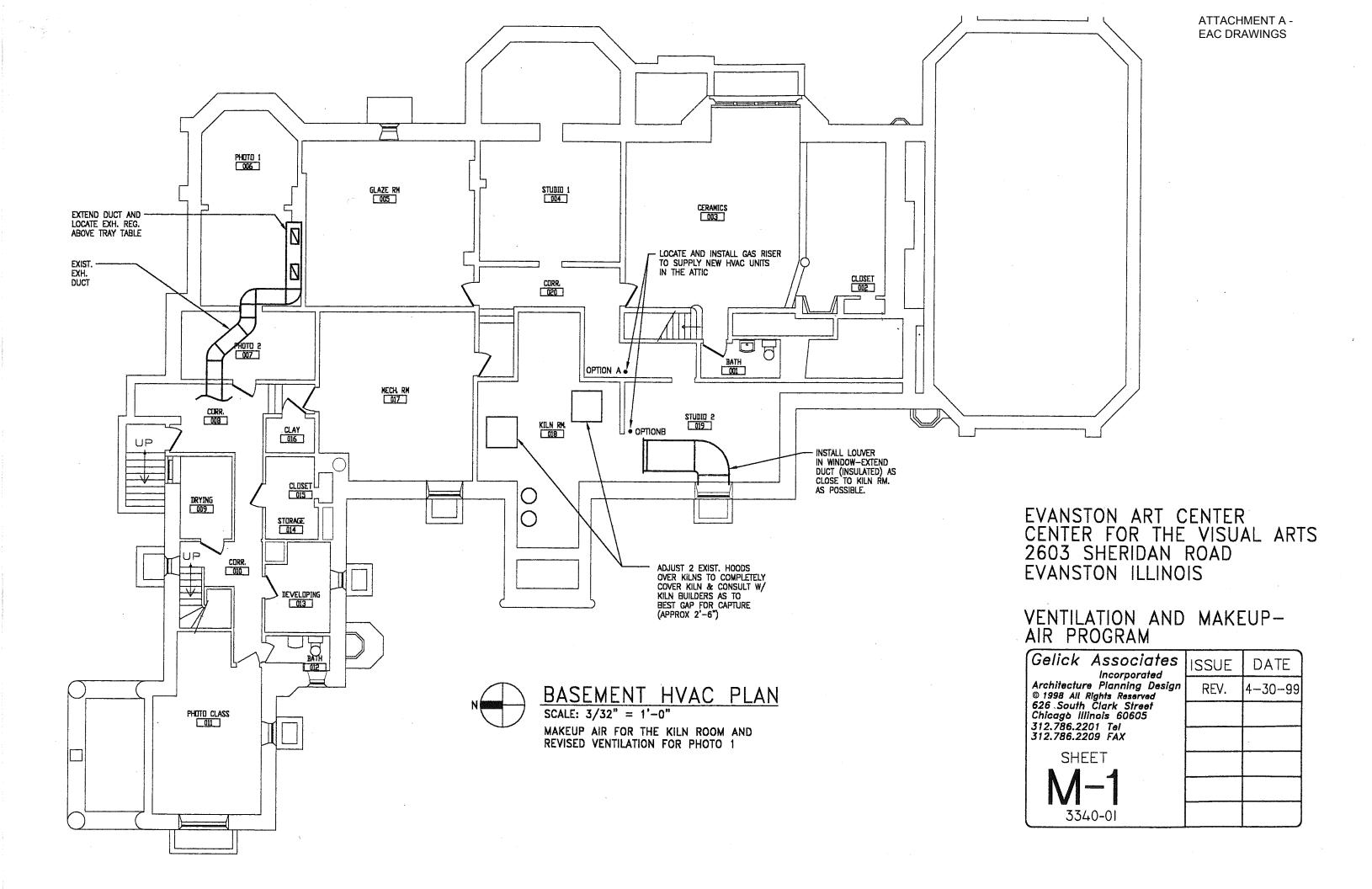
