

Planned house exterior changes at 1244 34 St. NW, Square 1221, lot 0832

Hi, our names are Bradley Meyer and Deborah Cobb. We recently bought this property which was formally used as a house rental. The property will no longer be used as a rental house and as our primary residence we would like to make changes to the exterior. We believe the changes will enhance the exterior aesthetics while ensuring the changes blend well into the neighborhood by copying commonly found design elements used within the Georgetown neighborhood.

I have included the following documents with this application:

1. A detailed description and rendering of the proposed new fence.
2. Example images of the proposed changes.
3. The map of the location of the property.
4. Images of three permanent brick structures on the same block that are parallel to the current fence line that also occupy public space that are both east and west of the property
5. The existing site plans.
6. The proposed site plans.
7. The existing elevation.
8. The proposed elevation.
9. Five pictures of the current property.

Kind Regards,

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1. A detailed description and rendering of the proposed new fence.

We would like to change the current existing fence from a 4-foot wrought iron fence to a fence with a mix of majority wrought iron and elements of brick and mortar. The new fence would have three brick-and-mortar posts, each 5-feet 9-inches tall, one on either end of the fence, and one post in the middle approximately equidistant from either end. The new fence base will be 2-feet tall of brick and mortar, between the posts there will be 3-feet, 4-inch tall iron pickets equally spaced 4-inches apart which will rise to a height of 5-feet 4-inches. The proposed height of the posts at 5-feet 9-inches was chosen for sake of continuity as this is the height of the existing fence on the west side of the property. However, 90% of the new fence height will only be 5-feet 4-inches, or 16 inches greater than the existing fence. The width of the new wall at 8 inches will also be the same as the existing brick wall. We took care in choosing the combination of less brick (approximately 40% of the elevation area) mixed with a lighter majority of wrought iron pickets (approximately 60% of the elevation area) in order to not overwhelm the space with mass, thus still allowing for greater visibility than a solid brick wall. Because approximately 90% of the brick is below eye-level (being less than 2 feet in height) the change will have little impact visually from the street. We feel that the addition will however enhance the beauty of the neighborhood and blend well as this is a commonly found fence design in Georgetown. An example of a similar fence is found in image 1 below. The gate on the eastern side of the fence has been shifted west by approximately 4 feet to allow easy access to the city utility meters and for additional safety and privacy to the residence.

I want to emphasize that we are not expanding the existing space, rather we are simply replacing the wrought iron fence with a brick and wrought iron fence. While this space does consist of 42 inches of public space it does however run parallel to three existing brick structures on the same block that also lie on public space. Two off these structures are both of relatively similar height at approximately 5 feet 5 inches, so if viewed from N street looking east there will be no additional obstruction from this proposed fence. These structures are located at 1234 and 1238 34<sup>th</sup> St. and are shown under item 4.

The only dimensional change proposed will be the change in the fence height from 4 feet to a maximum of 5 feet 9 inches, with a majority of the height of the fence at 5 feet 4 inches, an increase of 16 inches. Visually the height will appear to change little as the current hedge height averages 5 feet. The foot print itself will not expand at all.

