

Chapter 2 – Site and Setting

2.3 Walkways, Driveways and Offstreet Parking

.1 Retain and maintain the historic configuration, appearance and materials of existing walkways, driveways and offstreet parking areas.

.2 Protect and maintain existing walkways, driveways and offstreet parking areas through a regular inspection and routine maintenance. If an existing walkway, driveway or offstreet parking area is damaged or deteriorated, repair rather than replace the deteriorated portion using recognized preservation repair methods for the material.

If replacement is required, replace only the deteriorated portion of the existing walkway, driveway or offstreet parking area rather than the entire feature. Replacement shall match the original element in design, dimension, texture, color and material.

.3 If a walkway or driveway is completely missing, base the design for its replacement on accurate documentation of the original. If a new walkway or driveway is to be constructed, create a new design compatible with the historic character of the district in form, scale and material. Any new walkway or driveway must be serviceable and relate to the building in scale, width, placement and material.

Brick, concrete, concrete pavers, stepping stones and pea gravel are acceptable walkway materials. Driveways and offstreet parking areas should be gravel, brick or paved with an aggregate-textured concrete or asphalt.

.4 Design new walkways, driveways and offstreet parking areas to harmonize with any existing walkways, driveways and offstreet parking areas. Locate new walkways, driveways and offstreet parking so that a minimum of site features, including mature trees, are disturbed or altered. Avoid abutting new driveways and offstreet parking areas directly to the principal structure.

.5 Locate new offstreet parking areas as unobtrusively as possible, in rear yards not visible from the street. New offstreet parking shall not significantly alter the proportion of the built area to the yard area on the site.

.6 Introduce perimeter plantings, hedges, fences or walls around new parking areas as a buffer from adjacent properties. Such buffers shall be less than 36" in height and provide year round screening.

.7 In lighting walkways, driveways, and offstreet parking areas, follow the Lighting Guidelines (Section 2.5)