



Gimghoul Castle HDC-25-6 Modification Request

742 Gimghoul Road

Chapel Hill, NC

June 17, 2026

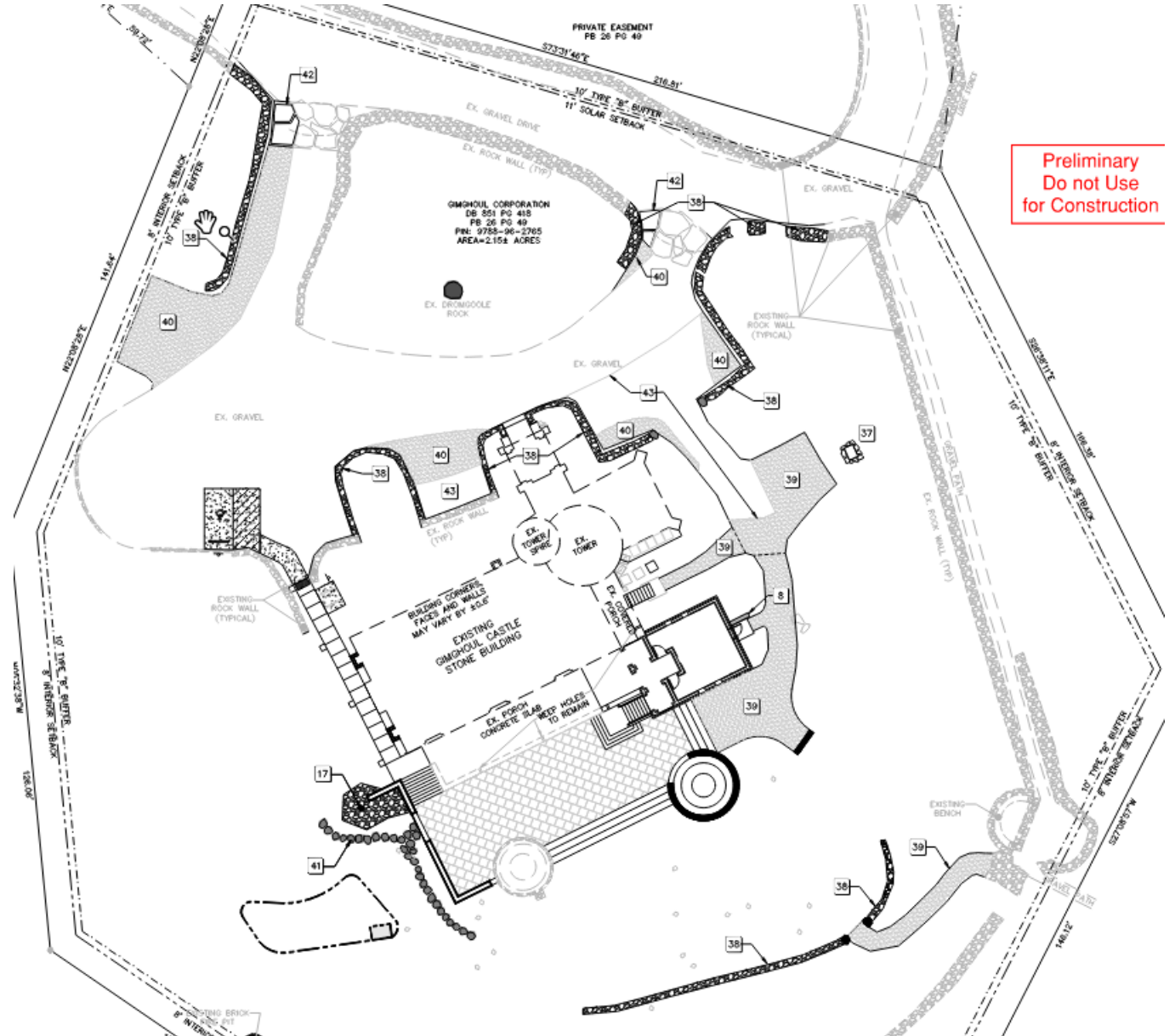
Project Overview

- **Application:** HDC-25-6 Modification Request
- **Property:** 742 Gimghoul Road, Chapel Hill, NC
- **Date:** June 17, 2026
- **Scope:** Modifications to existing Field Stone Walls and installation of an irrigation water well.
- **Design:** The existing Field Stone walls will be reconfigured to accommodate current vehicle dimensions while providing greater protection to the Castle by redirecting vehicular traffic away from key architectural elements.
- **Purpose:** Originally designed and constructed in the early 1920s, the Castle was scaled to accommodate the vehicle dimensions typical of that era. The original access drives and entry porte-cochère are no longer sufficient to accommodate the larger vehicles and fire apparatus in use today.
- **Impact:** Minimal to no tree removal required

