



CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION FORM

Incomplete applications will not be processed for Commission review.
Please print legibly.

1. HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY OR HISTORIC DISTRICT: (if known)

Barkow House / Historic Bungalow District

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:

2. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Name(s): Bryan Kwapil & Rodney Kenel

Address: 2543 N. 47th St.

City: Milwaukee

State: WI

ZIP: 53210

Email: bryank6048@gmail.com

Telephone number (area code & number) Daytime: 317-509-5776

Evening:

3. APPLICANT, AGENT OR CONTRACTOR: (if different from owner)

Name(s):

Address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Email:

Telephone number (area code & number) Daytime:

Evening:

4. ATTACHMENTS: (Because projects can vary in size and scope, please call the HPC Office at 414-286-5712 for submittal requirements)

A. REQUIRED FOR MAJOR PROJECTS:

Photographs of affected areas & all sides of the building (annotated photos recommended)

Sketches and Elevation Drawings (1 full size and 1 reduced to 11" x 17" or 8 1/2" x 11")
A digital copy of the photos and drawings is also requested.

Material and Design Specifications (see next page)

B. NEW CONSTRUCTION ALSO REQUIRES:

Floor Plans (1 full size and 1 reduced to a maximum of 11" x 17")

Site Plan showing location of project and adjoining structures and fences

**PLEASE NOTE: YOUR APPLICATION CANNOT BE PROCESSED UNLESS
BOTH PAGES OF THIS FORM ARE PROPERLY COMPLETED
AND SIGNED.**

5. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

Tell us what you want to do. Describe all proposed work including materials, design, and dimensions. Additional pages may be attached via email.

Mr. Kenel and Mr. Kwapil are requesting to have high-grade artificial turf professionally installed in their enclosed backyard dog-yard (see attachment A, contractor proposal). The irregularshaped space in question (approximately 320 sq. ft.) is not visible from any view outside of the property.

The owners have two active dogs which have reduced the small yard into a dirt/mud space that is unsightly; a health risk to Mr. Kwapil, (who has a suppressed immune system resulting from a recent organ transplant); and is incompatible with the intended visual aesthetics of the historic neighborhood. (see pic Attachments B, C, D, E)

After several years of multiple alternative efforts, and considerable expense, we feel this is the most viable alternative that supports the intended aesthetics of the property. (see pics F, G, Other installations by the contractor)

Rational:

- a. The dog yard is not visible from any view outside the property (see Attachment I)
- b. There are two gates/fences between the front street and the dog yard
- c. The yard grade slopes toward the alley and is mpossible to see from the front of the house
- d. Attached pics: View from the front sidewalk 6 ft. high perspective (pic J)
- e. View from the front sidewalk 9 ft. high perspective taken from a ladder (pic K)
- f. View from the side-yard gate 6 ft. high perspective (pic L)
- g. View from the side-yard gate 9 ft high perspective taken from a ladder (pic M)
- h. View from the neighbor's yard (pics N and O)
- i. View from the Alley (pic P)

The owners have sought multiple methods to resolve this problem, including;

- a. we have had the dog-yard professionally re-sodded twice.
- b. prior to the second re-sod, we had an underground sprinkler system installed hoping this would help maintain a natural grass lawn.

(Please See Full Description / Rational Attached)

6. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:


Signature

Bryan W. Kwapil
Please print or type name

04/22/2020
Date

This form and all supporting documentation MUST arrive by 4:00 pm (11:59 pm via email) on the deadline date established to be considered at the next Historic Preservation Commission Meeting. Any information not provided to staff in advance of the meeting will not be considered by the Commission during their deliberation. Please call if you have any questions and staff will assist you.

Mail or Email Form to:
Historic Preservation Commission
City Clerk's Office
841 N. Broadway, Rm. B1
Milwaukee, WI 53202

PHONE: (414) 286-5712 or 286-5722

hpc@milwaukee.gov

www.milwaukee.gov/hpc

Or click the SUBMIT button to automatically email this form for submission.

