



# BREWER'S ALLEY

## RENOVATION & ADDITION

FREDERICK, MARYLAND  
COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURE

### SITE

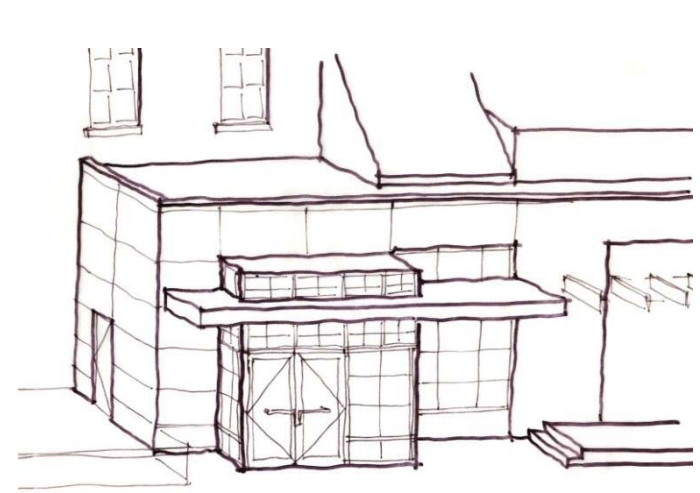
Brewer's Alley is lauded as Frederick Maryland's original brew pub. The building, which once served as a market place, an opera house, a movie theater and City Hall, is a contributing resource in the heart of Downtown Frederick. Currently used as a tavern, this multi-level 1873 building is a unique part of the historic district.

### PROGRAM

Responding to a growing customer base, the Brewer's Alley renovation and addition includes a phased renovation of the kitchen and main dining rooms. The addition embraces the historic façade introducing a new entrance to the restaurant, an indoor/outdoor dining room, the return of brewing operation to the site, and a roof terrace feature unique to Downtown Frederick.

### SOLUTION

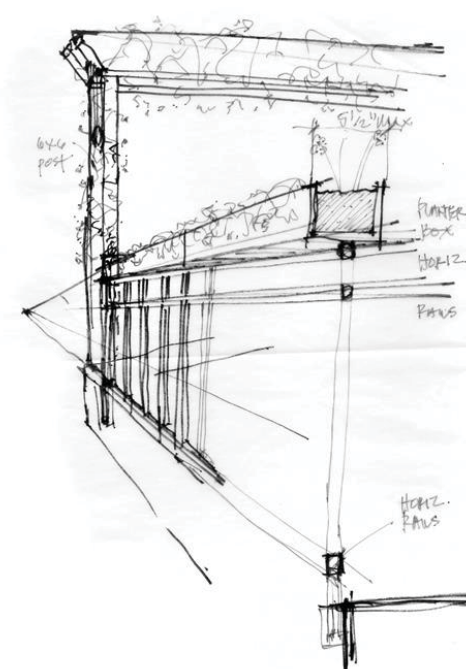
The addition revitalizes the remnant urban space that once served as a pedestrian shortcut, informal parking and a loading space to the building. Explicitly located to comply with site restrictions, the visual impact on the main Italianate façade is minimized along the busy Market Street.



## HISTORIC FREDERICK

During the first half of the 20th century, the building featured a series of additions off the rear. Later, in 1996 an addition was completed on a portion of the south side of the building to create the lobby for Brewer's Alley.