Detailed rendering on the new proposed fence

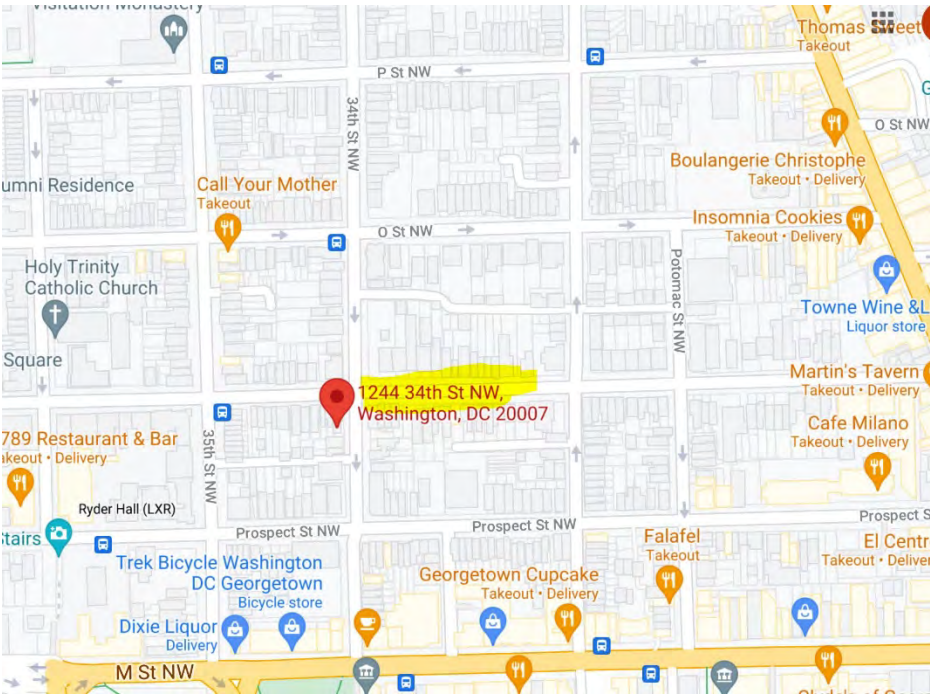


2. Example images of the proposed changes.

Image 1 – Brick and wrought iron fence example



3. The map of the location of the property.





4. Images of three permanent brick structures on the same block that are parallel to the current fence line that also occupy public space that are both east and west of the property

To allow for the reader to understand the height of each of these structures I have placed myself in the picture to give the reader a point of reference. I am 5’9” tall, as is the property of interest, 1244 34<sup>th</sup> St., thus all three properties are all of relatively similar height. Also, all three structures run parallel to the existing fence at 1244 34<sup>th</sup> St., all of which are on public space.

