

Statement of Justification

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It is a privilege to have the opportunity to build a home in the Goose Creek Historic District of Loudoun County, Virginia. It is our intent to build a comfortable home to continue growing our family. The property is located on Trinity Church Road just south of Purcellville. The parcel is 7.5 acres and is located within our family subdivision. The neighbors to this lot are my grandmother, mother, one of my three sisters, and two new houses (one still in building phase). The land has been in my family for over 100 years and is recognized as one of Loudoun's Century Farms. My grandparents, Gordon and Sara Welsh ran a dairy farm for many years. Though my grandfather died 23 years ago, he lives on in all of us and on every part of this farm. My grandmother still lives in the original farmhouse that sits on Hughesville Road. I have deep roots in this county. I have never lived outside of this area in my 33 years of life. I feel honored to be able to continue the generations of our family who have lived on this farm. We have an eight year old daughter currently and hope to have more children. Our kids will be able to sled down the same hills, play in the same creeks, and walk the same footsteps as my grandfather, mother, and I have.

The house we propose to build is modest. With 2100 square feet there is just enough room for us to live comfortably. Some of the features include traditional dormer windows over the main block, simulated divided light on the front windows, a nice long front porch, daylight basement, and a side load garage. We will be using James Hardy cement siding with a 6" reveal on the exterior. The exposed concrete on the foundation will be a stucco finish for now and later we intend to use stones from the property for the veneer work. There will be a deck on the back built of pressure treated material (railings to be 2x2 balusters with 2x4 top and bottom rails). The front porch will be a poured structural concrete slab to be veneered with flagstone at a later date, posts to be 6x6 wrapped with 1x Azek , no rails required, porch ceiling to be a 1x6 beaded ceiling. There is a full masonry fireplace also with a stucco finish to be veneered later with natural stone.

We hope to have met the Historic District Guidelines and look forward to your comments. Thank you for your time and consideration of our project.