


Town of Bluffton

Application for Certificate of Appropriateness

Campbell Chapel AME

Project Narrative



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The building as it currently exists includes the original 1853 chapel structure with internal and external modifications, as well as 1960's additions to the rear of the building and side. This project will stabilize the structure and correct years' worth of accumulated deterioration and modifications to its original 19th century appearance. This project will also remove the latter additions which have produced structural and environmental impacts to the historic structure. An addition containing restrooms and wheelchair accessibility elements will be built onto the rear of the historic building, with a glass-enclosed hallway to display the original rear of the chapel. The addition's sides will be stepped back behind the historic structure as per the Secretary of the Interior Guidelines.

The ultimate goal of this project is to restore the structure as close to its original 1853 configuration as possible for its intended use as a tourism destination and event space. The construction will include restored and historically appropriate wood-frame windows, wood siding, wood shutters, and a wood shake roof on the original chapel. The addition will include wood siding, wood doors & windows, wood decking, metal guardrails around raised entrance elements, and a standing seam metal roof. The hallway element connecting the original chapel to the bathroom addition will be glass with a metal frame.

The drawings included in this submission shows proposed extent of this project.

1st drawings and photographs of the existing structures

2nd drawings and photographs showing the visible damaged elements.

3rd drawings showing removal of non-contributing elements

4th drawings and photographs that show the construction details of the restoration phase of the work to the existing chapel

5th drawings showing the construction details of the addition.

Chapel square footage: 1549 sqft

Addition square footage: 608 sqft

Total area of site disturbance: 17,000 sqft