1244 34<sup>th</sup> St. NW



1238 34<sup>th</sup> St. NW

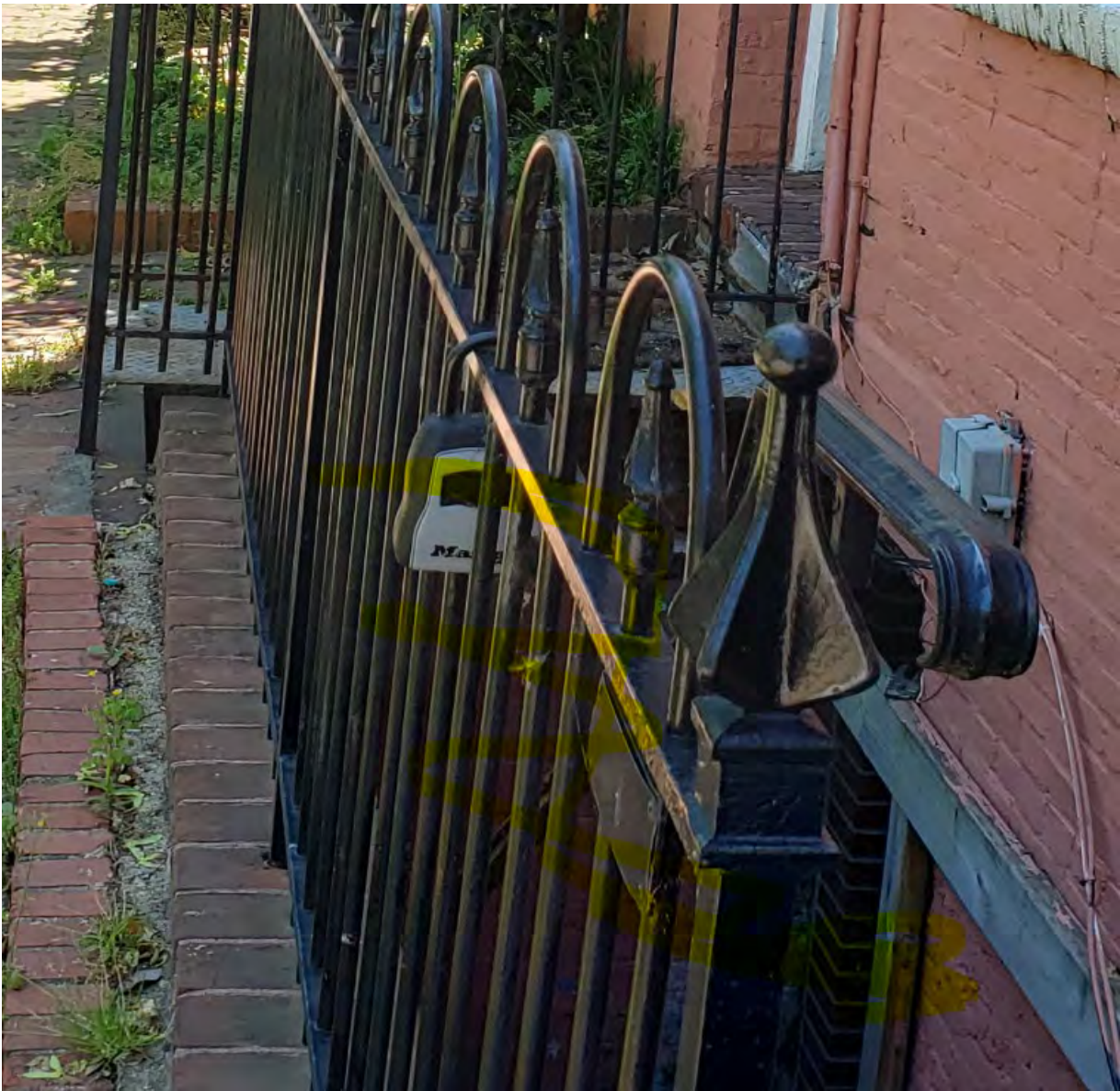


1234 34<sup>th</sup> St. NW





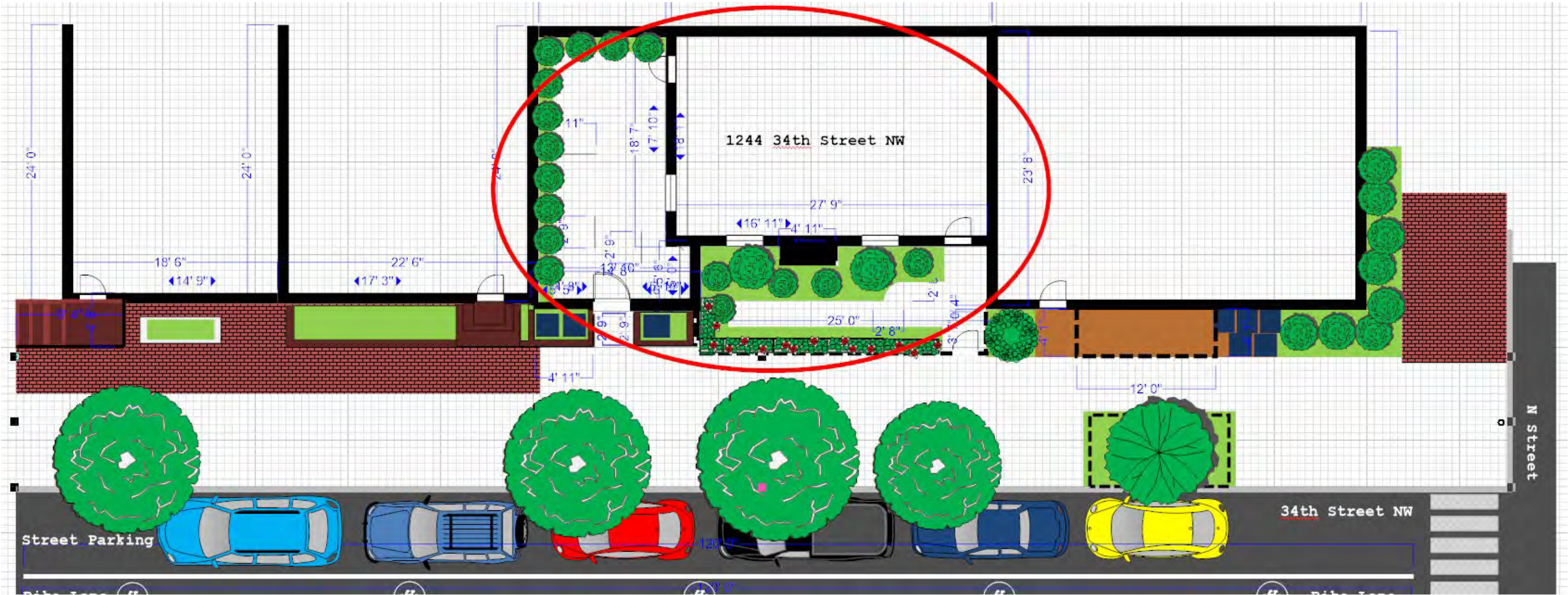
This is an image of a permanent brick basement stairwell on the directly adjacent eastern side of our property that is parallel to our current fence line and also occupies public space.