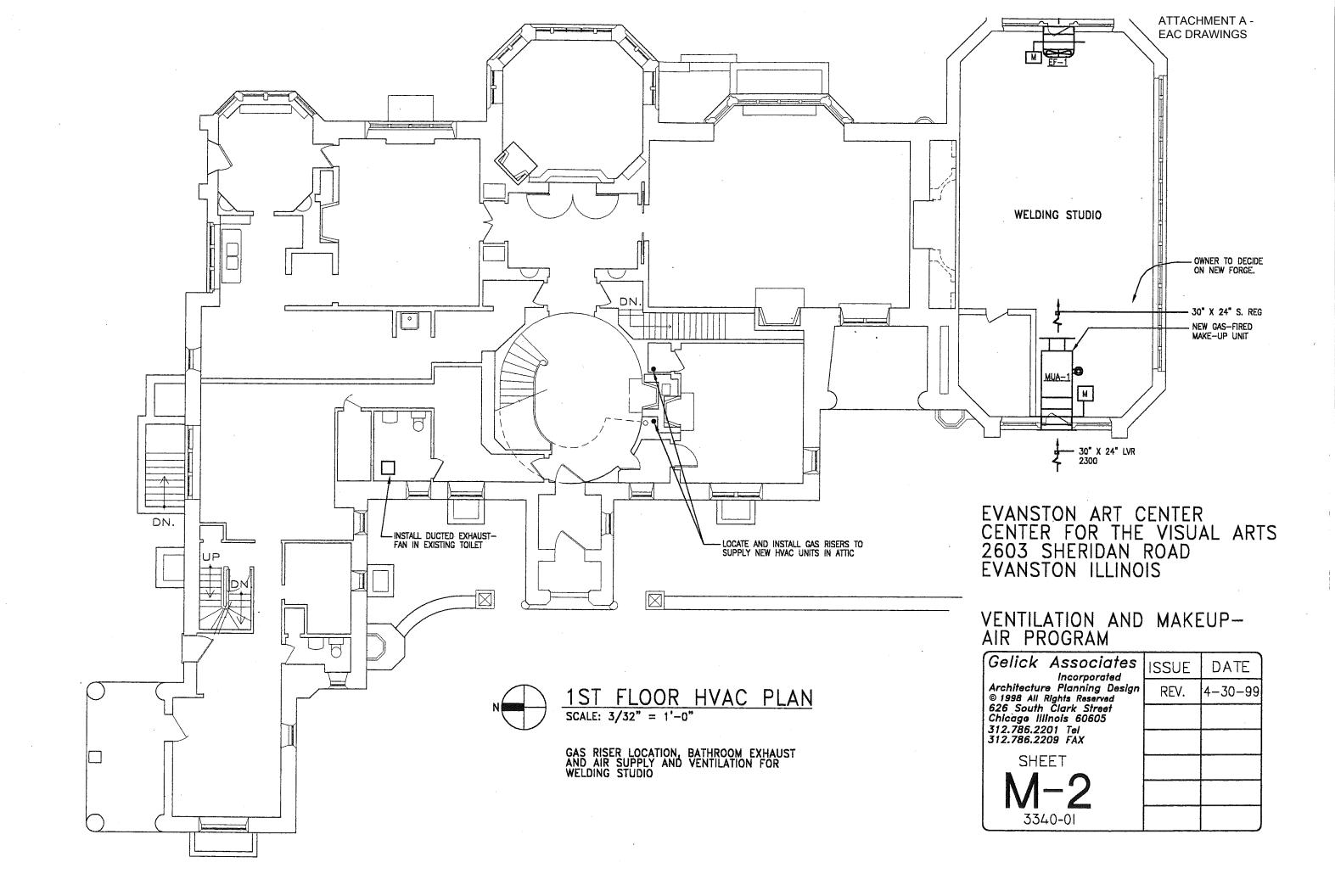