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April 20th, 2020

Kenel/Kwapil

Certificate of Appropriateness Request

Mr. Kenel and Mr. Kwapil are requesting to have high-grade artificial turf professionally installed in their enclosed backyard dog-yard (see attachment A. contractor proposal). The irregular shaped space in question (approximately 320 sq. ft.) is not visible from any view outside of the property.

The owners have two active dogs which have reduced the small yard into a dirt/mud space that is unsightly; a health risk to Mr. Kwapil, (who has a suppressed immune system resulting from a recent organ transplant); and is incompatible with the intended visual aesthetics of the historic neighborhood. (see pic Attachments B, C, D, E)

After several years of multiple alternative efforts, and considerable expense, we feel this is the most viable alternative that supports the intended aesthetics of the property. (see pics F, G, Other installations by the contractor)

Rational:

- a. The dog yard is not visible from any view outside the property (see Attachment I)
- b. There are two gates/fences between the front street and the dog yard
- c. The grade of the dog area slopes toward the alley, making it impossible to see from the front of the house
- d. Attached pics: View from the front sidewalk 6 ft. high perspective (pic J)
- e. View from the front sidewalk 9 ft. high perspective taken from a ladder (pic K)
- f. View from the side-yard gate 6 ft. high perspective (pic L)
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The owners have sought multiple methods to resolve this problem, including;

- a. we have had the dog-yard professionally re-sodded twice.
- b. prior to the second re-sod, we had an underground sprinkler system installed hoping this would help maintain a natural grass lawn. It didn't
- c. we have tried sectioning the dog yard to allow parts to re-generate
- d. we have tried multiple seed varieties, fertilizers, and lime treatments but the activity (and output) of two energetic dogs make it impossible to maintain any grass growth.

We do not want to use stone pavers, gravel, concrete, (or even asphalt as some of our neighbors on the block have done) as a solution, as we dislike the hard-surface urban city effect. All of these treatments also generate excessive heat and are not conducive to the aesthetic of our backyard and would reduce the value of the property. In addition, because of the grade of our lot, such a treatment would cause a water run-off problem for the rest of the backyard. Also, such a surface, as a pet play-area, would pose a safety risk to the animals.

The owners have lived in the home for eight years and have undertaken numerous projects to improve and maintain the historic integrity of the property including re-installing copper gutters and downspouts, repairing and restoring damaged roof and soffits, repairing and re-installing original windows, and landscaping and improving both interior and exterior spaces to more historically accurate standards. Our home was featured in a Journal Sentinel article (google Journal Sentinel Kenel Kwapil) and Mr. Kenel has served on the Sherman Park N.I.D. for three years.

We hope Historic Preservation Commission appreciates our frustration with this issue, and the efforts (and expense) we have invested over the course of several years to find a satisfactory solution.

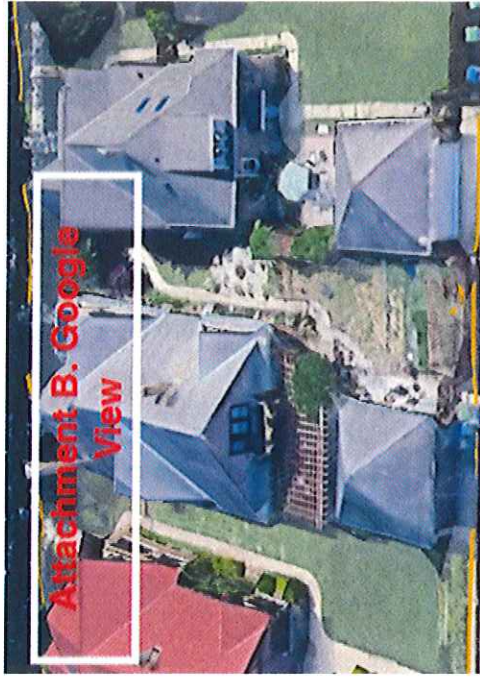
The project we're proposing is itself, expensive, but it is an expense we are willing to make in order to produce a safe, sanitary, and ascetically pleasing solution.

In summary:

A. The proposed dog-yard lawn treatment is not visible outside of the property itself. Not from the front of the house (even from a height of nine feet), not from the alley, and not from the sides.

