

Background-Information Packet: Proposed National Park Service Approval of Workshop Building

The National Park Service (NPS) proposes a determination of No Adverse Effect to Historic Properties by --and thus approval of—a project planned and to be funded by the owner of a 60-acre farm in the Green Springs National Historic Landmark District, Louisa County, Virginia: a one-story, frame workshop, 18' in height; 36' in width; 24' in depth, and situated atop a concrete pad bordered, by footers/foundation, requiring a maximum excavation-depth of 18" across the same area.

The workshop would be clad in board-and-batten siding and an asphalt shingle roof, feature clerestory windows along the western roofline, and feature the colors black (roof), dark gray (siding), and light gray (foundation). An open shed would be attached to the south end of the workshop; the shed's roof, 12' high and clad in galvanized metal, would be supported by three 8" x 8" posts, each requiring an excavation depth of 18" by 10" square. A concrete stoop measuring 5' in width, 3' in depth, and requiring an excavation of 18" would be attached under the north end of the workshop—under a shelter-overhang of the same width and depth—and adjoin the north exterior door there.

The colors and siding- and roof-types are proposed by the owner to match those of the nearby house on the property. The house and existing farm buildings were constructed after NPS review and approval since 1993.

The NPS reviews the owners' plan (the review constituting the Federal undertaking) under the terms of a 1973, NPS-managed conservation easement. Stipulation 2 of the restrictions-section of the states that "farm buildings or structures" may be erected in a way that would, in the opinion of the Grantee (NPS) "be in keeping with the character of the Green Springs Historic District, and provided that the prior written approval of the Grantee to such action shall have been obtained." Stipulation 2 also states that the property owner may propose new structures "appropriately incidental to a single-family dwelling."

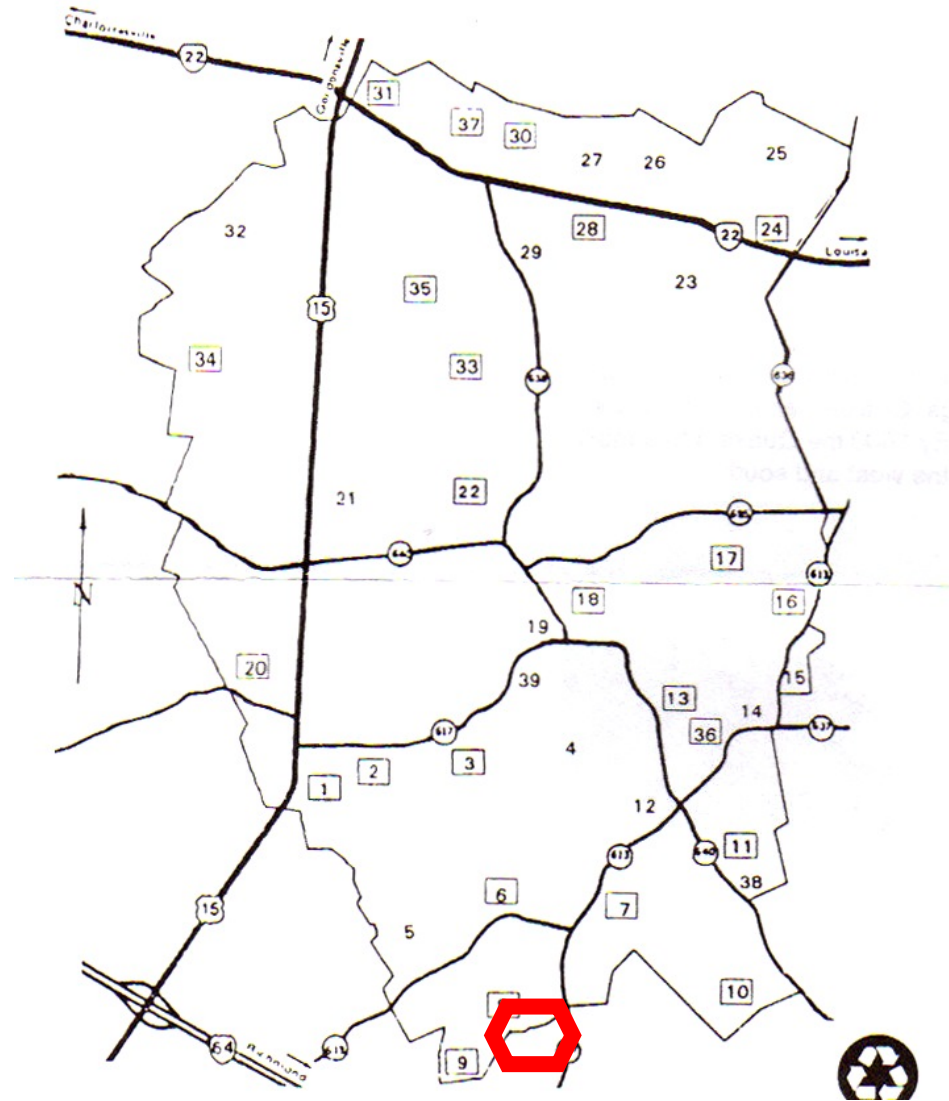
Mature woods bordering the proposed site of the workshop on all sides (and not including the selective tree-clearance referenced below) would render it invisible from the East View manor house (a property assigned "outstanding" Contributing-status to the Green Springs National Historic Landmark District by the National Register of Historic Places), from any other structure outside the boundaries of the 60-acre farm, and from the nearest public road. As noted above, all of the structures extant on the farm were erected during or after 1993, and not themselves on or eligible for the National Register, or contributing properties to the National Historic Landmark District.

