

**Minor Work Approval and Other Requests Report  
Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission  
October 5, 2022**

The following Minor Work applications have been reviewed and approved by Commission staff from August 18, 2022, to September 13, 2022.

1. **COA2022-069**  
**Volz House/Barn**  
**916 South Main Street, Winston-Salem**  
**Local Historic Landmark #14**  
**Old Salm Historic District #96**  
**Request: Installation of electrical panel and connection to the barn**

*Forsyth County Design Review Standards for Local Historic Landmarks: Standards 7-8 of the Utilities and Energy Retrofit section and Standard 8 of the Site Features and Plantings section and Old Salem Historic District Guide to the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Process and Design Review Standards: Standards 1, 5, and 9 of the Accessory Features section and Standard 8 of the Public Rights-of-Way section*

The applicant proposes to trench a line from an existing electrical transformer about 35' from the northwest corner of the barn through the driveway to the west side of the barn at a depth of 24". The trenching location and depth are within fill that was added in approximately 1970. It is many feet above the original surface, and there will be no adverse impact to archaeological resources. The powerline and conduit will be inserted into a 3" hole in the foundation wall to a service panel and meter mounted on a 4'x4' piece of plywood attached to the inside of the foundation wall of the barn. The foundation wall is not original to the barn. The new panel is not highly visible from any public right-of-way. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the Landmark and District and is in keeping with the character of the Landmark and District.

2. **COA2022-079**  
**Union Station**  
**300 South Marin Luther King Jr. Drive, Winston-Salem**  
**Local Historic Landmark #105**  
**Request: Interior upfit for the second floor**

*Forsyth County Design Review Standards for Local Historic Landmarks: Standards 1-3, 7-8 of the Building Interiors section*

The applicant proposes the upfit of the interior spaces on the entire second floor. The work includes updating the HVAC equipment, installation of two new doors for accessibility reasons, and switching the hinge locations of a couple doors. Modern cubicles will be installed along with other furniture that can be easily removed and will not have an impact on the historic fabric. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the Landmark and is in keeping with the character of the Landmark.

3. **COA2022-081**  
**House**  
**409 Summit Street, Winston-Salem**  
**West End Historic Overlay District #103**  
**Noncontributing**  
**Request: Replacement of the roof shingles**

*West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Standards: Standard 1 of the Noncontributing Structures section and Standards 1 and 3 of the Roofs section*

The House is a noncontributing building constructed during the period of significance that has lost integrity through alteration. The applicant proposes to replace the deteriorated asphalt roof shingles with new architectural asphalt roof shingles. The roof form and dormers will not be altered. The new roof shingles are compatible with the special character of the building. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the West End and is in keeping with the character of the West End.

4. **COA2022-082**  
**House**  
**409 Summit Street, Winston-Salem**  
**West End Historic Overlay District #103**  
**Noncontributing**  
**Request: Replacement of the entry door awning**

*West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Standards:* Standard 1 of the *Noncontributing Structures* section and Standard 14 of the *Windows and Doors* section

The House is a noncontributing building constructed during the period of significance that has lost integrity through alteration. The original two-story front porch has been enclosed with brick and glass block at the ground floor and siding and triple casement windows at the second floor. A deteriorated dome-shaped awning is located over the modern, glass entry door. The applicant proposes to install a standing-seam, black powder-coated, steel awning. The modern style of the awning is consistent with the altered character of the street façade while the standing seam references a roof type found in the West End. The awning is congruous with the character of the building, and its attachment will not damage historic materials. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the West End and is in keeping with the character of the West End.

5. **COA2022-083**  
**Lawrence-Snavely House**  
**1092 West Fourth Street, Winston-Salem**  
**West End Historic Overlay District #355**  
**Contributing**  
**Request: Replacement of the porte cochere stoop and driveway repairs**

*West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Standards:* Standard 4 of the *Entrances, Porches, Enclosures, and Balconies* section and Standards 1-2 and 6 of the *Driveways and Parking Areas* section

The existing ca. 1970s brick stoop at the porte cochere is a single step, and it is taller than what is allowed by Code. The applicant proposes to remove the stoop, install a concrete footing, and construct a new stoop with two brick steps of standard height that will comply with Code. The new stoop will be compatible with the special character of the building. The applicant also proposes to take up the sunken brick driveway; pour a solid base; and relay the bricks in a basketweave pattern to match the existing driveway. New materials will match the existing. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the West End and is in keeping with the character of the West End.