B. This is not just an aesthetic issue, but also a health and safety/sanitation issue. Mr. Kwapil has underlying health issues and the current condition of the dog-yard requires nearly super-human efforts to keep dog mud/stuff out of the house.

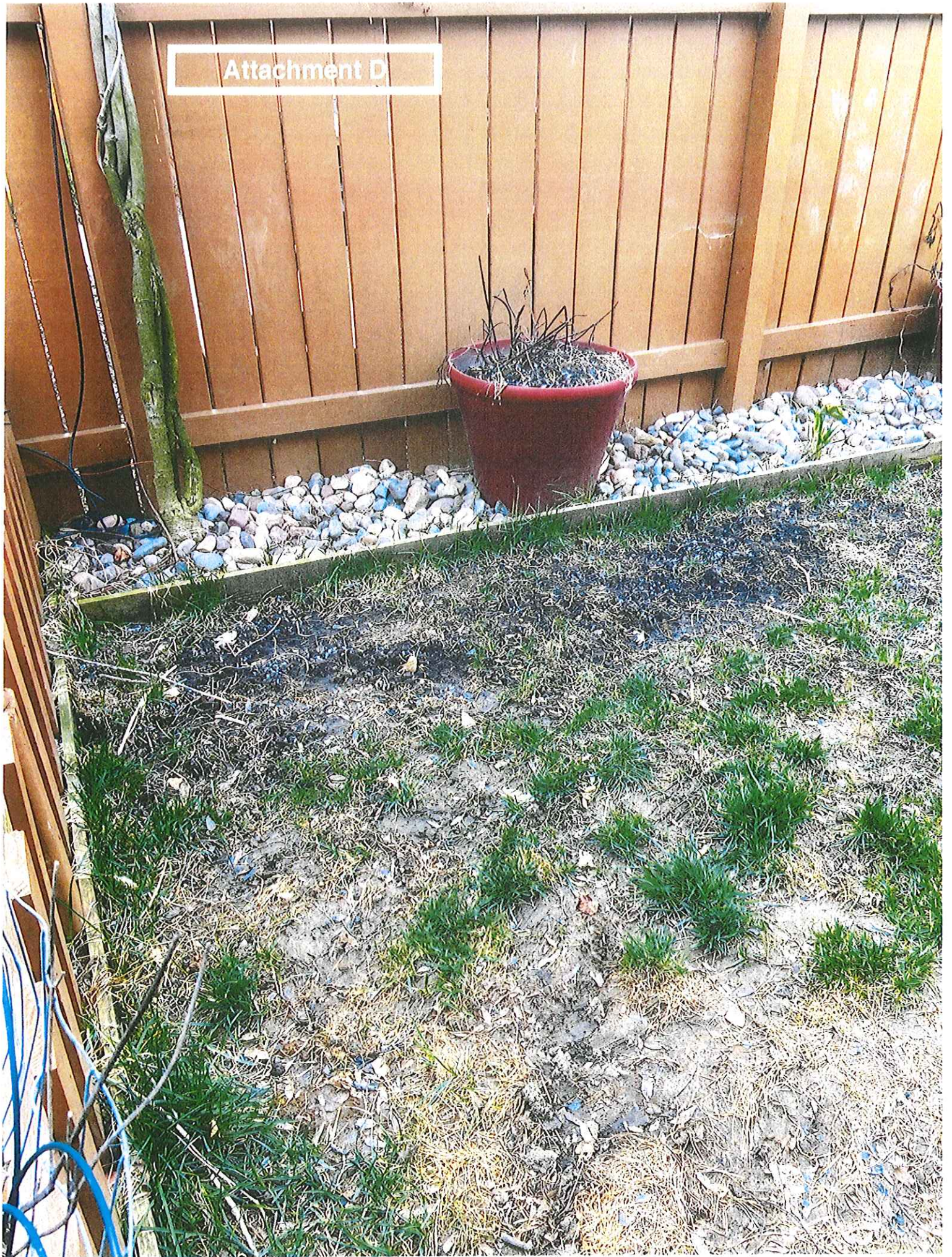
C. The owners have spent years and considerable expense trying to find a solution to this problem. We believe our proposal provides the relief we need, without impinging on the historic aesthetics of our property.



