



Historic District Commission Meeting

Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Remote Participation Only

Agenda

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- 1. Acceptance of Minutes
 - A. Review and acceptance of minutes from the May 23, 2024, Historic District Commission meeting.
 - 2. Informational Meeting
 - A. Initial exploration of conceptual plans for reuse of an existing building in the Historic District.
Gerry Mazzeo, Resident/Realtor
 - 3. Agent Report

Historic District Commission Members

Harvey Steiner Chair	Linda Sternberg Vice Chair	Elizabeth K. Hayes Secretary
James Bensinger Member	Robert Bloomberg Member	Jae Hyoun Kim Member

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	WAT.196
Historic Name:	Tucker, Dea. John House
Common Name:	
Address:	72 Mount Auburn St
City/Town:	Watertown
Village/Neighborhood:	Watertown
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	c 1830
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Greek Revival
Use(s):	General Retail Store; Other Educational; Other Religious; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture; Commerce; Religion
Area(s):	WAT.M: Watertown Historic District
Designation(s):	Local Historic District (04/23/2002)
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Vinyl Siding; Wood



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Watertown

Address 72 Mount Auburn

Historic Name

Original dwelling

Present dwelling

Ownership: ☐ Private individual
☒ Private organization St. John's
Methodist Episcopal Church
☐ Public

Original owner Tucker Deacon

Draw map showing property's
location in relation to nearest
cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features

DESCRIPTION:

Date c.1830Source map of 1850; Baptist Church History.Style Greek Revival

Architect

Exterior wall fabric flushboard & clapboardOutbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 7,023 sq.ft.Setting Faces south on lot which slopes west.Set close to the street.Recorded by Architectural Preservation Assoc.Organization Dept. of Comm. Devel. & PlanningDate September 10, 1982

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

This 2-1/2 story, 3 bay house presents its gable end to the street was customary in Watertown. Eaves return fully to form a pediment in the gable. The central door surround is an architrave surround with corner blocks, a later Greek Revival practice. A one story verandah crosses the south facade and is supported on doric columns. The house is very simple in construction and ornament with one exception which is the use of flusboard on the south facade to suggest the stone of Greek temples.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

According to Maud deL. Hodges, the Baptists got their start in Watertown meeting in this house which was owned by Deacon Tucker. They began by teaching children first. Deacon John Tucker "was a Wheelwright and a strict teetotaler, who would do no work on a wagon which carried liquor". (p.95)

Years later, Jesse Wheeler's father and Delano March kept a store in this house.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1850 Map - J. Gould

Maude deL. Hodges, Crossroads on the Charles, Canaan, N.H., 1980

Rev. Rand, Historical Society Scrapbooks, Watertown Public Library

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
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Updated photograph shows alterations since 1982: vinyl siding, new window sash, and a new porch balustrade.



Multi-Family Residence (Alt)

