

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: May 22, 2018

To: The City Manager

From: Gregory M. Turner, Assistant City Manager,
Michelle McCullough, Historic Resource Officer

Council Action Requested:

Consideration of a Boundary Amendment of a Local Historic Landmark, Middleton House, 2770 Chatham Farm Road, Winston-Salem (Tax Block 2415, Lot 111/PIN # 6816-84-4257) West Ward

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods

Strategic Objective: Preserve Historic Resources

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

Middleton House was designated as Local Historic Landmark #101 by the Winston-Salem City Council on November 17, 2003. At this time the applicant is seeking to remove 3.2 acres of the Middleton House landmark site, which is not character defining to the landmark. The main house building was moved to the current site in 1930 from South Carolina by Martha Chatham, where it stood on a hill overlooking the Savannah River. The house was in jeopardy of demolition. Once moved and reassembled on the Chatham Road site, under the supervision of Winston-Salem architect William Roy Wallace, Ms. Chatham hired New York landscape architect Ellen Biddle Shipman to do a site plan that included a long, boxwood-bordered brick walk leading from the house to a series of concentric circular steps opening to the terraced front lawn, a small, symmetrical garden extending outward from the house on the southeast side, and a small brick patio next to the house between the two chimneys. The Shipman designed areas that were mentioned in the Landmark designation will continue to be part of the designated landmark site.

Committee Action:

Committee	<u>CD/H/GG 6/12/18</u>	Action	<u>Approval</u>
For	<u>Unanimous</u>	Against	<u></u>

Remarks:

This surplus acreage is not necessary for retaining the landmark's significance for reflecting the accepted practices of building conservation and historic preservation of its time; it is still a fine example of early-nineteenth-century Federal-style architectural form and detailing; and it is an important example of work of locally prominent architect William Roy Wallace and nationally prominent landscape architect Ellen Biddle Shipman. The property will still possess integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.