

## **The Annex Glen Echo, Maryland**

### **History and Description of the Project**

This small frame building was constructed in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century to serve as a church in the small town of Glen Echo, Maryland. The Baptist Church Annex, as it was later called, fell into disrepair in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century when it was no longer used for worship or other church functions. The current owners purchased the property in 2013 with the intention of making it their primary residence. Given the history of the town's development and the quirky manner in which the Annex occupied its small site, it was readily apparent that the existing building and its footprint needed to be preserved. Building a new structure that followed current zoning restrictions was not an option, for that would have reduced the footprint by half. More importantly, despite the building's previous state of disrepair, it maintained a simple and charming character that complemented the surrounding community. Therefore the new owners began the process of converting the Annex into their home.

The renovation work included repairing and restoring the wood frame, installing structural insulated panels over new trusses that mimicked the original trusses, installing new windows, doors, and exterior siding. The nave of the Annex was transformed into the main living, dining and kitchen spaces. The church offices on the balance of the first floor became the entry foyer, home office and family room. The lower level of the building with its oppressively low ceiling height originally served as Sunday school classrooms and a kitchen. That area was excavated, underpinned and improved with an abundance of natural light to create four bedrooms with bathrooms, laundry room and storage spaces.



Oblique View of Front Façade - Before and After



Great Room - Before and After



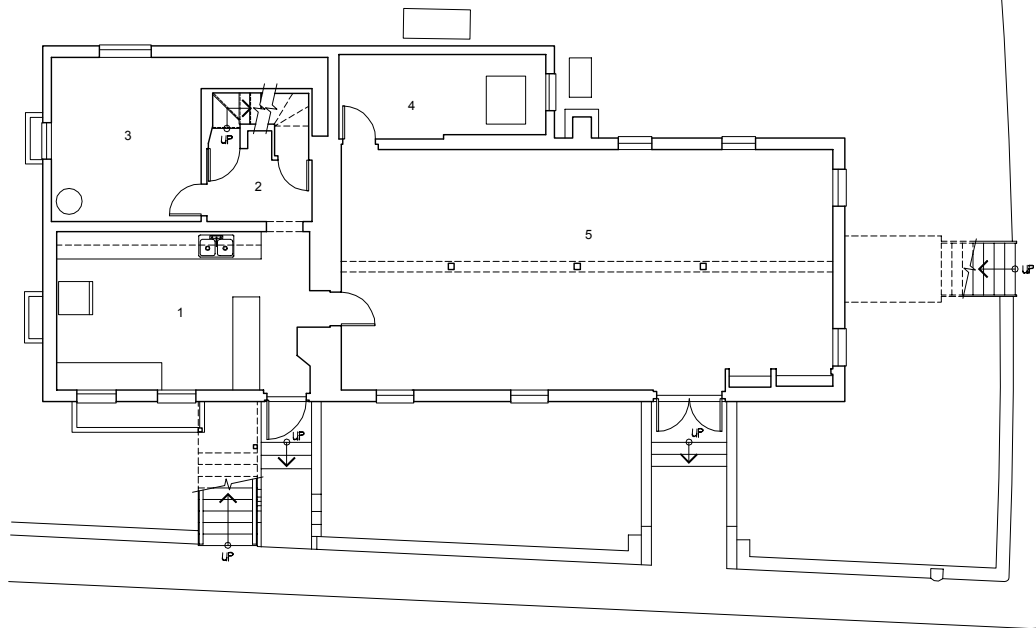
View of Kitchen from Great Room



View of Office

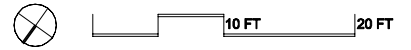


Foyer with Views into Family Room and Loft

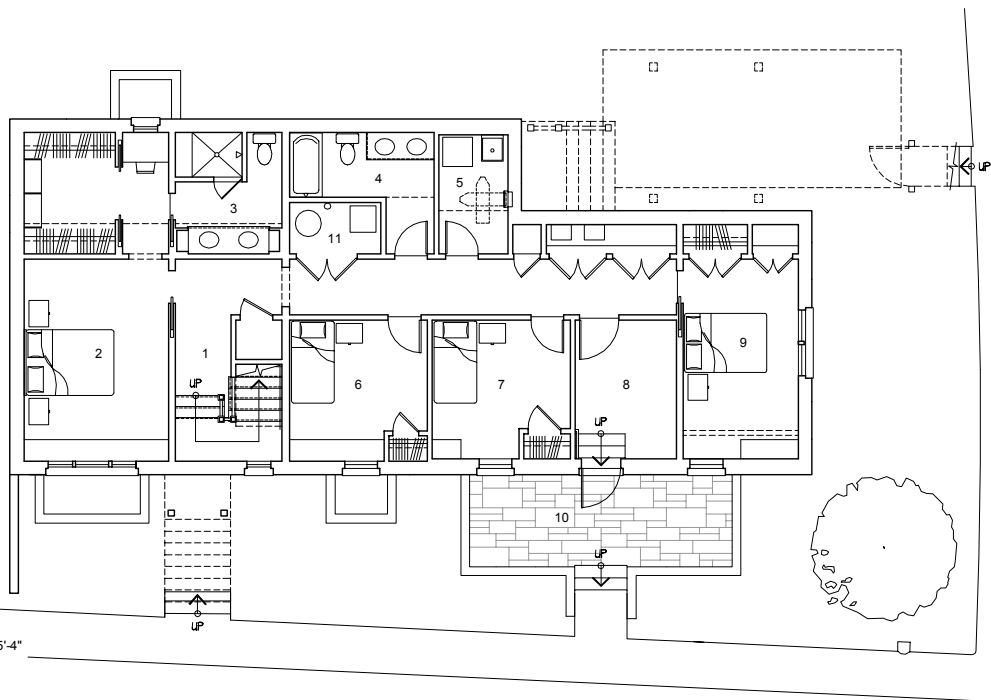


**KEY**

- 1 KITCHEN - 19'-3" x 12'-0"
- 2 HALL - 8'-0" x 5'-6"
- 3 STORAGE - 11'-4" x 12'-6"
- 4 STORAGE - 15'-9" x 6'-1"
- 5 MEETING ROOM - 37'-5" x 18'-3"

