

From Olena Prokopiv (my mother - new owner):

I am the new owner of the property and purchased the house on November 11, 2025. Unfortunately, because I only recently acquired the property, I do not have personal photographs showing the house before the previous work began. I will provide a photograph showing the condition of the house when I purchased it, an earlier image from Google, and a rendering showing how we would like the house to look after the work is completed.

The house is approximately 21 feet wide, has a wood-frame structure, and was previously covered with older siding. I am also attaching photographs of neighboring historic homes with similar wood-frame construction and horizontal siding, including two houses across the street that still retain their original wood siding. We would like the appearance of our house—including the siding, awnings, and window trim—to be as consistent as possible with the historic character of the neighboring homes.

For the exterior, we plan to install James Hardie Plank siding: (5/16"x8-1/4"x12' James Hardie Statement Collection HardiePlank Select CedarMill Lap Siding (ColorPlus Boothbay Blue Eased Edge HZ5) and use James Hardie Trim around the windows and doors.

I understand the importance of preserving the character of the Manchester Historic District. Our goal is to improve the condition and appearance of the house while preserving its historic architectural features and helping it blend harmoniously with the surrounding historic streetscape.

On the left side of the house, we plan to preserve the existing historic soffit and fascia details as they are and paint them white, as they were previously.

We do not plan to replace, enlarge, or otherwise alter the existing front steps. They will remain as they are; we would only like to add an appropriate railing for safety. The basement window adjacent to the steps will also remain fully visible and will not be covered. We hope this will alleviate your concerns.

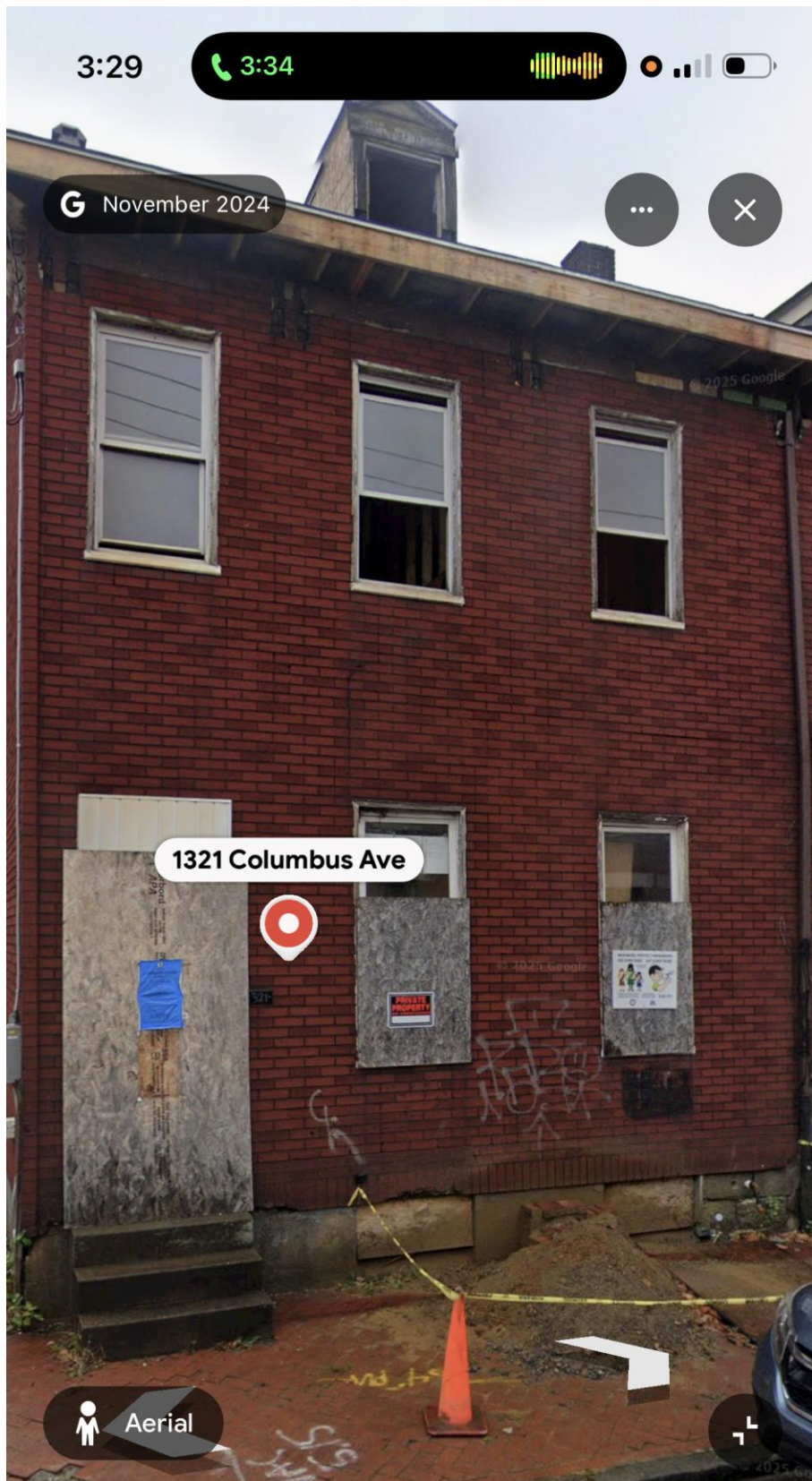
I am attaching photographs showing the previous and current condition of the house, the proposed finished appearance, and neighboring homes for reference.

On Monday, 08/10/2026, we went to the Department of Permits, Licenses & Inspections. We spoke with one of the inspectors (first name Craig). He told us that the house has a Condemnation status, although it is currently in good condition. Could you please advise us on how we can have the Condemnation status removed, as I would like to move into the house?

Thank you again for your assistance. I look forward to working with you and the Historic Review Commission to ensure that our renovation is appropriate for the Manchester Historic District.

Best regards,
Olena Prokopiv with Tetiana Hladii

House before - from Google maps:



House now:



How we would like to do:

DESIGN CONCEPT

- Historic District Appropriate
- High Contrast Details
- Clean & Classic
- Adds Character & Symmetry

SIDING

James Hardie Plank

Color:
Custom Match
(From Reference)

TRIM

James Hardie

Color:
Arctic White

WINDOWS

Color:
Black

DOOR

Color:
Black



DETAILS & MATERIALS

MATERIAL EXAMPLE

NOTES



James Hardie Plank Siding - Custom Match (From Reference)
Arctic White Trim - Black Windows & Door

- Existing vertical 2x4 trim on the two right windows is kept and enhanced
- Wider trim around these windows for balance and emphasis
- Small awning adds character and weather protection
- Black windows and door for strong contrast



Neighbor's houses:



