



1347 Maple View Place SE Washington DC

Located in the Anacostia Historic District, the house at 1347 Maple View Place SE is a great example of the Queen-Anne Style. It was built between 1887 and 1894 as part of 'Griswold's Addition' subdivision adjacent to Uniontown. Henry A. Griswold was a friend and associate of Frederick Douglass and President of the Anacostia & Potomac River Railway.



The property was acquired and saved by the Historical Properties Redevelopment Program of the L'Enfant Trust. It was a collaborative effort working closely with the architect, contractor, and structural engineer to restore the home to its former glory. The team faced a structure on the brink of collapse due to a decaying wood frame, sewage issues and an interior that had been mostly destroyed. The previous owner, a house flipper, had compromised the structure beyond its already blighted state by removing exterior and load bearing walls.



First task - stabilize the structure. Then, the architect carefully documented the many architectural features that remained - original reeded drop siding and decorative window dressings. Notable salvaged items include the only original window and its hardware at the front bay window and a louvered shutter at the side. The restorative process was a hand-in-hand effort between the architect, the contractor, and the Trust's development team including their in-house historic preservationist.



The original brick foundation received a thorough repointing and the original 6x6 sill plates were replaced. A new foundation at the rear of the house includes a veneer of salvaged brick found at the site. Composite shake roofing was used to replicate the original cedar shakes found under a deteriorated standing seam metal roof.



