

Project Summary:

This house was lovingly resorted back in the 1980's to both bring attention to the beauty of the house while ensure that the property around it matched it's charm. However, it's been almost 40 years since then and the outside living areas have not been updated or maintained. My goal is to update those making the outdoors more usable while keeping as many original elements to the property as possible.

The existing deck is almost 40 years old (over double the average life of a wooden deck) and it's showing in the deterioration of many of the boards. Several areas are sagging. Because it is far beyond its prime, not original to the property and almost to a point of being a safety hazard, I would like to take down the deck and replace with a patio.

For the patio, I am proposing a gravel patio in roughly the same placement/footprint as the existing deck. The patio would be lined on 2 sides with a stone retaining wall, leveraging as much limestone from the property as possible, filling in where needed with similar stone. Cobbles would line the other 2 sides. The existing brick patio would extend around connecting the side door to the patio using brick pavers that are on the property. The overall look and materials are inspired by similar patios in historic Dublin and many simple farmhouses found around Europe.

Because the new patio is a similar size to the existing deck, this proposal is only adding 412 sq ft in hard surfaces to the property (1.26% of lot size), largely coming from the extension of the brick walkway.