

C Street House







The CStreet House was a multi-phased renovation of a 19th century wood-framed residence in DC's Capitol Hill neighborhood. As the property sits within the Capitol Hill Historic District, the entitlement process was lengthy and involved numerous revisions. While the exterior had to remain contextual, the interior was extensively redesigned to conform to the owner's modern lifestyle and aesthetic taste. Phase 1 raised a sunken living room (product of an earlier renovation) and accompanying fireplace. All new double-hung windows were installed across the front facade, and the entrance was revised. Basaltina natural stone cladding wraps the fireplace, adding textural richness to the palette of interior materials.

For Phase 2, the rear half of the first floor was completely gutted and redone. The kitchen was relocated and modernized. An existing half bath was expanded to a full bath, and a new laundry room was carved out of previously wasted circulation space. Clean, contemporary materials throughout provide a bright and cheerful ambience.

Phase 3 involved the second floor, with an expansion of the main bathroom, reconfiguration of master and second bedroom closets, and the installation of wood flooring. Careful planning, combined with use of low-toxicity materials and attention to construction methods allowed the occupants to remain in the house during renovations.

Project Data

Project Type: Residential renovation

Size: 1,400 sf

Construction cost: \$150,000 Completed: November 2008