Note on ground-disturbance and tree-clearing rights reserved to the owner: stipulation 7 of the conservation easement states that "trees may be cleared to provide additional agricultural land," a right reserved to the owner. Such selective clearing, for expanded pasturage and other agricultural purposes, has occurred recently on the farm. The proposed workshop-site occupies the edge of one such cleared area, and has been disturbed by an estimated 1 ½'-2' during tree-removal.

Note on east elevation of proposed workshop: no drawing of the east elevation was prepared by the owner, since that elevation will have no fenestration, and would be composed entirely of the board-and-batten siding present on the other elevations.

For the planned workshop building, the NPS proposes a determination of No Adverse Effect upon the Green Springs National Historic Landmark District and historic properties, and at the recommendation of its Section 106 advisers for architecture, historic landscape architecture, and archeology. The adviser for architecture notes that, "The architectural style of the proposed new construction is in keeping with the present buildings on-site. In addition, the proposed color and site location of the new building will assist in blending it with the surrounding context." The adviser for landscape architecture recommends, "The proposed new workshop structure will have No-Adverse effect on the above ground historic fabric, or intangible qualities of the Green Springs landscape that convey its significance as a National Historic Landmark District." The adviser for archeology comments: "Based on the impact of tree removal the potential for intact significant cultural resources is low. In the unlikely event that cultural materials are encountered during construction of the Workshop, please cease work and contact the appropriate NPS staff."