72 Mount Auburn Street, Watertown

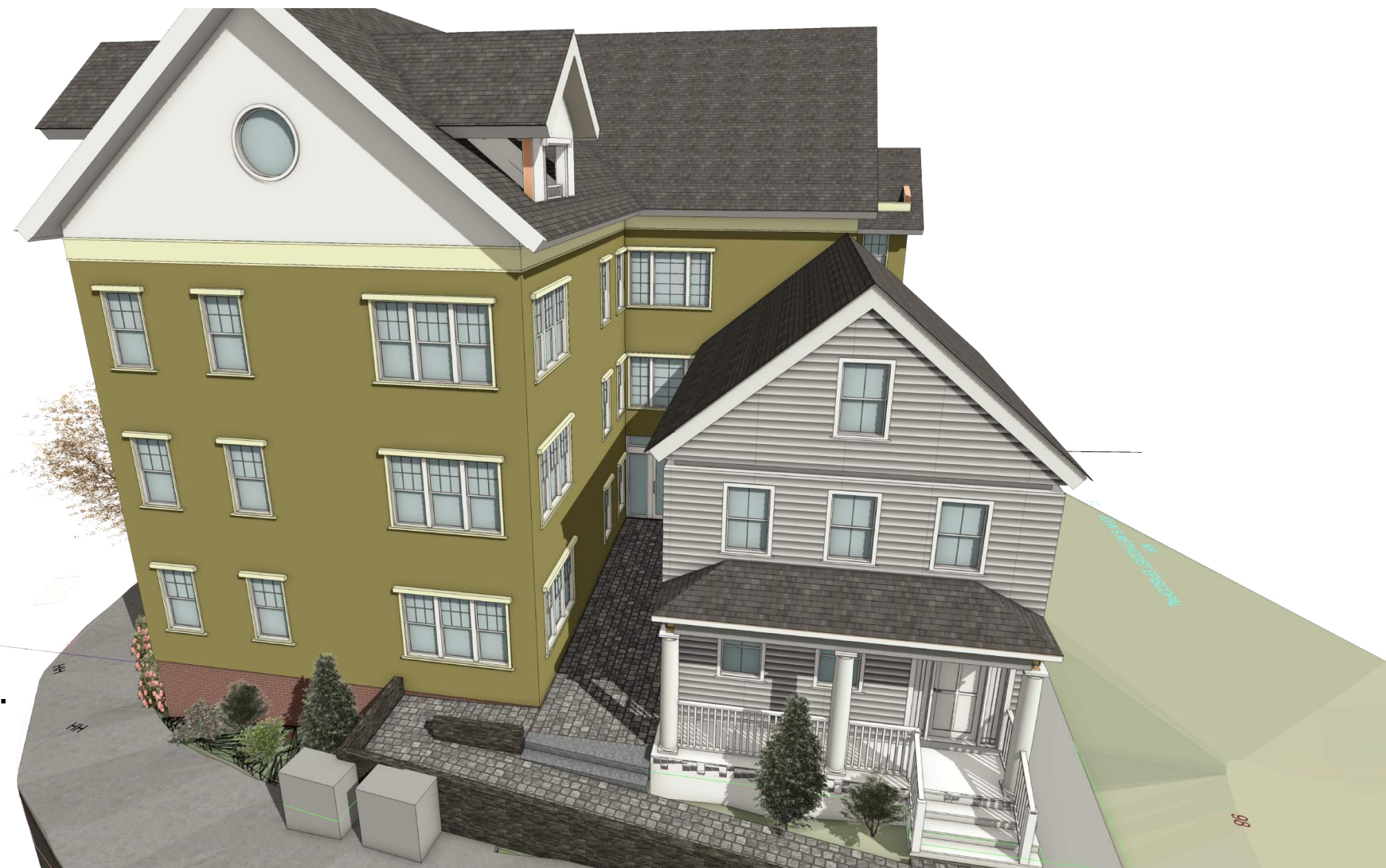
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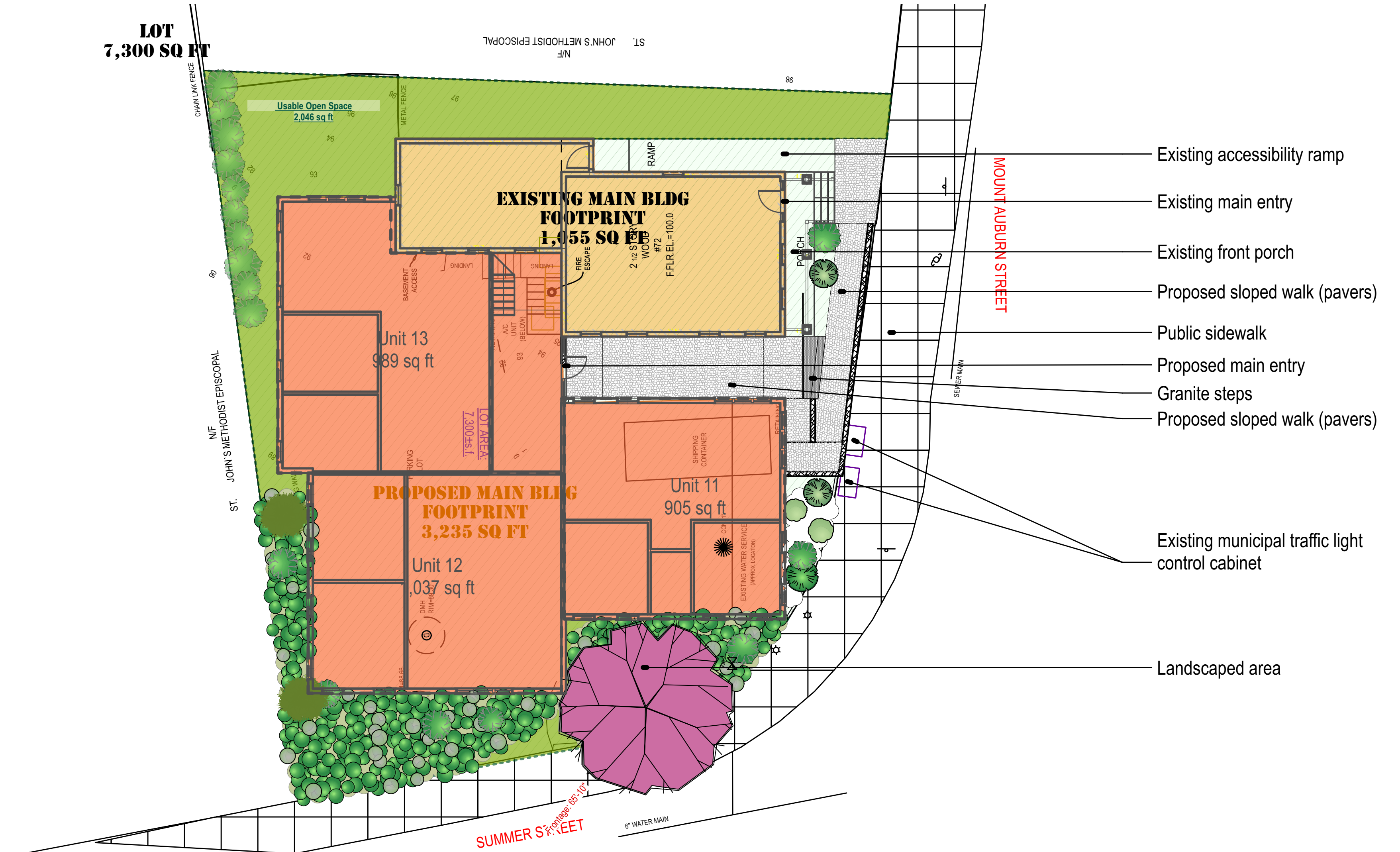
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Site Plan



