



**The Goal:**

The goal of the project was to create a large new addition to a historic 1900s Georgian colonial. The owners wanted to maintain and restore the proportions and feel of the original house while adding significant modern amenities for a family of five, such as a large family room, kitchen, master suite, and two-car garage.

**The Challenge:**

The major challenge was the location of the original house on the lot as well as the steep sloping grade from the front to the back of the house. This created challenges in terms of where to add onto the house while being sensitive to the original structure, and how the house and addition would ultimately connect to the exterior yard and patios. Tight zoning restrictions on height and coverage were also a major factor.

**The Summary:**

The project involved carefully restoring and renovating the exterior of the original house while updating the interior with modern conveniences and design. A large living room, master bedroom, and garage addition was created in a way that showcases and respects the original house. The addition was dropped below the first floor of the house and the rear yard raised to allow for a greater connection between new living space and the yard.



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