



PROJECT PROFILE

Dayton's Bluff Victorian



BEFORE



AFTER

Project Type: Exterior Reconstruction

Location: St. Paul

Located in Historic Dayton's Bluff, this simple Stick-Style Victorian had lost nearly all of its original decorative features, including the entire front porch. A survey of the neighborhood yielded information about how porches of similar buildings had been configured. Further investigation revealed four original footings which defined the foot-print of the reconstructed porch.

Built upon these original piers, the new wood porch is composed of turned columns and balusters. The spindle valance and a double top rail acknowledge both an earlier height while complying with current code.

Further investigative demolition suggested that a second-floor, windowless bathroom over the front door hadn't always been there. As the floor and walls were removed, it became clear that the room was the former site of an upper-level porch. Now restored, this small perch affords spectacular views of the river valley beyond. The building has been painted in period-appropriate colors, and design was developed within the guidelines of the local Heritage Preservation district.

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