Attachment C



Attachment D



Attachment E



Attachment F



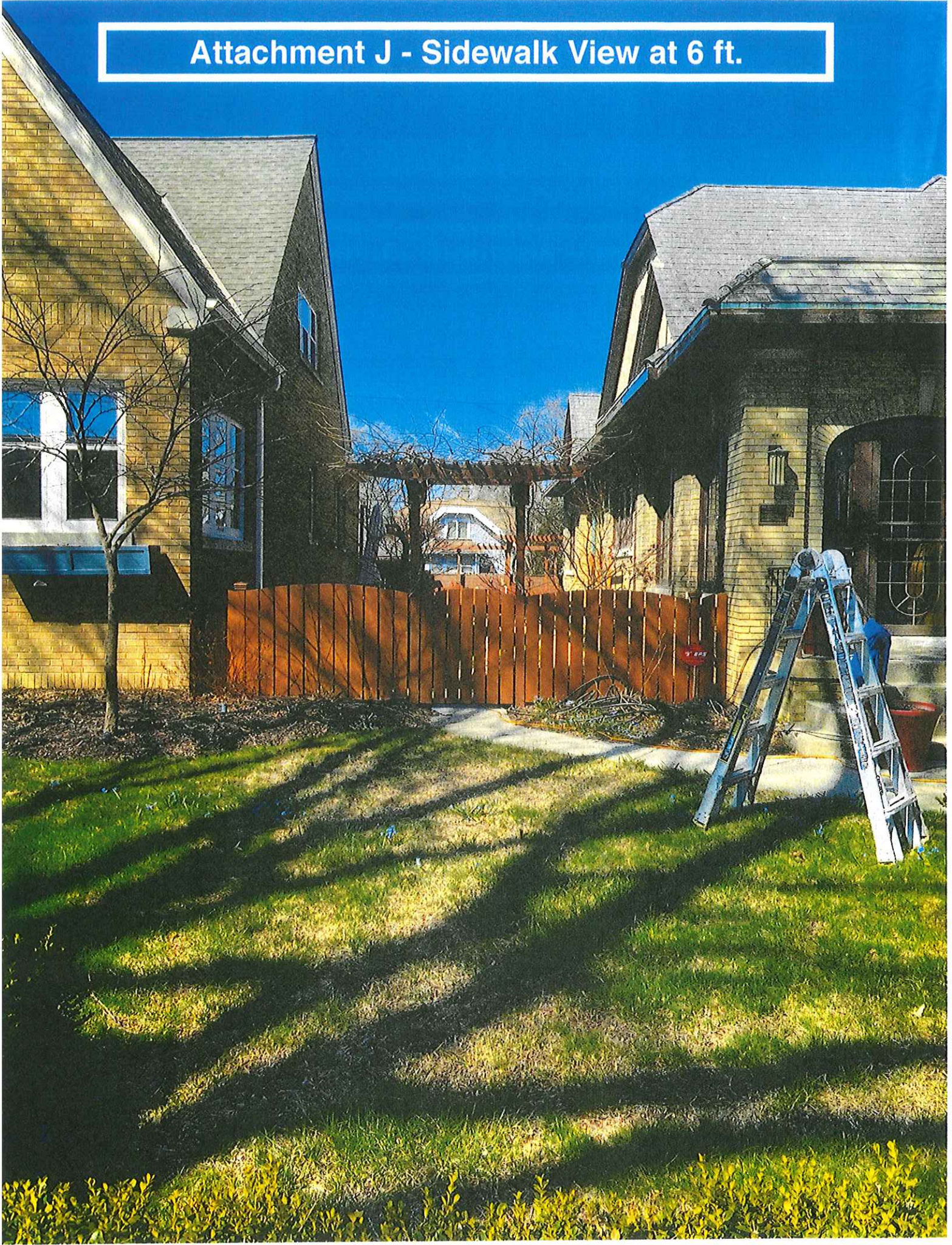
Attachment G



Attachment I - Aerial - Dog Yard Outline



Attachment J - Sidewalk View at 6 ft.