6. **COA2022-084**  
**Salem Tavern**  
**800 South Main Street, Winston-Salem**  
**Local Historic landmark #48**  
**Old Salem Historic District**  
**Request: Installation of vapor barrier in the basement floor**

*Forsyth County Design Review Standards for Local Historic Landmarks:* Standards 1, 2, and 4 of the *Building Interiors* section

The applicant proposes to remove a 2" to 3" layer of the dirt floor in the basement of the Tavern and install a 4-6 mil moisture vapor barrier. The dirt will be returned to cover the vapor barrier, hiding it from view.

Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the Landmark and is in keeping with the character of the Landmark.

**7. COA2022-088**

**House**

**409 Summit Street, Winston-Salem**

**West End Historic Overlay District #103**

**Noncontributing**

**Request: Replacement of windows in the enclosed front porches**

*West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Standards:* Standard 1 of the *Noncontributing Structures* section and Standard 5 of the *Windows and Doors* section

The House is a noncontributing building constructed during the period of significance that has lost integrity through alteration. The original two-story front porch has been enclosed with brick and glass block at the ground floor and siding, triple casement windows, and one-over-one windows at the second floor. On the ground floor, the applicant proposes to replace four glass block windows with four sets of paired one-over-one windows with wooden mullions. At the second floor, the applicant proposes to replace four sets of paired one-over-one windows on the side facades in kind. At the second floor of the street façade, the applicant proposes to reconfigure the five triple casement windows by closing the center opening, decreasing the size of the other four openings, and installing four sets of paired one-over-one windows. The new sections of wall will be clad with siding to match the existing. The windows installed will be wooden clad units with screens. The original windows that remain in the main body of the house are one-over-one. The replacement of casement and glass block windows with one-over-one windows will make the building more congruous with the special character of the West End. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the West End and is in keeping with the character of the West End.

**8. COA2022-090**

**Wooded area adjacent to the 1754 Village, Bethabara**

**Bethabara Historic District**

**Request: Removal of dead and dying Ash trees**

*Bethabara Historic District Guide to the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Process and Design Review Standards:* Standard 4 of the *Trees and Landscape Features* section

The applicant proposes to remove dead and dying Ash trees from the wooded area adjacent to the 1754 Village. These trees have been infested with the Emerald Ash borer. The City's Urban Forester and staff reviewed the trees in June 2021 and on September 8, 2022, and below are the comments from the Urban Forester's report.

*I submitted a report on these trees back in June of 2021. The plan will be to remove the dead trees in the wood line which are close enough to fall into the street or areas frequented by staff and visitors. For us to access, there is a pile of wood chips which will need to be moved by park staff. In addition, a section of stacked fence which will need to be removed to facilitate access with our equipment. We will leave the resulting debris in the wooded areas to decay and biodegrade naturally. There is no need to replant as nature will have its own succession plan. A significant period of dry weather will be required to gain access to this area if the desire is to minimize turf damage. In addition to these trees, there is a dying Ash tree near the corner of Bethania Station and Bethabara Rd. which we will remove as well. It is infested with Emerald Ash borer and in need of removal as a public hazard. I see no need to replace the dying Ash tree.*

Report from June of 2021:

*I am sending you this missive to inform you that I was asked by staff to remove some dead Ash trees at Historic Bethabara Park. I made a site visit to assess the scope and nature of the work and found about 20 trees that we should remove in the interest of public safety. There are more than that which are dead, but they are far enough back into the woods that they should not be an issue. Tree mortality here can be attributed to the activity of the Emerald Ash borer. Their larval activity destroys the vascular system of the tree, rendering it incapable of conducting biological processes essential for life. I am suggesting we remove*

*approximately ten trees in the wood line of the park at the community garden and about the same number along the Greenway. We will only address the trees along the Greenway which we can maintain our minimum safe approach distances from powerlines. Any others may require Duke Energy assistance. We will most likely not be able to clean up all of the debris since it is in a wooded area. It may also be necessary to remove some stacked fencing at the rear of the property to gain access to the trees. Park staff would need to remove and replace any fencing.*

Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the District and is in keeping with the character of the District.

**9. COA2022-091**

**Area adjacent to the palisade and across from the Visitor's Center, Bethabara  
Bethabara Historic District**

**Request: Removal of a dead Red Maple tree**

*Bethabara Historic District Guide to the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Process and Design Review Standards: Standard 4 of the Trees and Landscape Features section*

The applicant proposes to remove dead Red Maple tree from the area adjacent to the palisade and across from the Visitor's Center. The City's Urban Forester and staff reviewed the tree on September 8, 2022, and below are the comments from the Urban Forester's report.