5. The existing site plans.

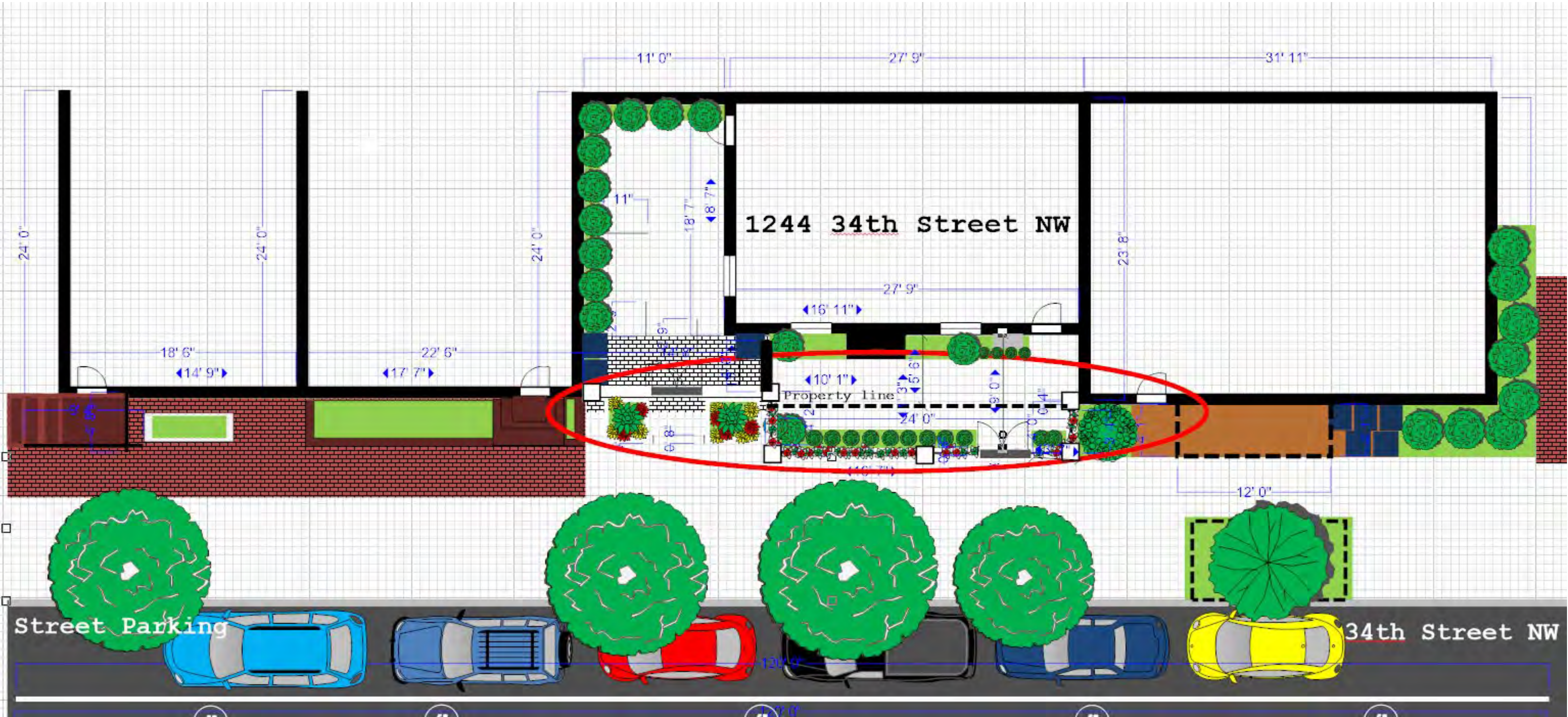
The property of interest is circled in red.





6. The proposed site plans.

The **only change** to the footprint will be the width of the fence will change from 1 inch by removing the existing wrought iron fence to 8 inches by replacing it with a red brick and wrought iron fence. The direction of the change is north, towards the house. The area to of the proposed changes is circled in red.





7. The existing elevation.

The property of interest has a red brick façade and a black wrought iron fence in the front of the property. The adjoining property to the east is also brick, painted a pinkish-peach color. The property on the west is wood and painted light grey.





8. The proposed elevation.

The property of interest has a red brick façade. The adjoining property to the east is also brick, painted a pinkish-peach color. The property on the west is wood and painted light grey. Again the only change it to replace the existing wrought iron fence with a brick and wrought iron fence.





9. Images of the current property (with the photographer facing north).

