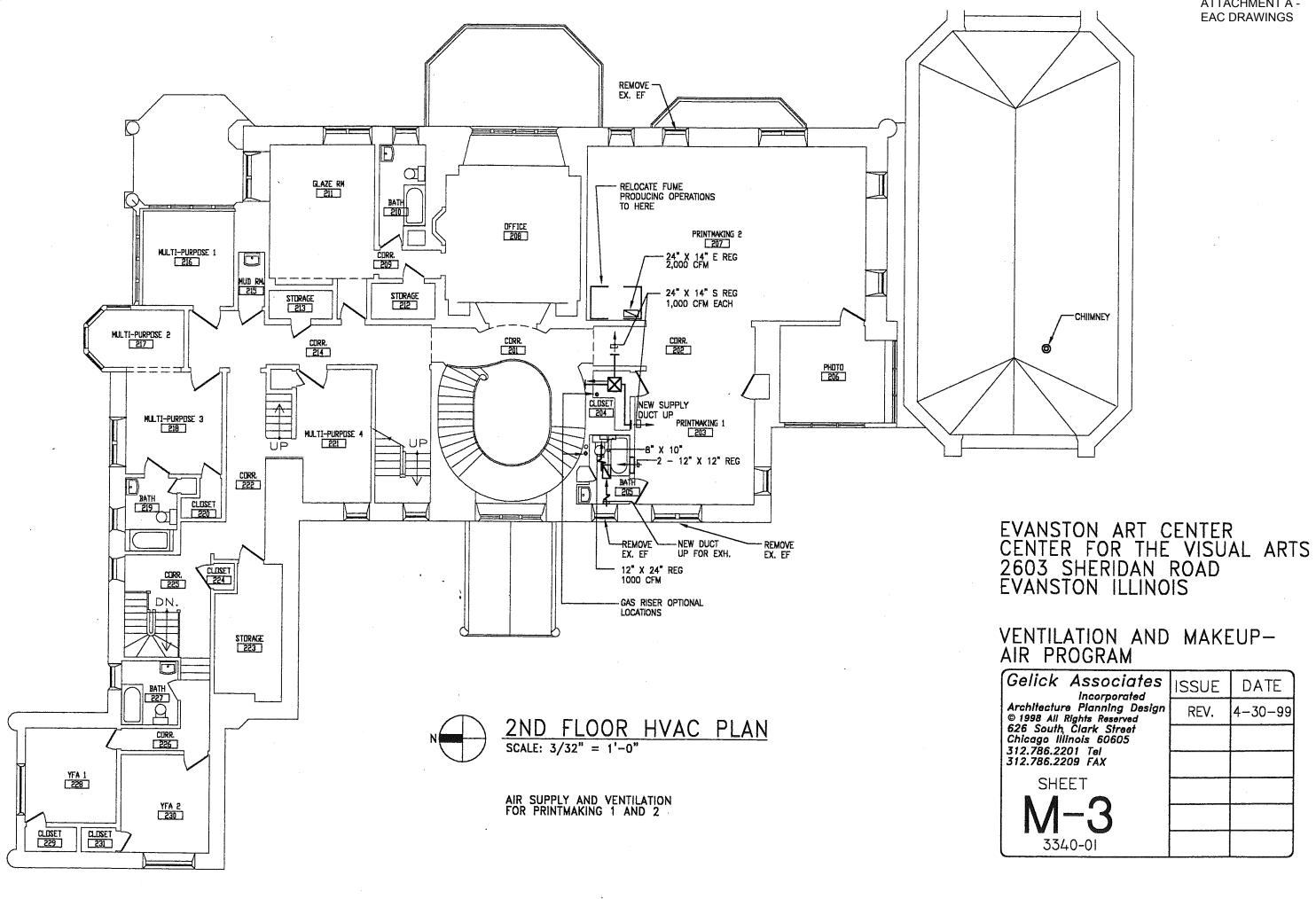
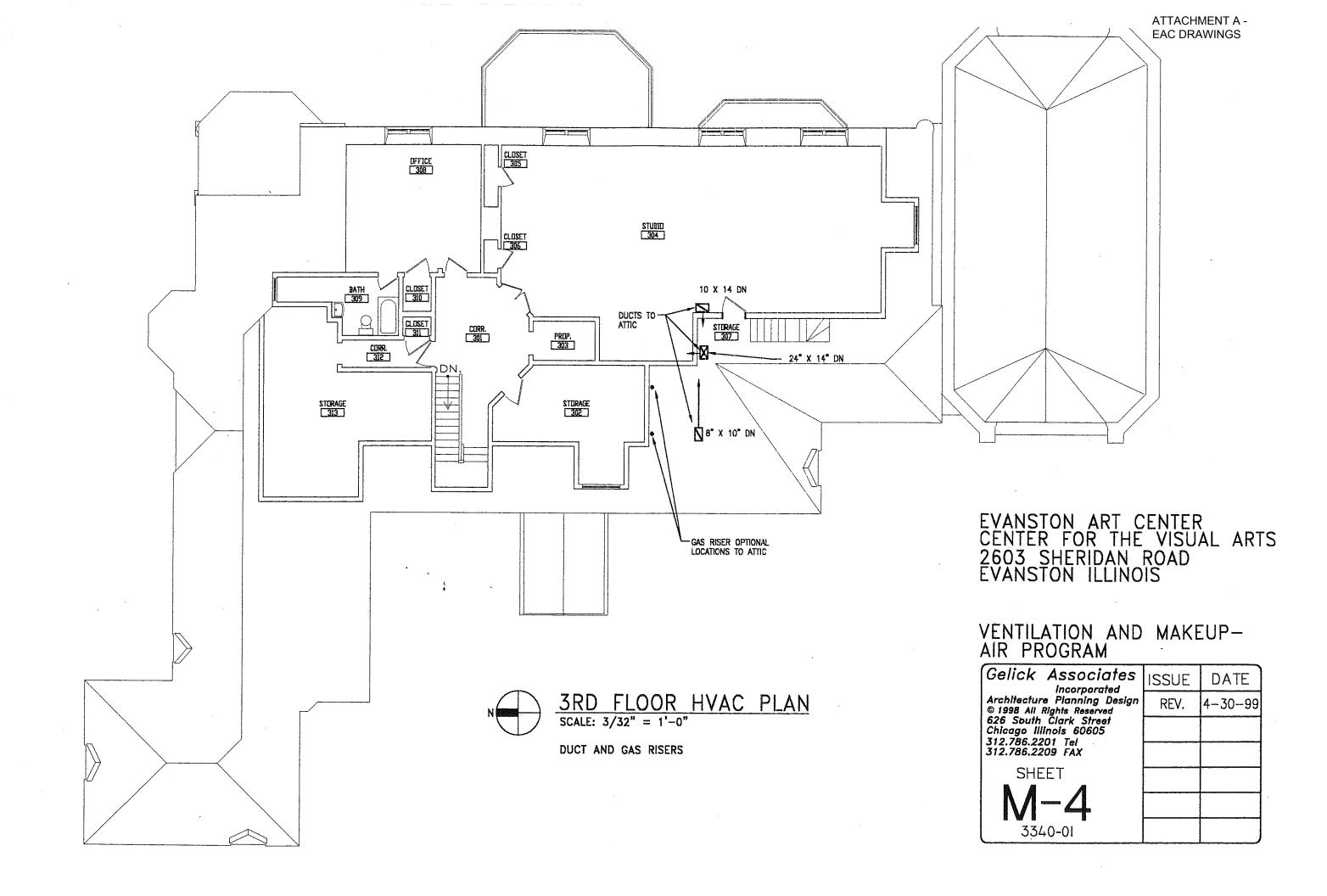