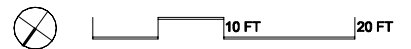


**LOWER LEVEL PLAN - BEFORE**

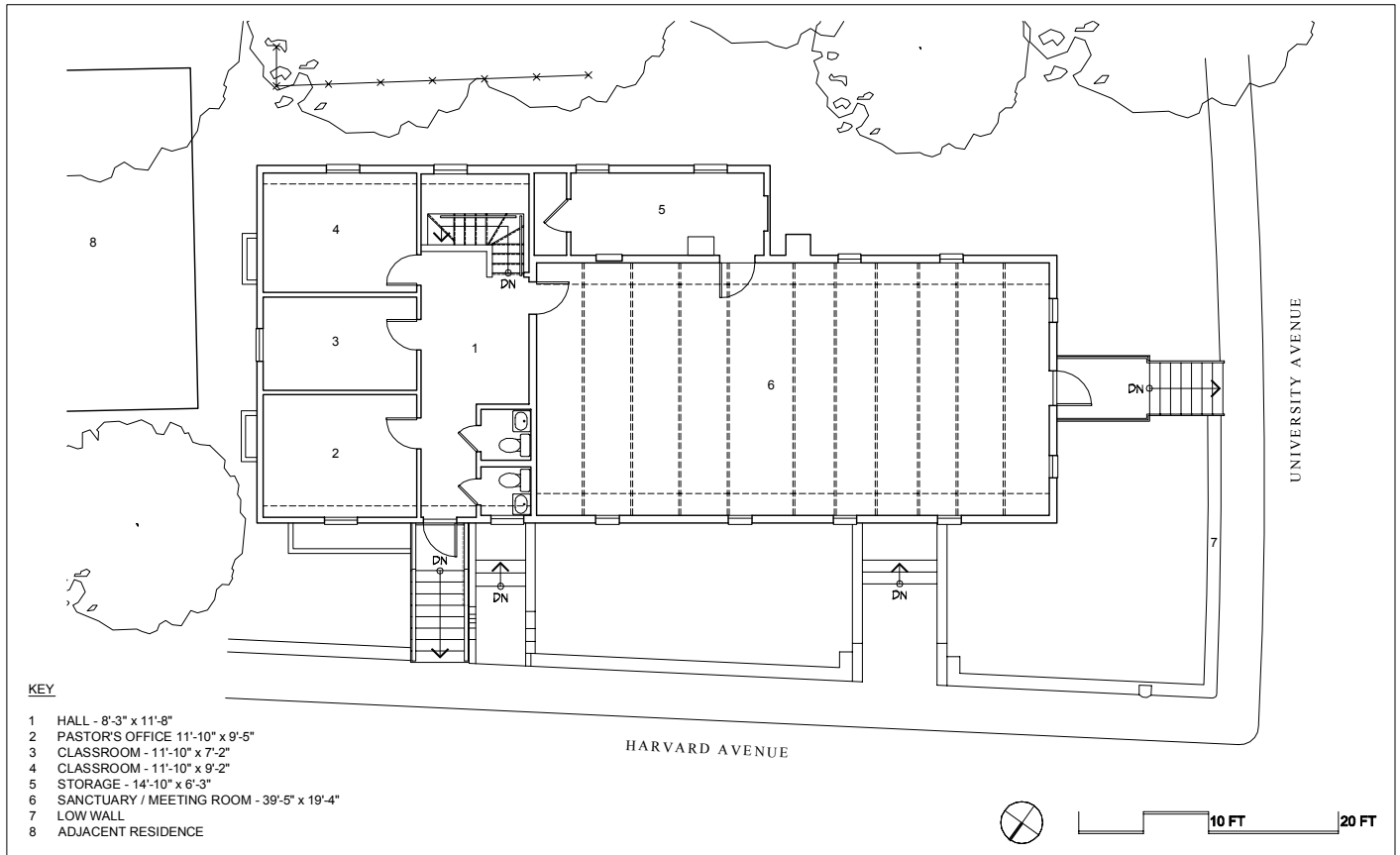


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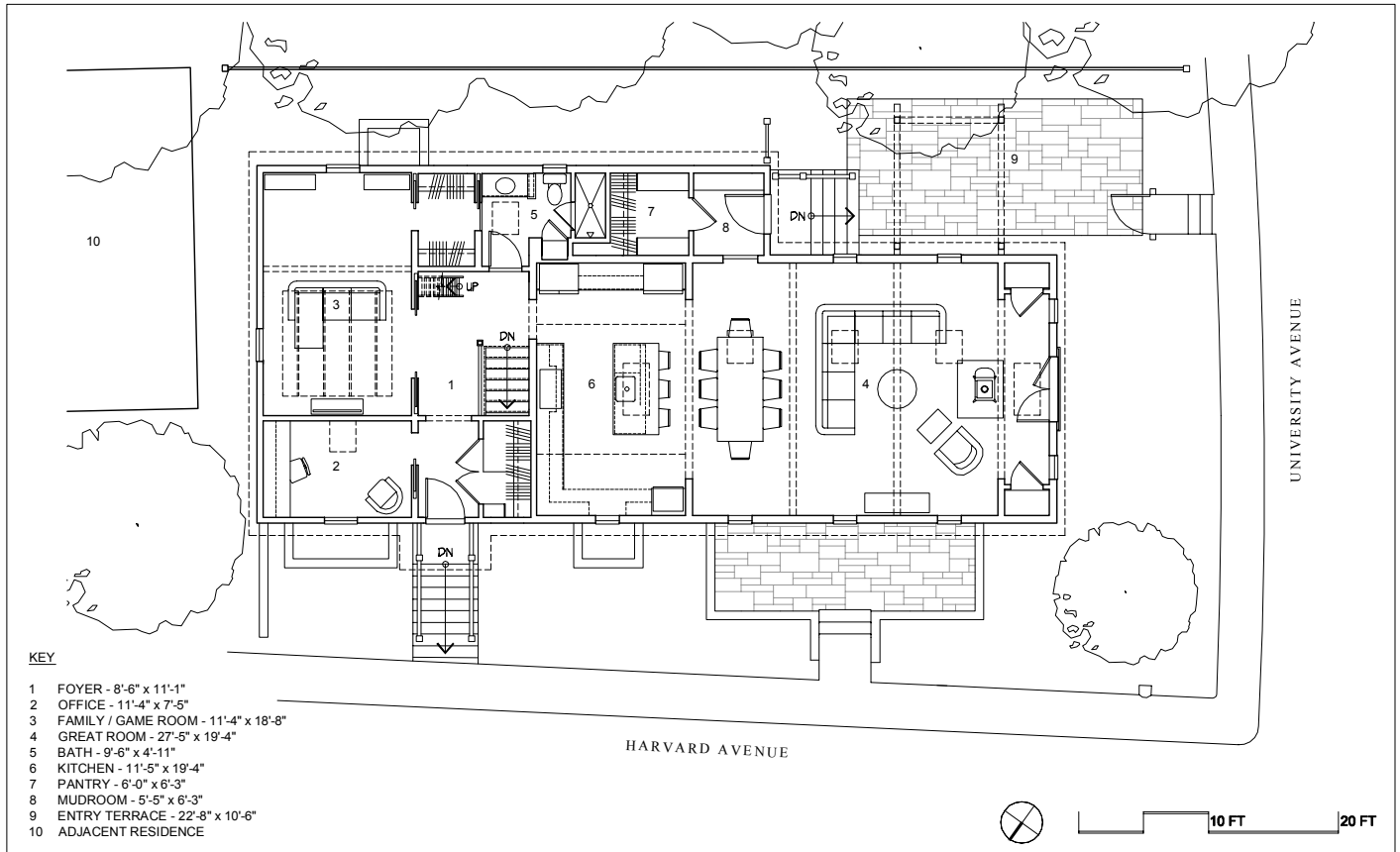
- 1 STAIR HALL - 8'-1" x 15'-4"
- 2 MASTER BEDROOM - 11'-0" x 15'-4"
- 3 MASTER BATH - 8'-1" x 9'-3"
- 4 HALL BATH - 11'-0" x 4'-11"
- 5 LAUNDRY - 5'-3" x 9'-1"
- 6 BEDROOM - 10'-6" x 10'-9"
- 7 BEDROOM - 10'-6" x 10'-7"
- 8 STORAGE - 7'-8" x 10'-7"
- 9 BEDROOM - 8'-9" x 15'-2"
- 10 TERRACE - 20'-0" x 7'-0"
- 11 UTILITY CLOSET