Multi-Family Residence
72 Mount Auburn Street
Watertown, Massachusetts

East Elevation



Multi-Family Residence
72 Mount Auburn Street
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South Elevation



- Third Floor
▼ 120'-2"
- Second Floor
▼ 110'-4"
- First Floor
▼ 100'-6"
- Concrete foundation
- Garage vehicular entrance
- Basement
▼ 90'-0"

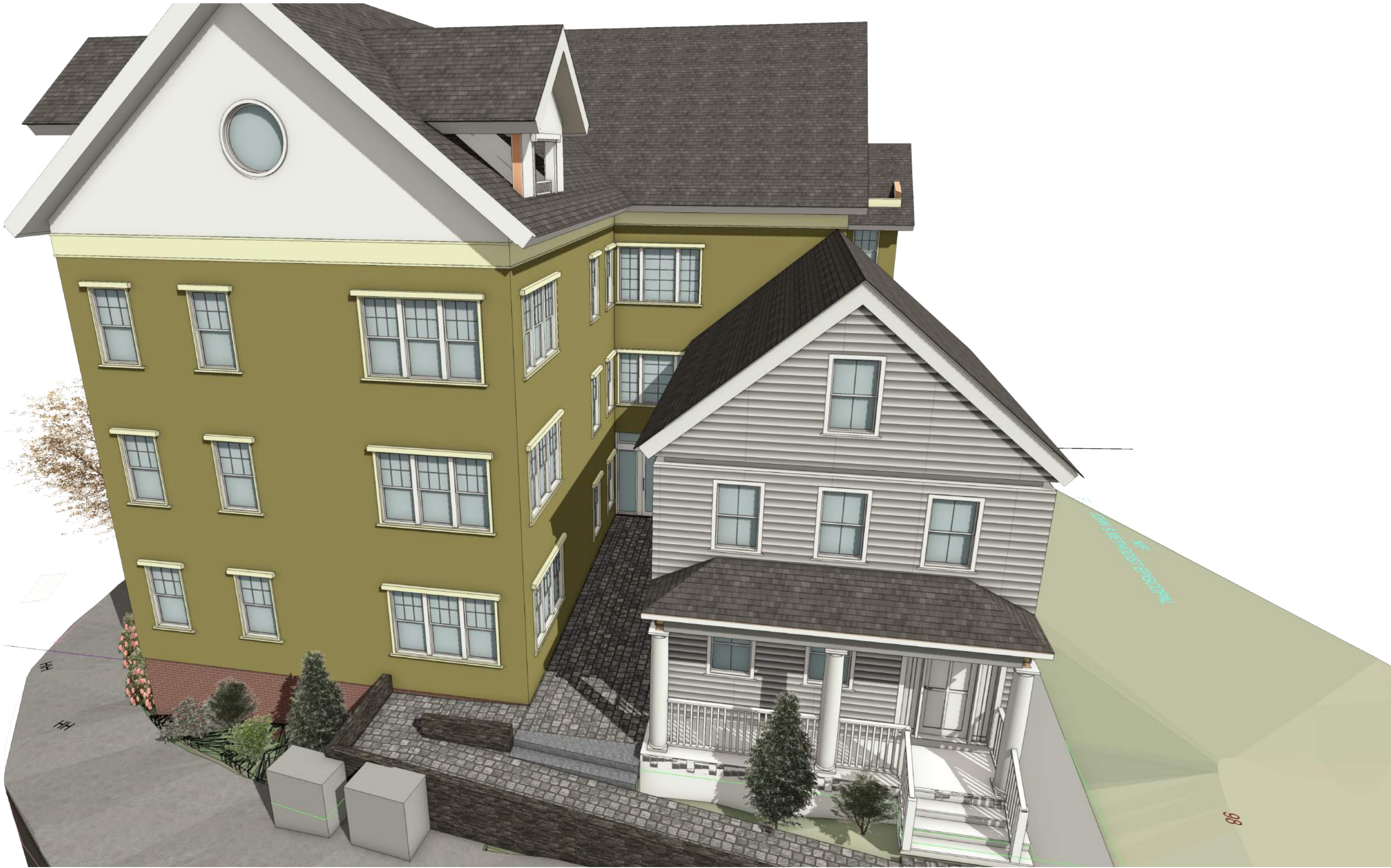
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East Elevation



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Bird's Eye View



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View from across Mount Auburn Street