*The tree in question is a 28.5" dbh Red maple (Acer rubrum) tree located in front of the palisade directly across from the Welcome Center. The tree in question is in a rapid state of decline. Eighty percent of the crown has quickly perished over the summer months. The dead, brown leaves can be seen hanging in the canopy and decay fungus is prevalent on the palisade side of the tree. Large diameter limbs have recently fallen from the tree. Given the proximity to Bethabara Rd. and the historic fort, this tree should be removed as a potential hazard to pedestrians, motorists and historic property. Further complicating the issue is the upcoming Apple Festival held at the park. This tree should be removed prior to this event given the immediate area will be subjected to heavy pedestrian traffic from visitors as well as vendors. .... the Red Maple should be replanted with a suitable species. I would recommend a Blackgum (Nyssa sylvatica). It is native, and an important tree as forage for any number of songbirds and small mammals. Its fall color is unparalleled, and it will thrive in this location. However, if they wish to continue with the current species, we could replant another Maple.*

Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the District and is in keeping with the character of the District.

**10. COA2022-092**

**Right-of-way on the northwest corner of Academy and South Main Streets, Winston-Salem  
Old Salem Historic District**

**Request: Removal of a dying and hazardous Maple tree**

*Old Salem Historic District Guide to the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Process and Design Review Standards: Standard 4 of the Significant Landscape Features section*

The applicant proposes to remove a dying and hazardous Maple tree at the corner of Academy and South Main Streets. The City's Urban Forester and staff reviewed the tree on September 8, 2022, and below are the comments from the Urban Forester's report.

*A mature Red Maple is in decline at this location. Wood boring insects, which destroy the vascular system of the tree, hindering vital biological processes essential for life, have infested the tree. They typically attack weakened systems which do not have the energy reserves to thwart their activities. This tree had considerable work done in its root zone when sidewalk repairs were made which most likely weakened the tree leaving it vulnerable to borer infestation. I recommend the removal of this tree as a potential hazard. I recommend replacement with a canopy tree such as a Blackgum, Hackberry or Sugar Maple.*

Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the District and is in keeping with the character of the District

**11. COA2022-093**

**Right-of-way in front of 916 South Main Street, Winston-Salem  
Old Salem Historic District  
Request: Removal of a dying Redbud tree**

*Old Salem Historic District Guide to the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Process and Design Review Standards: Standard 4 of the Significant Landscape Features section*

The applicant proposes to remove a dying Redbud tree in the right-of-way in front of 916 South Main Street. The City's Urban Forester and staff reviewed the tree on September 8, 2022, and below are the comments from the Urban Forester's report.

*There is a small, dying redbud in the City ROW at this location. Significant dieback is noted in the crown and decay fungus is evident on the trunk and primary limbs. We could easily replant another Redbud at this location.*

Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the District and is in keeping with the character of the District.

**12. COA2022-094**

**George C. Tutt House  
1017 West Fifth Street, Winston-Salem  
West End Historic Overlay District #184  
Contributing  
Request: Replacement of the asphalt shingle roof**

*West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Standards: Standard 1-3 of the Roofs section*

The applicant proposes to replace the deteriorated asphalt shingle roof with a new architectural asphalt shingle roof. Fascia boards will be repaired or replaced in-kind as needed. No character-defining roof features will be removed or altered. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the West End and is in keeping with the character of the West End.

**13. COA2022-095**

**Cedar Avenue adjacent to Fogle Flats, Winston-Salem  
Old Salem Historic District  
Request: Removal of a dangerous Willow Oak tree**

*Old Salem Historic District Guide to the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Process and Design Review Standards: Standard 4 of the Significant Landscape Features section*

The applicant proposes to remove a dying and hazardous Willow Oak tree at Cedar Avenue adjacent to Fogle Flats. The City's Urban Forester and staff reviewed the tree on September 8, 2022, and below are the comments from the Urban Forester's report.

*We assessed a 40.5" dbh Willow oak at the rear of the property along Cedar Alley. The crown showed significant dieback with large diameter limbs dying throughout the crown. This type of dieback often indicates a significant issue with the root system. When assessing the root flare of the tree, it was evident this was the case. Open cavities and decay fungus were noted where the root flare meets the soil. Over one third of the buttress roots have been entirely decayed. These roots are the large order roots most responsible for anchorage and storage of energy. The absence of these roots means anchorage and tree vitality are greatly compromised. Sounding with a mallet in these areas produced the resonance synonymous with hollows and cavities. The fruiting bodies of Ganoderma lucidum, a troubling decay fungus, can be seen on the trunk and root flare. Given the proximity to the building and walkways, this tree is a definitive hazard and should be given priority for immediate removal.*

Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the District and is in keeping with the character of the District.