Plan View of Reconfigured Walls

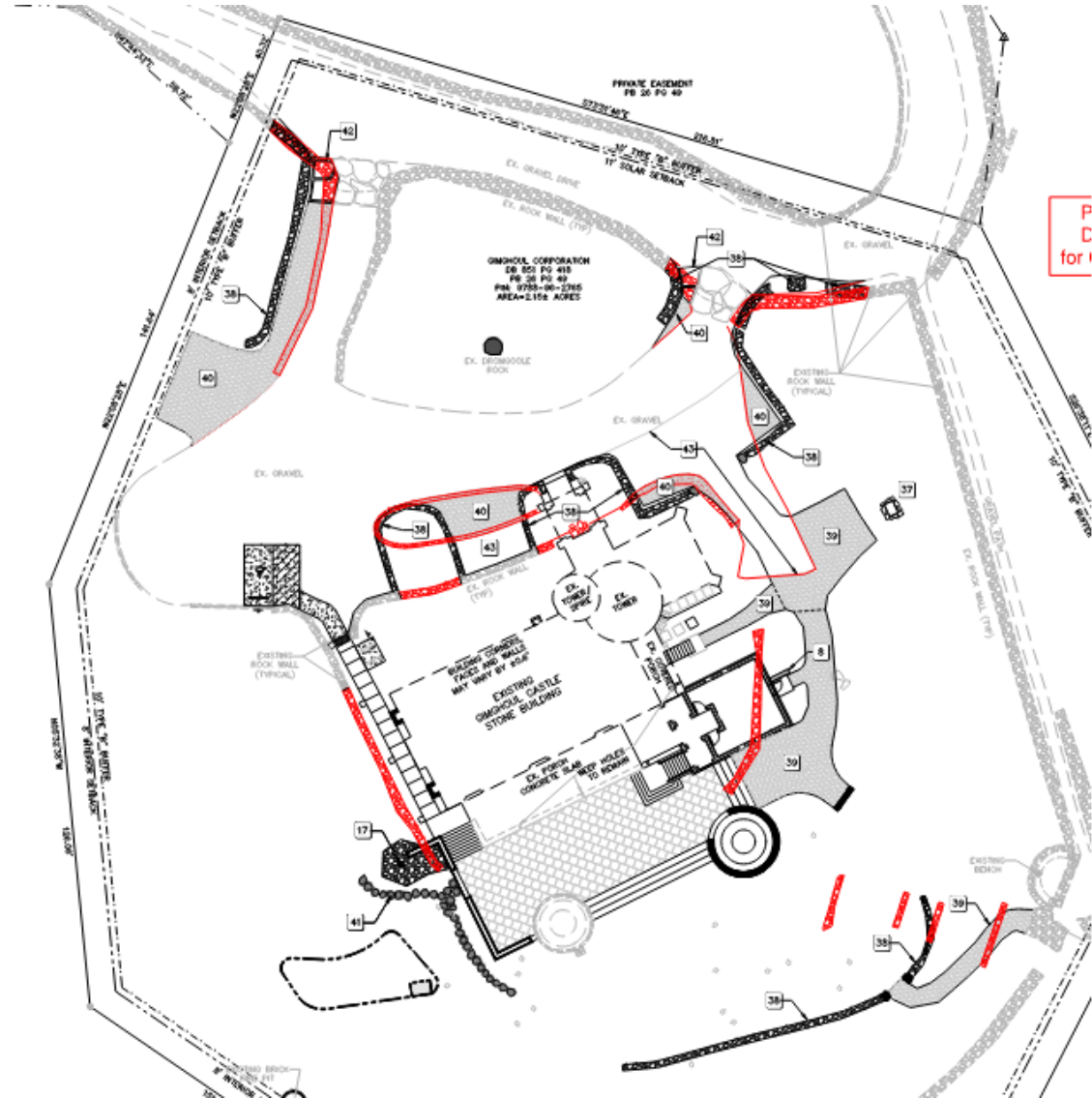
Key Notes:

- 8** New Field Stone or Boulder wall
- 17** Field Stone on embankment
- 37** Artificial rock irrigation well cover augmented with field stone to blend with existing Field Stone walls
- 38** Relocated & reconfigured Field Stone wall
- 39** New gravel walkway, Gray Stone to match existing
- 40** new gravel drive and parking, Gray Stone to match existing
- 41** Stepping Stones
- 42** New large flat stones to match the existing stone at driveway entrances
- 43** Existing gravel drive & parking to remain



Preliminary
Do not Use
for Construction

Original (red) Field Stone wall's location vs. proposed



Irrigation Well Artificial Stone Cover



Applicable Design Standards

- **COA Compliance:** The reconfigured Field Stone walls will follow the same guidelines as the original approved COA.
- **Design Continuity:** The walls, constructed from Field Stone excavated during the underground utility installation phase, will be designed to reflect the character and construction of the original Castle site walls, which were built from the same native stone.
- **Function:** The reconfigured walls define the limits of modern vehicular traffic and establish the boundaries of the Castle site, providing enhanced protection to the historic structure. The irrigation well will serve to sustain the Castle grounds and surrounding landscaping.
- **Environmental Impact:** No tree removal will be required to construct the walls.
- **Materials:** All materials will match the stone construction of the original castle architecture, enhancing the historic character of the property.



Thank You

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Questions & Discussion