**LOWER LEVEL PLAN - AFTER**



FIRST FLOOR PLAN / SITE PLAN - BEFORE



FIRST FLOOR PLAN / SITE PLAN - AFTER



NORTH ELEVATION - BEFORE



NORTH ELEVATION - AFTER

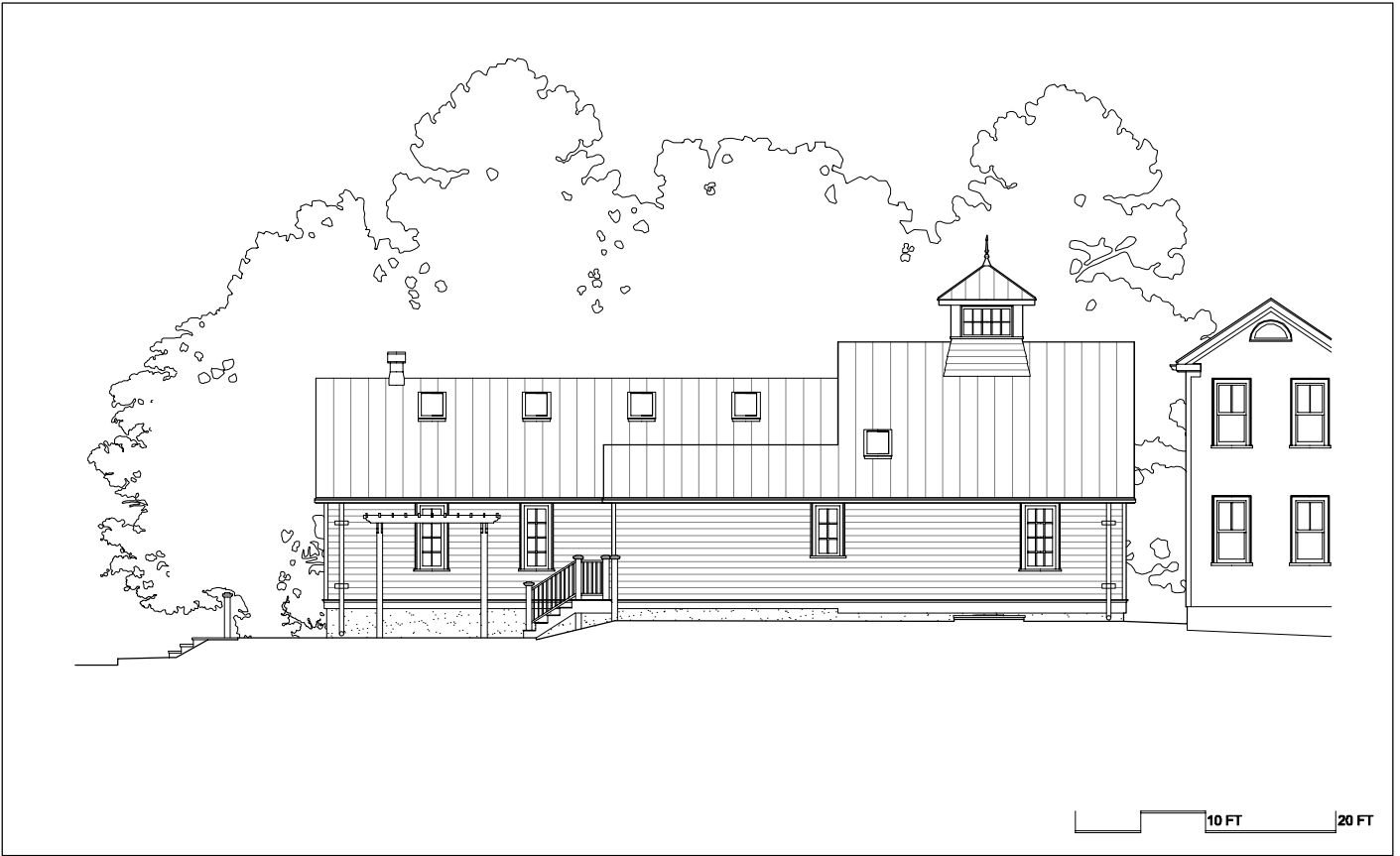




WEST ELEVATION - BEFORE



WEST ELEVATION - AFTER



SOUTH ELEVATION - AFTER



EAST ELEVATION - AFTER