

REICHHARDT-MURRAY RESIDENCE

717 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland

The original residence on this property was an early 20th century bungalow typical of the era and area within the renowned Eastport section of Annapolis. The limited space of the original home didn't serve the owners' current needs. In an effort to convert this modest house to a vacation home, which would eventually serve as their eventual retirement home, the new owners wanted to construct a major addition that would provide them with the additional accommodation that they required.

The house is located in a zoning district that requires design review and approval by both city planners and a neighborhood review board, in order to ensure that any new construction respects the history and character of Eastport. Halpern Architects was able to guide the project through the review process by preserving the majority of the existing building and creating new space in an addition which derived its character from the historic home and which was minimally visible from the street. This strategy also provided the owners with private living space looking into the rear garden.

One of the owners' primary requirements was that the house would function well as a weekend retreat for them while still accommodating the occasional large family gatherings. A first-floor master suite, combined with a second floor housing three bedrooms, a grandchild-friendly bunk room, and two baths, satisfies this requirement and allows the house to easily adjust to varying numbers of residents. Halpern Architects provided full architectural services that included schematic design, construction documents and construction supervision.

Client: William Reichhardt and Sharon Murray, Centerville, Virginia



Front façade facing onto Bay Ridge Avenue



Rear façade

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