



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

DIVISION OF PLANNING & PERMITTING

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Amanda Whitmore, Historic Preservation Planner
DATE: January 19, 2023
RE: Updates to the Frederick County Design Guidelines

Issue:

Does the Historic Preservation Commission have additional comments or edits for the updates to the Frederick County Design Guidelines (Attachment 1)?

Background and Discussion:

During discussions on the draft Peace and Plenty Design Guidelines, suggestions to re-organize and clarify a few sections were provided by the Commission members. Those suggestions should be applied to the Frederick County Design Guidelines to provide some consistency. The suggestions from the Peace and Plenty Design Guidelines that should be applied to the Frederick County Design Guidelines are outlined below.

1. Change the title of Chapter 8 since it includes the word “Use” which does not seem to apply to the contents of the chapter. Staff proposed the HPC consider the following suggestions for the Peace and Plenty Design Guidelines, but additional deliberations are necessary at the February 1 meeting:
 - Change the title from *Considerations for Contemporary Use* to *Considerations for Contemporary Updates*; and/or
 - Move the alternative materials section A and add section A1. Alternative Materials for Historic Buildings to Chapter 4 *Changes to Building Exteriors* and add section A2. Alternative Materials for New Residential Buildings and A3. Alternative Materials for New Agricultural Buildings and Site Features to Chapter 6 *New Construction*. Section B Equipment and C Accessibility Improvements would remain in Chapter 7.
2. On page 94, the following revisions in bold to the left column, second paragraph should be made to be consistent with what is being proposed with the draft Peace and Plenty Design Guidelines:

Alternative materials for historic buildings considered for approval by the Commission should be visually, physically, and chemically compatible with the original material. The appearance of the alternative material should match the original in color, texture, size, shape, **pattern**, and profile to maintain the historic character of the building. The Commission will consider the location of the feature, the level of detail and significance of the feature to be replaced, **and the acceptability of the alternative material for federal and state tax credits**. The alternative material must be compatible with the original materials remaining on the building.

Changes to the Frederick County Design Guidelines will be open for comment through the month of February. The Commission will vote to adopt these proposed changes at their March 1, 2023 meeting.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Frederick County Design Guidelines