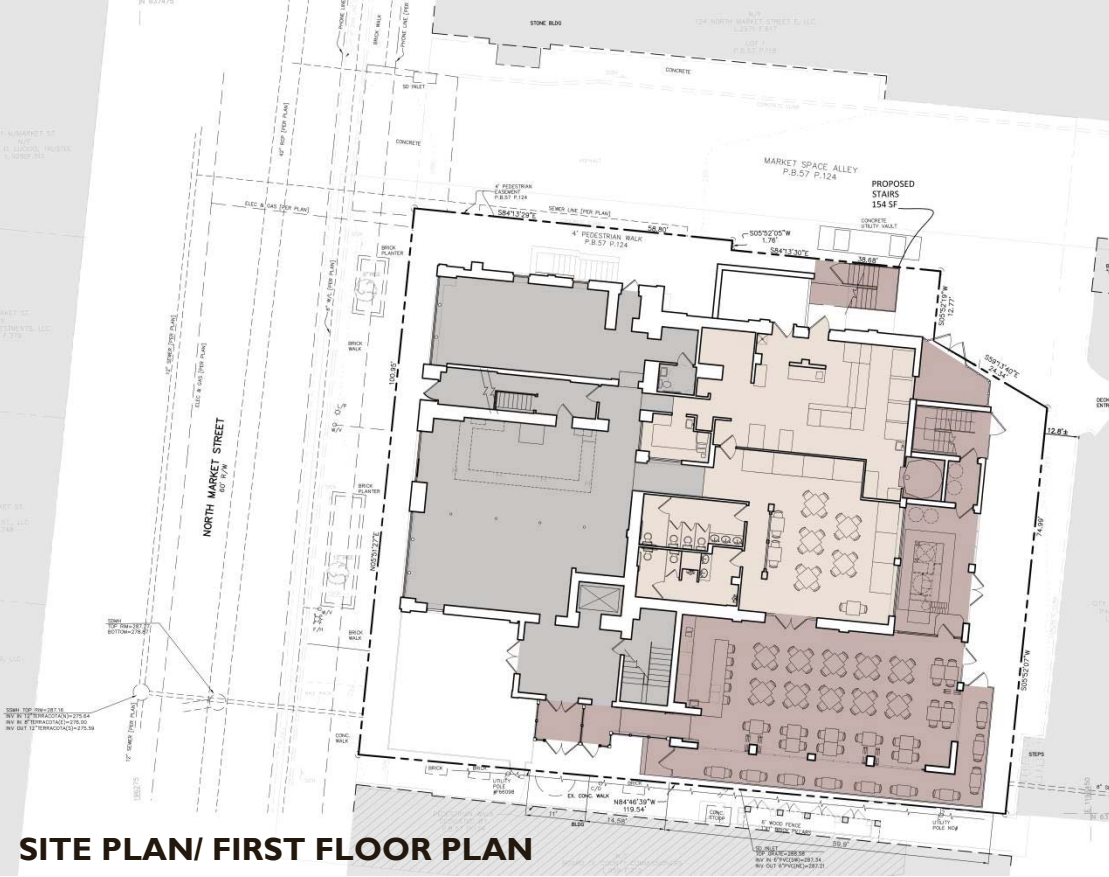
The Brewer's addition creates a dichotomy between the old and the new, defined by industrial materials that sensitively compliment the historic façade.



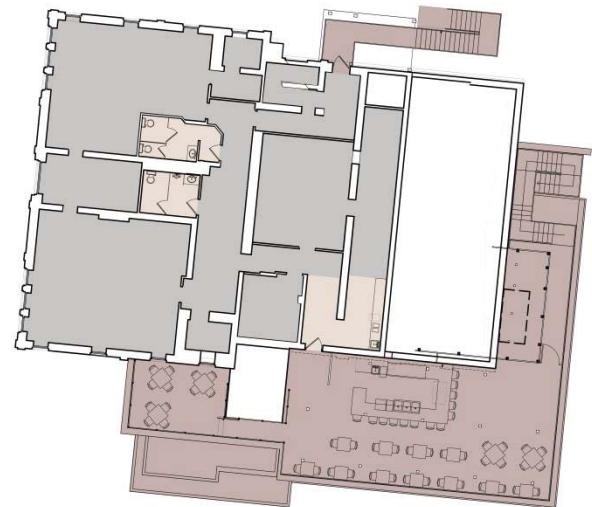
## TAKING BACK THE ALLEY

Observing the City's historic standards, windows were selected to have similar proportions and profiles to the existing openings, while still activating the narrow alleyway.

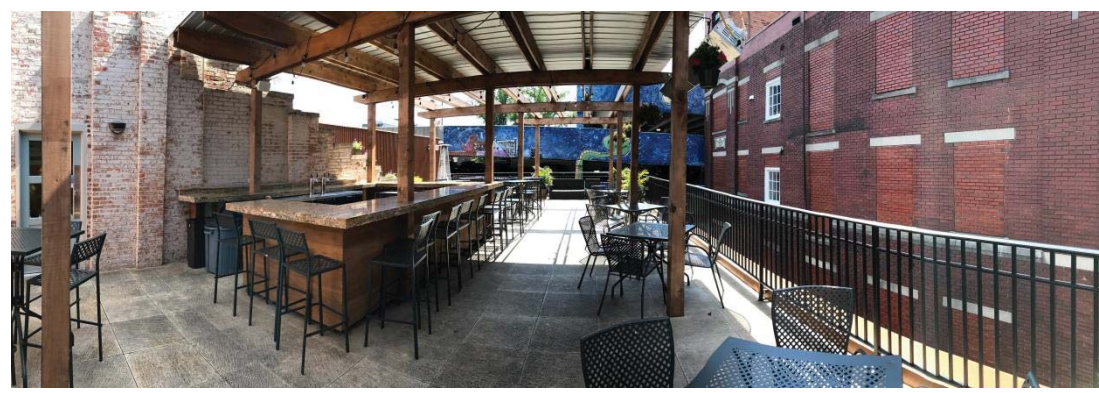
The addition incorporates tall operable doors integrating the indoors with the outdoors without being too modern. Above the new wooden structure, a roof terrace provides a unique relaxing outdoor destination for visitors and locals to dine and drink.



ADDITION   
 RENOVATION   
 EXISTING



**SECOND FLOOR PLAN**



**THE SITE**

Existing access and utility easements, zoning and building code setbacks, and historic site lines placed significant restrictions on the buildable area of the site.

Careful phasing efforts allowed for the constructability of the renovations and addition to reduce time the brew pub would need to be inoperable.



**SECTION/ ELEVATION**