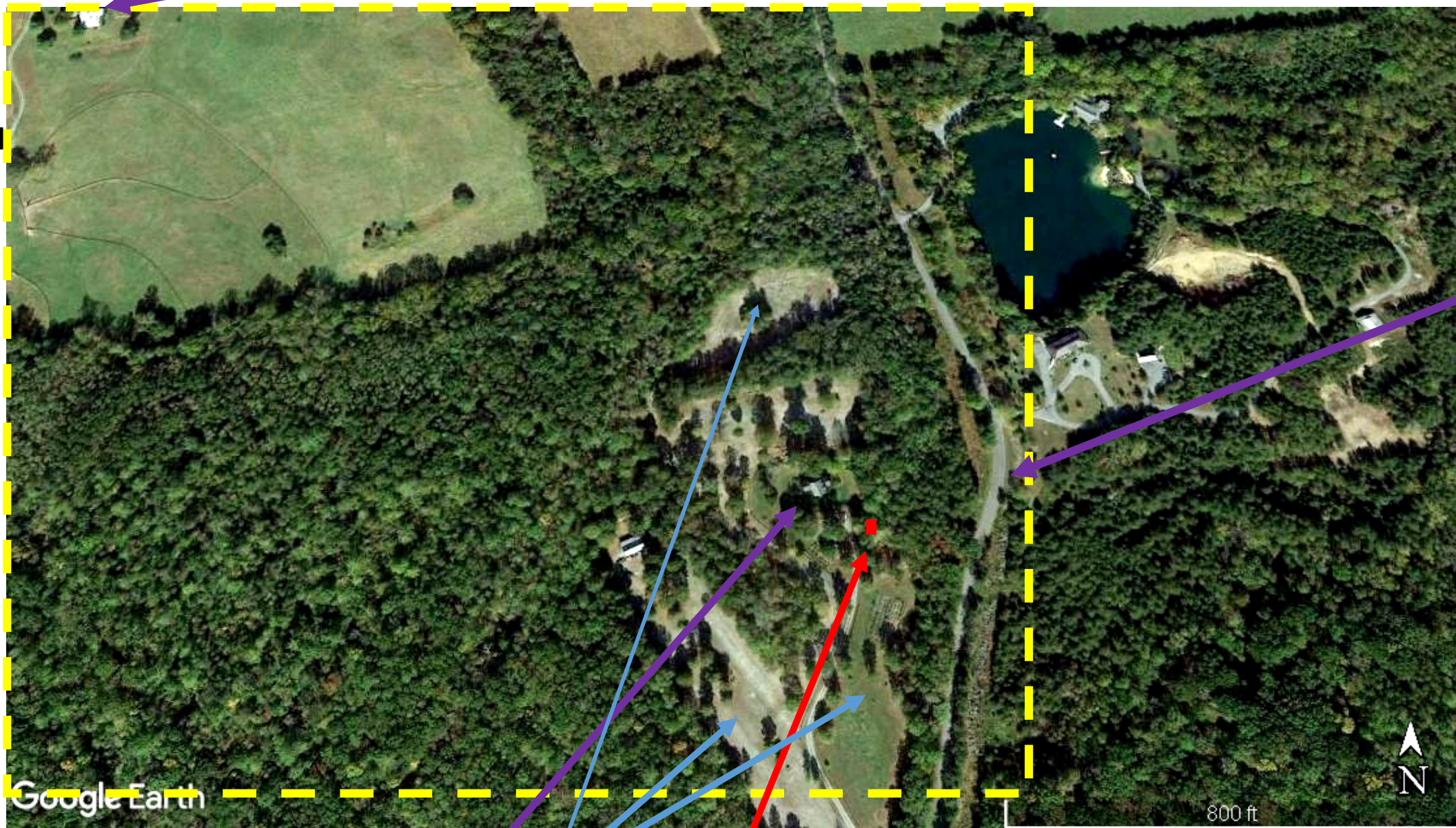
This review combines the steps, stipulated in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, of Initiation of Consultation; Identification of Historic Properties; and Assessment of Adverse Effects.



**General Property-Location in Relation
to Green Springs National Historic
Landmark District**

Site
Plan
(Area
Of
Potential
Effect
In
Yellow)

Eastern View Manor House (2,200' northwest of workshop)



Rt. 607
(180' east
of
workshop)

Google Earth

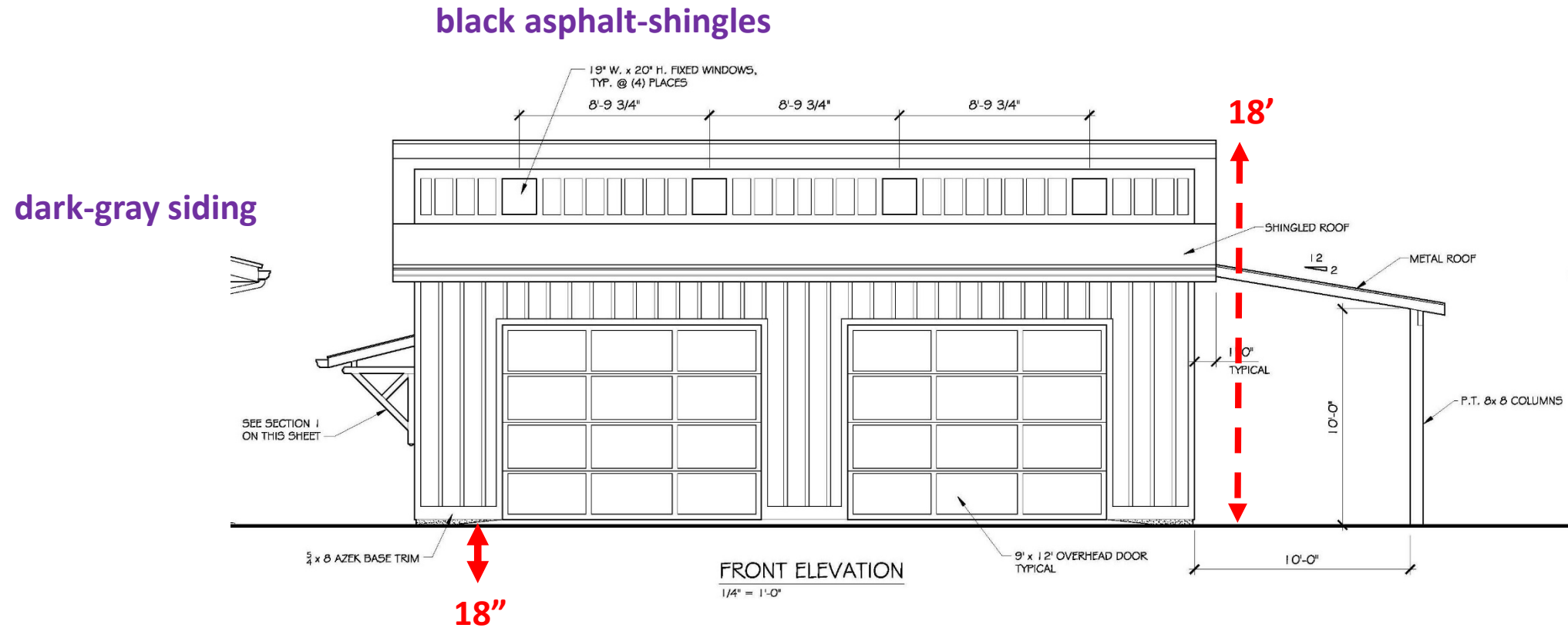
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1993/2003 house on 60-acre farm