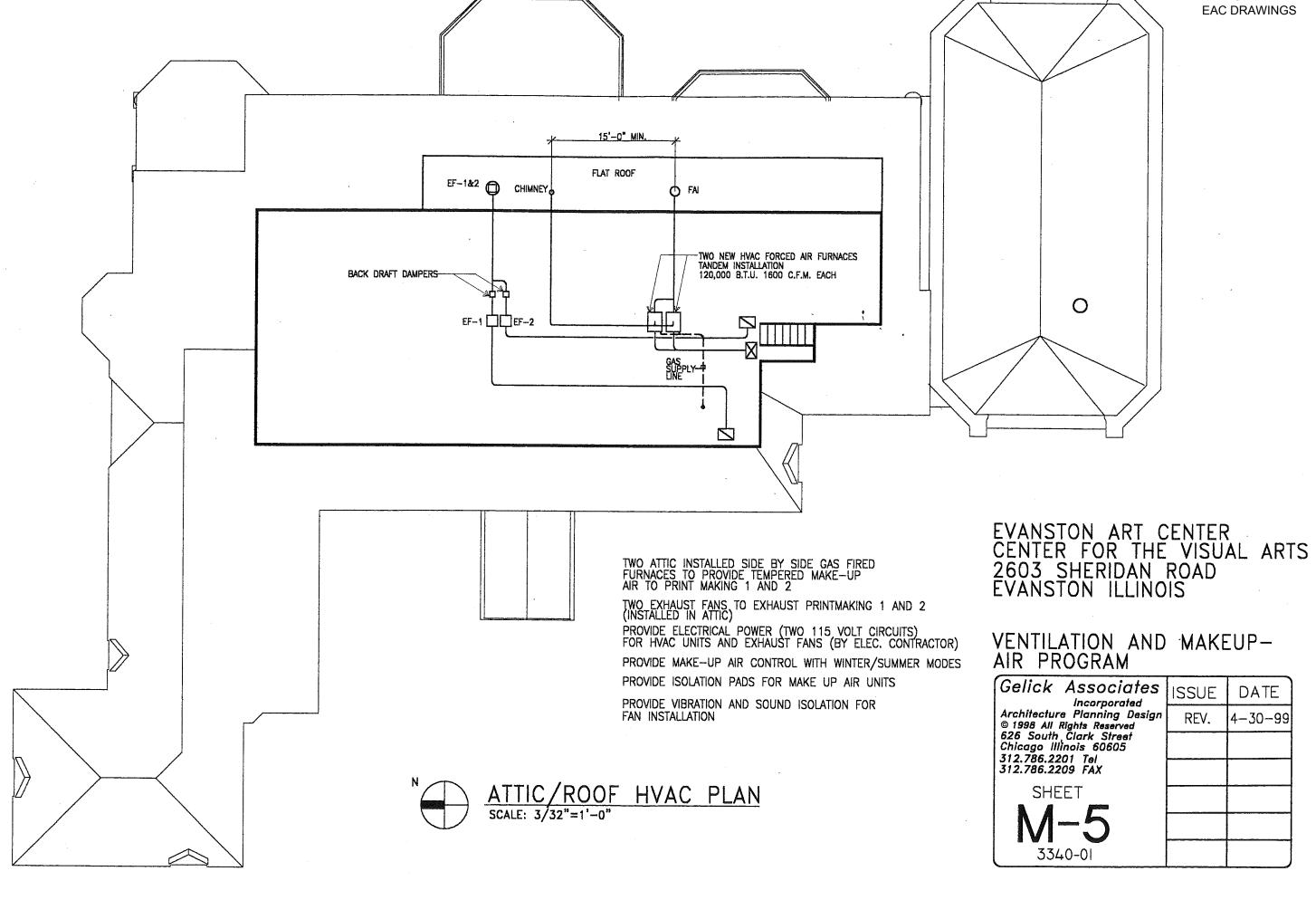
HARLEY CLARKE MANSION FLOORPLANS