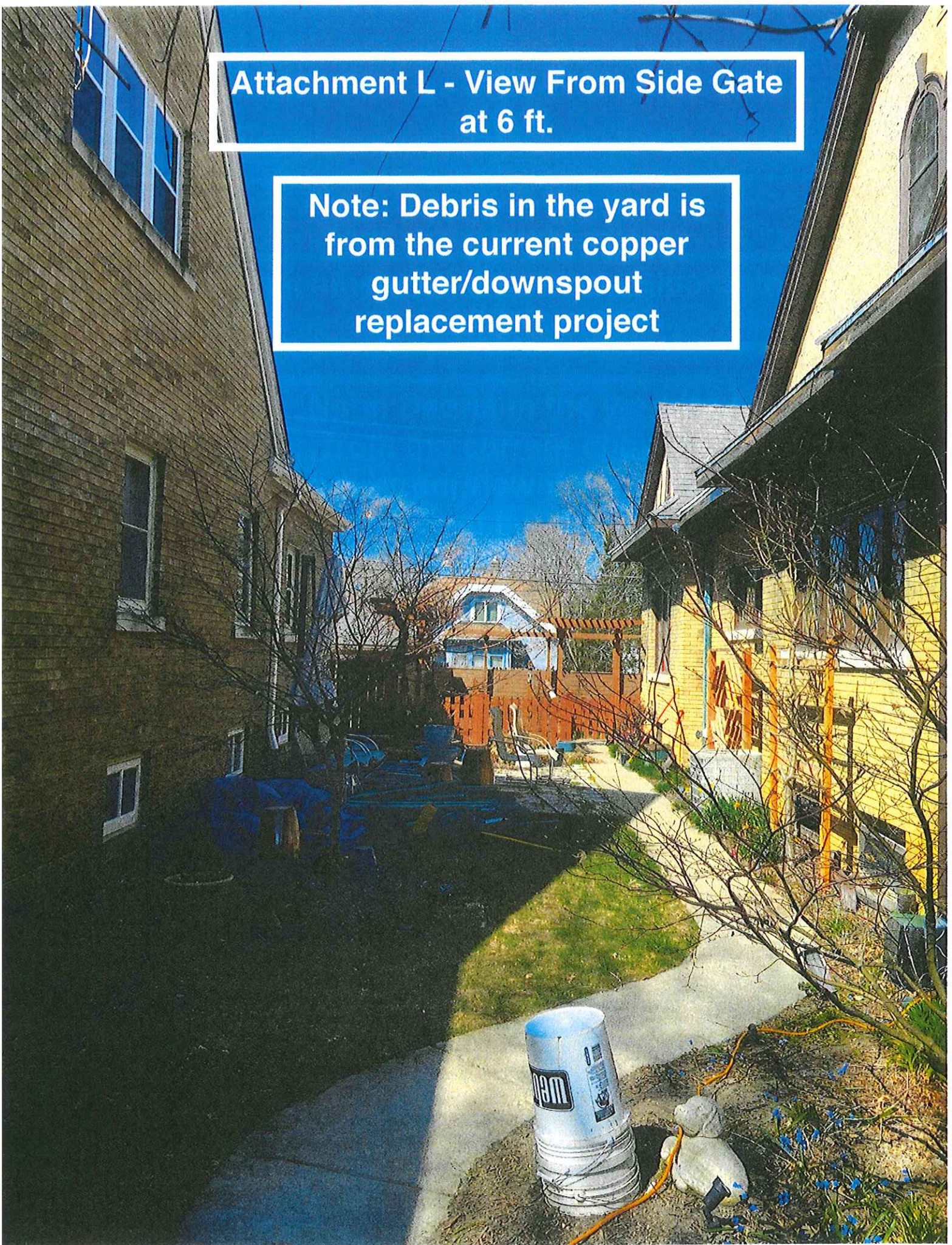


Attachment K - Sidewalk View - 9ft on a Ladder



**Attachment L - View From Side Gate
at 6 ft.**

