

*ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN GUIDELINES
FOR THE EXTERIOR REHABILITATION OF
BUILDINGS IN ROCKVILLE'S
HISTORIC DISTRICTS*

GLOSSARY

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| BARGE BOARDS | A board, often ornamented, that conceals roof timbers projecting over gables. |
| BRACKET | An overhanging member projected from a structure usually designed to support a vertical load or strengthen an angle. Can be a purely decorative element. |
| BALUSTRADE | The row of upright supports for a handrail. |
| BOARD & BATTEN | A method of siding a structure where vertical projecting strips are used to cover the joints formed by the siding materials. |
| CORNER BOARDS | The vertical trim elements used to cover the ends of the horizontal siding elements at each building corner. |
| CORNICE | The molded and projecting horizontal trim located at the roof eave. |
| DIRECTIONAL EMPHASIS | See page 24. |
| EAVE | The lower border of a roof that overhangs the wall. |
| FANLIGHT | A semicircular window with radiating sash bars like the ribs of a fan, placed over a door or window. |
| FASCIA | Horizontal board covering the joint between the top of a wall and the projecting eaves, or the board found at the end of the eaves to which the gutter is usually attached. |
| FRIEZE | An ornamental horizontal band or strip in a wall. |

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| GABLE | The vertical triangular end of a building from the eave line to the ridge or top of roof. |
| GAMBREL ROOF | A roof with two slopes on each side, the lower steeper than the upper. |
| HIP ROOF | A roof having sloping ends and sloping sides. |
| JERKINHEAD | A roof with a portion of its end cut off at an angle of approximately 45°. |
| KEystone | The wedge shaped piece at the crown of an arch that locks the other pieces in place. |
| LINTEL | The horizontal member spanning and carrying the load above an opening. |
| MANSARD ROOF | A roof with two slopes on each of the four sides, the lower steeper than the upper. |
| MATERIALS/TEXTURES/COLORS | See page 25. |
| MODILLIONED CORNICE | An ornamented bracket used in series under the cornice line. |
| ORIEL | A large bay window. |
| PENDANT | A hanging ornament usually found attached to brackets at the eave line. |
| PEDIMENT | A triangular space forming the gable of a simple pitched roof. |
| PILASTER | An upright architectural member, structurally a pier but visually treated as a column, projecting a third of its width or less from the wall. |
| PALLADIAN WINDOW | An arched window flanked by two smaller windows usually located in a pedimented front gable. |

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| PROJECTING BAY | A portion of a building protruding from the main structure at one or more floor levels. |
| PENT GABLE | The vertical triangular end of a building enclosed at the lower portion with a trim board; usually infilled with a decorative shingle pattern. |
| PORTICO | A colonnade or covered area (porch) at the entrance to a building. |
| PROPORTION | See page 22. |
| PROPORTIONS OF OPENINGS IN FACADE | See page 24. |
| QUOINS | Elements at the corner of a building usually distinguished from the adjoining surfaces by material texture, color, size, or projection. |
| RATIO OF SOLID TO VOID | See page 23. |
| REPOINTING | The scratching out of old mortar from the joints of masonry construction and filling in with new material. |
| RHYTHM OF SOLIDS AND VOIDS | See page 23. |
| SCALE | See page 22. |
| STREETSCAPE | The combined visual image that is presented by all the physical elements found from building front to building front. |
| SOFFIT | The underside enclosure of the eave. |
| SILL | Horizontal member at the base of a window or door. |

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| SASH | The framework in which panes of glass are set in a window or door. |
| SYMMETRY/ASYMMETRY | See page 25. |
| TURRET | A little tower or ornamental structure at an angle of a larger structure. |
| TRANSOM | A window above a door or other window. |
| VOUSSOIRS | One of the wedge-shaped pieces forming an arch or vault. |
| WINDOW LIGHTS | See page 24. |