-accessible playground at Danehy Park. She relayed to us how moved she was by the presentation she heard at one of those meetings and how inspired she was that this new development was coming to our community. When COVID hit, and city budgets and general timelines appeared likely to take a hit, Keya and Tom were in touch with city council, getting the latest on the construction status and keeping us informed with updates. Both our families were so happy to see ground break on the project late last year!

We have been so fortunate to get to know Keya, Tom, and their children in our time in West Cambridge so far. They are excellent members of this community, and we are so happy that they have long-term plans to remain in the neighborhood for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie and Patrice Liu". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charlie and Patrice Liu

Katie Charner-Laird
98 Alpine Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

March 10, 2021

Dear Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeals,

I am writing today in support of Keya and Tom Dannenbaum in their application before the Board.

I have lived at 98 Alpine Street with my family for 15 years, across the street from Keya and Tom since they moved in almost four years ago. They have been kind and conscientious neighbors. What I'd like to share with you today is a neighborly collaboration we've had with them for close to a year now.

We have had a Little Free Library in front of our house for 5 years— a little red house from which neighbors take and leave books for free. At the start of COVID, out of concerns of transmission, we shut down the book exchange. A few weeks later we saw a note left inside, from Keya. She had seen a news story of people around the country converting their Little Libraries into neighborhood help stations, and she wondered if we might be interested in collaborating with her and her four-year old son, Tej, to do the same with ours.

What has transpired since has really blown us away. Our Little Library is now the "Alpine Street Pantry". For a while Keya and her son Tej were the primary suppliers of dry goods and non-perishables. We were honestly surprised (though perhaps should not have been) to see how regularly the pantry items would turn over; our immediate neighbors really needed this help. Before long, we were also so heartened to see that other neighbors (strangers, people we didn't know) had caught on, and were helping to add supplies. Now, every day, foodstuffs are taken and foodstuffs are replaced. It's a remarkable, self-sustaining ecosystem of need-meets-generosity.

I'm including with this letter a few photos Keya shared with me of her son preparing the pantry last summer and, several months later, continuing to do occasional restocking (in the photo, with his visiting grandmother). I am also including a note of thanks we received in the pantry late last year (along with a rough translation). I feel deeply moved each time I read it.

Keya, Tom and their family are wonderful neighbors who are committed to service, kindness, generosity, and improving the lives of those closest to them. We hope they remain members of this community for a long time to come.

Sincerely,

Katie Charner-Laird



Hola:

Ustedes no saben quien Soy, es decir no me conocen pero quiero darle las gracias por la comida que pusieron en mi manos...

Ese día no tenía nada que cocinar salí a caminar para ver que podía hacer para comer me encontré esa pequeña casita y la abrí, cogí pasta ^{"macaroni"} y sauce, ~~apple~~ lettuce Apple sauce and black beans.

Gracias! muchas gracias! soy diabetica y desahilitada. sufro de depresion... Gracias por dejarme saber ~~que~~ que no estoy sola "que siempre abra una luz al final del tunel".

Se leer english pero no lo sé escribir, perdoname!

(Translation)

Hello:

You all don't know who I am, which is to say that you don't know me, but I want to give you thanks for the food that you have put in my house.

This day, I didn't have anything to eat. I went out for a walk to see what I could do to eat when I found your little house. I opened it and got pasta ("macaroni") and sauce, apple sauce and black beans.

Thank you! Thank you so much! I am diabetic and disabled. I suffer depression. Thank you for helping me know I am not alone. "That there will always be a light at the end of the tunnel."

(I know how to read English but not how to write it, forgive me!)