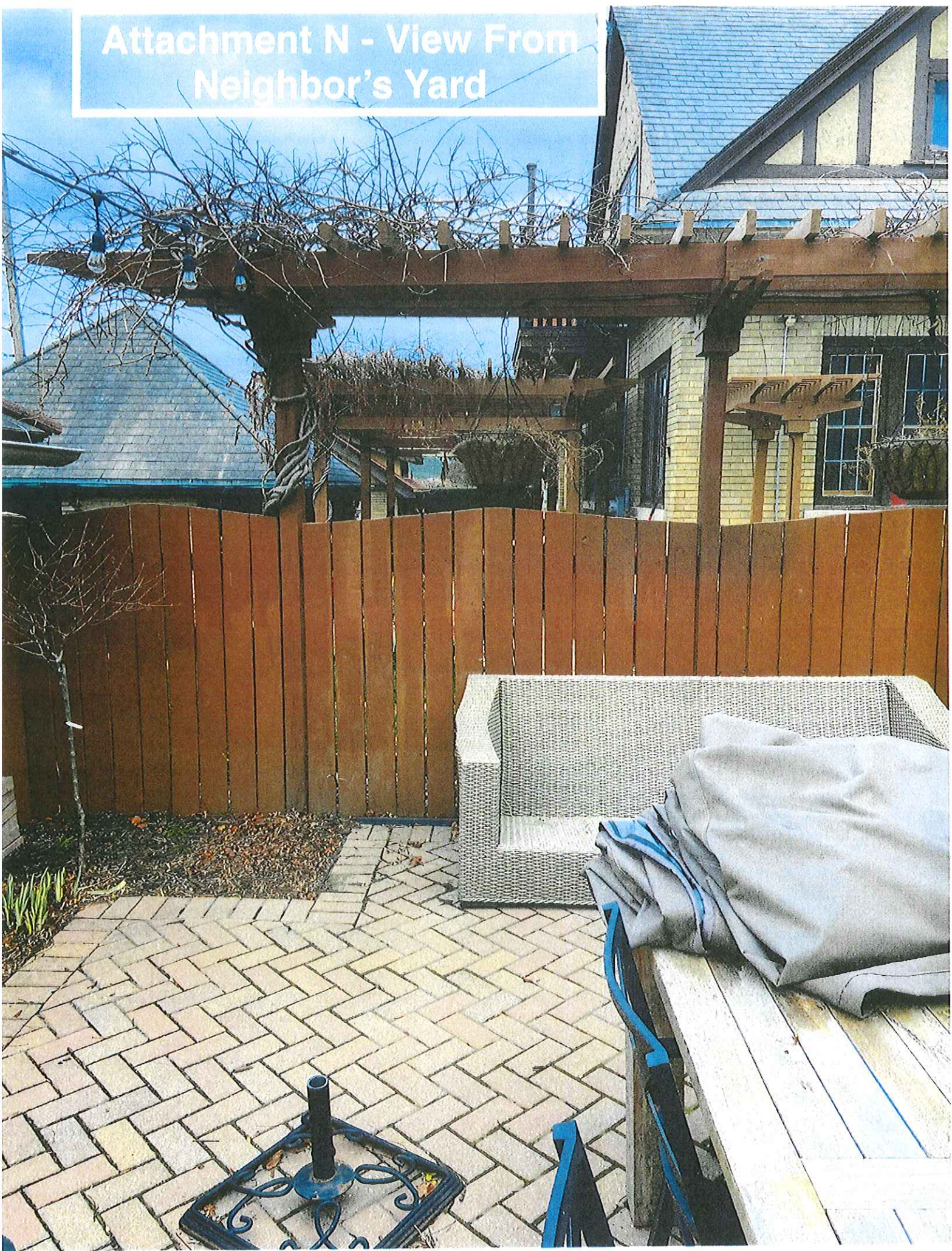
**Note: Debris in the yard is
from the current copper
gutter/downspout
replacement project**