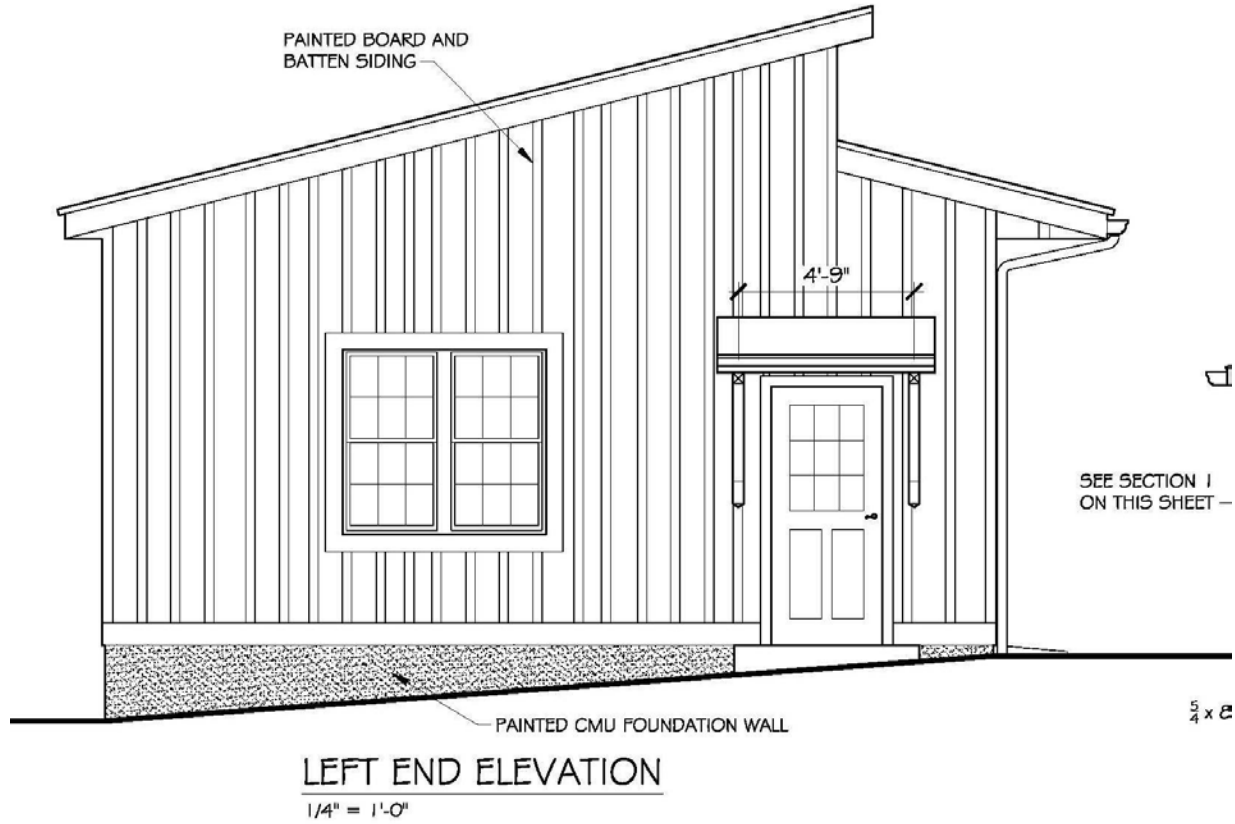
pastures on 60-acre farm

Proposed Workshop

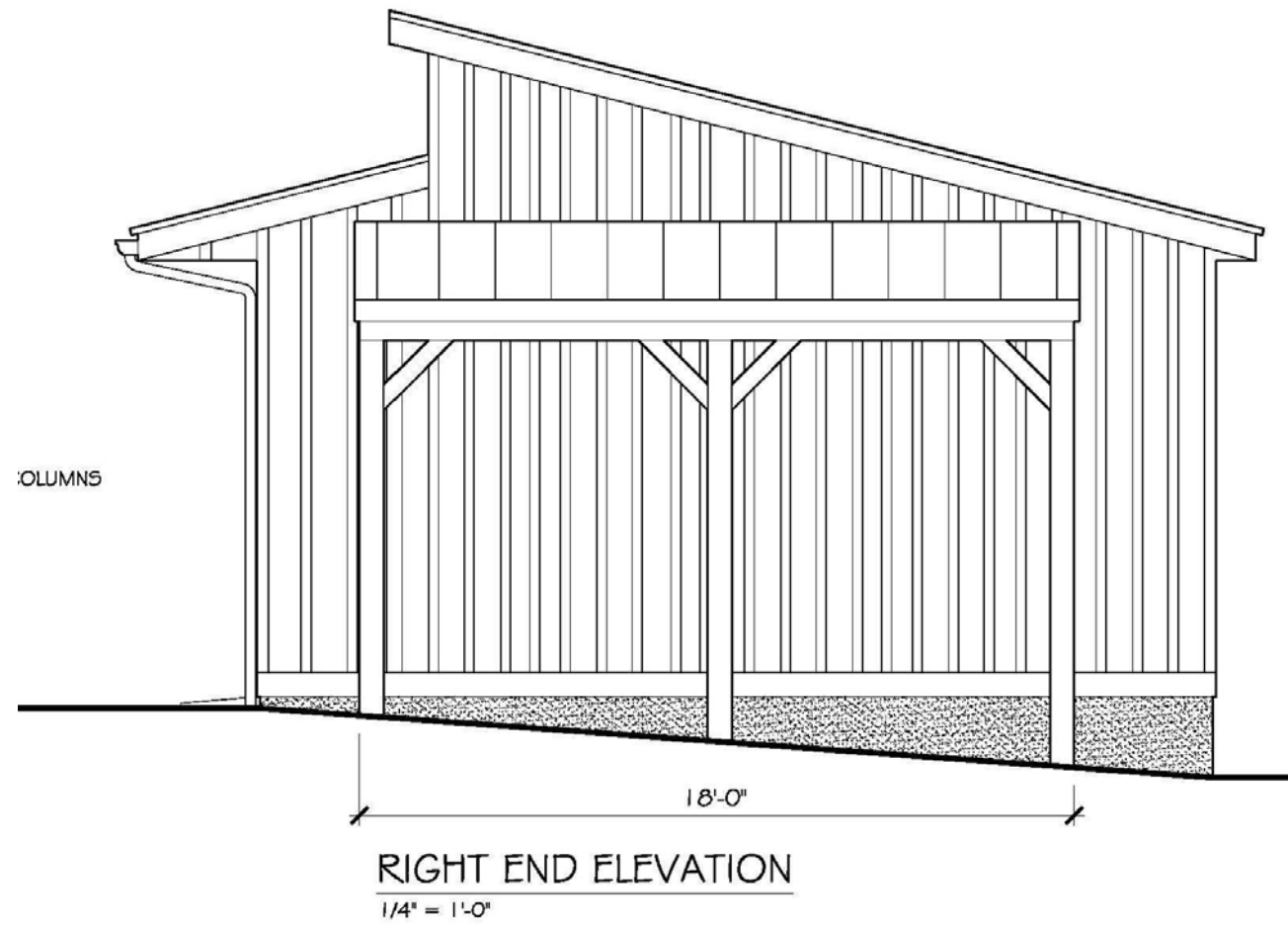
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Proposed Workshop, West Elevation: Height, Maximum Excavation Depth (Footer/Foundation, Open-Shed Posts, Stoop); and Colors



Proposed Workshop: North Elevation



Proposed Workshop: South Elevation

(existing house and site of proposed workshop behind trees and white structure)



Overall View of Farm Looking North, with Some of the Trees Removed During Recent, Pasture- and Agricultural-Land Clearance in Middleground

Site of Proposed Workshop,
Looking Northwest towards
House



site of
proposed
workshop

**Site of Proposed Workshop,
Looking East**

