3. CASE 20.090, 36 CHARLESFIELD STREET, Robert Purkis House, ca1845 (COLLEGE HILL)

Robert Purkis House, 1845. Greek Revival; 2 ½ stories; clapboard; pedimented gable roof set end-to-street; paneled corner pilasters; 3-bay facade with off-center, pedimented, recessed entry flanked by pilasters. CONTRIBUTING



Arrow indicates 36 Charlesfield Street.



Arrow indicates project location, looking north.

Applicant/Architects: KITE Architects, One Central Street, Providence, RI 02907

Owner: Brown University, 295 Lloyd Avenue, Providence, RI 02906

Proposal: The scope of work proposed consists of Major & Minor Alterations and includes:

 The applicant is requesting the modification of the front steps to accommodate an ADA-accessible entrance. This is a conceptual review.

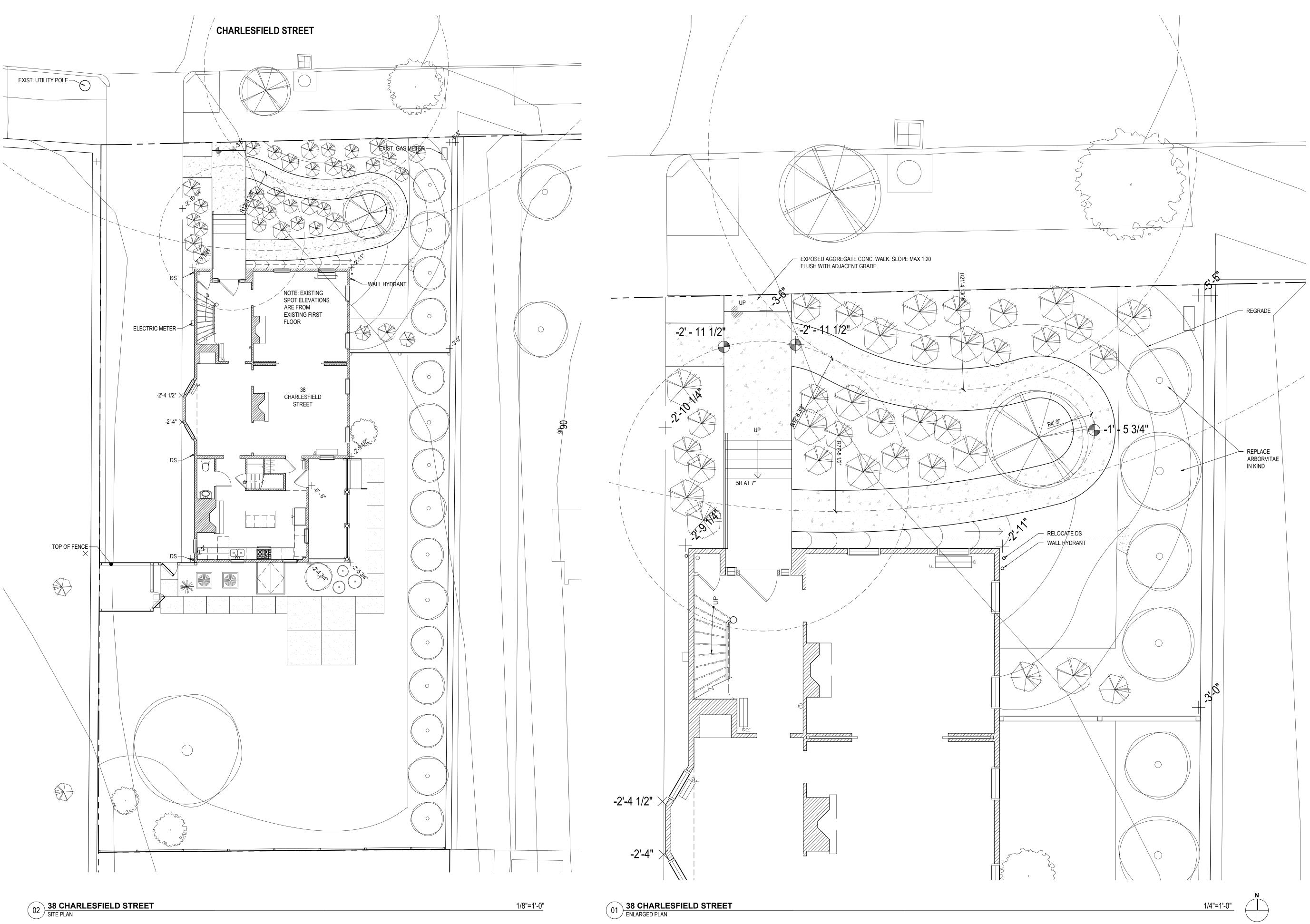
Issues: The following issues are relevant to this application:

- The intent of the project is to provide an accessible path to the front door of a residential building from the existing public sidewalk on Charlesfield street. The scope of work required to create an accessible path for this property includes the following: regrading and landscaping of the front yard North of the existing driveway, and the expansion of the front door landing to allow for a code compliant landing at the entry door; and,
- Photos and plans have been submitted.

Recommendations: The staff recommends the PHDC make the following findings of fact:

- a) 36 Charlesfield Street is a structure of structure of historical and architectural significance that contributes to the significance of the College Hill local historic district having been recognized as a contributing structure to the College Hill National Historic Landmarks District;
- The application for Minor & Major Alterations is considered complete for conceptual review; and,
- c) The work as proposed is in accord with PHDC Standards 8 & 9 as follows: the work will be done so that it does not destroy the historic character of the property or the district as the proposed alterations are appropriate having determined that no other feasible alternatives for ADA-access have been determined to be possible, the Commission grants approval of the proposal as submitted as the proposed alterations are appropriate having determined that the alterations are architecturally and historically sympathetic to the structure (8), are to accommodate ADA-access to the building, and whenever possible, new additions or alterations to structures shall be done in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the structure and the site would be unimpaired (9).

Staff recommends a motion be made stating that: The application is considered complete. 36 Charlesfield Street is a structure of structure of historical and architectural significance that contributes to the significance of the College Hill local historic district having been recognized as a contributing structure to the College Hill National Historic Landmarks District. As no other feasible alternatives for ADA-access have been determined to be possible, the Commission grants Conceptual Approval of the proposal as submitted as the proposed alterations are appropriate having determined that the alterations are architecturally and historically sympathetic to the structure (8), are to accommodate ADA-access to the building, and whenever possible, new additions or alterations to structures shall be done in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the structure and the site would be unimpaired (9), and the work will be done so that it does not destroy the historic character of the property or the district, with the applicant to return with further details for final approval.





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