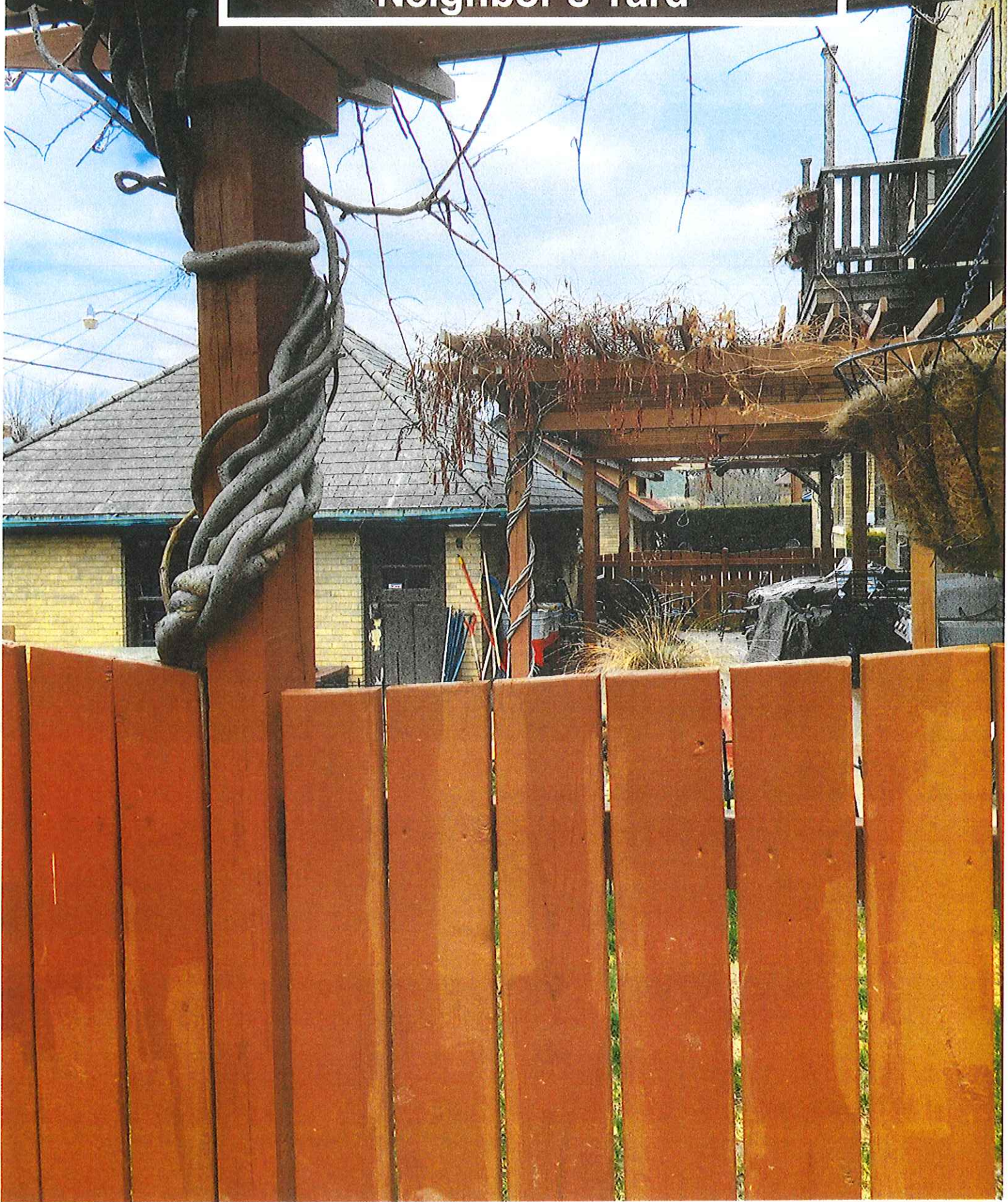
Attachment M
View From Gate to Side Yard
on a Ladder at 9 ft.



Attachment N - View From Neighbor's Yard



**Attachment O - View From
Neighbor's Yard**



Attachment P - Alley View