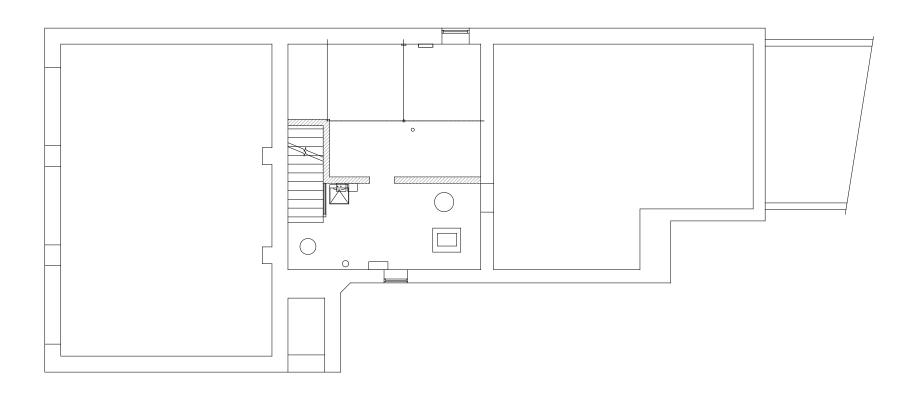




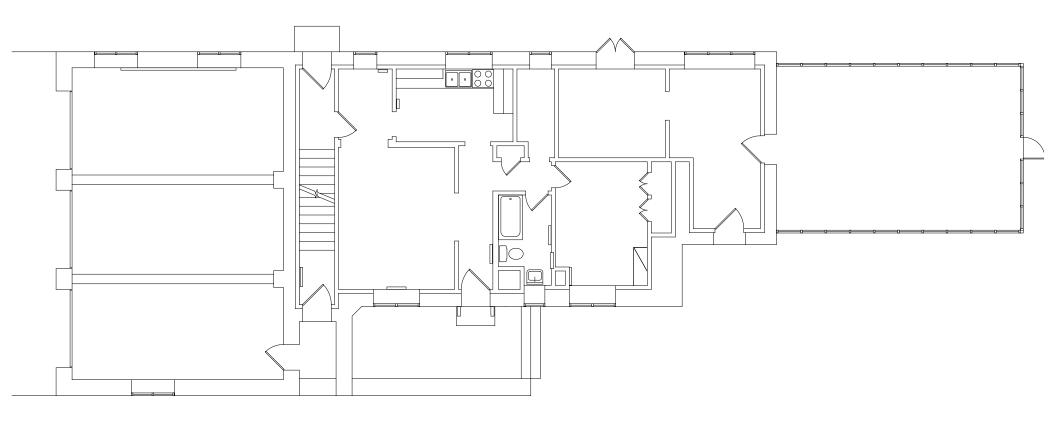


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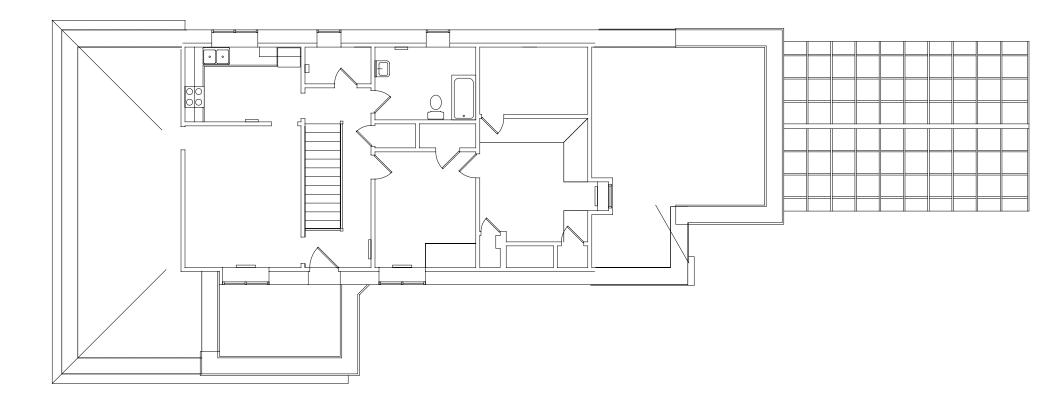
BASEMENT EXISTING



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WEST ELEVATION



EAST ELEVATION

JENS JANSEN GARDEN

1928 Jens Jensen Drawings for Harley Clarke Mansion

THE ORIGINAL PLANS

The original plans for the Harley Clarke Estate, completed by Richard Powers in 1926, and those for the Estate grounds, completed by Jens Jensen in 1928, were obtained and used as reference materials in developing the plans and recommendations. No plans for the Lighthouse compex or the Nature Center building were obtainable from the U. S. Coast Guard.

The Jensen plans, discovered in the archives of the University of Michigan Library, are the originals, and represent a unique opportunity to identify both the palette of materials used by Jensen and his design concepts. The Jensen plans consist of two drawings – a planting plan (see Figure A–1) and a watering system plan. (See Figure A–2). The Powers plans are blueprints, also found in the Archives of the University of Michigan Libraries. They consist of two drawings – a working plot plan (see Figure A–3) and a preliminary ground plan, (See Figure A–4).

The Jensen plans provide numerous valuable insights. Chief among these is the palette of plant materials he prescribed for the site. It is important to recall something of Jensen's working manner in reviewing this listing. Although he specifies a long listing of plants for use in different areas, it is not likely that he would actually use each of these. In normal procedure, he would direct and selection placement on the site, and thus use some and not others. The chief value of the listing is that the plants on the list are compatible, and can be used as a shopping list for todays replacement. Unfortunately, some of the native varieties he specifies are not readily available today.

Several elements of Jensen's overal design should be noted. The great lawn, in front of the house, places the home far back in a canopied setting, with the softer understory providing a filtering screen. Attention is focused on the entry. The plantings around the great house screen it from view, and totally screen the auto parking area. The entry drive is flanked by elms, with an understory of dogwoods and native shrubs.

The rear yard lawns are totally private spaces, as typified by the cover of this report. Filtered views of the lake are provided from each of the main windows of the home. Access down to the beach is channeled along stepped pathways, while the dense rose hedge prevents casual access.

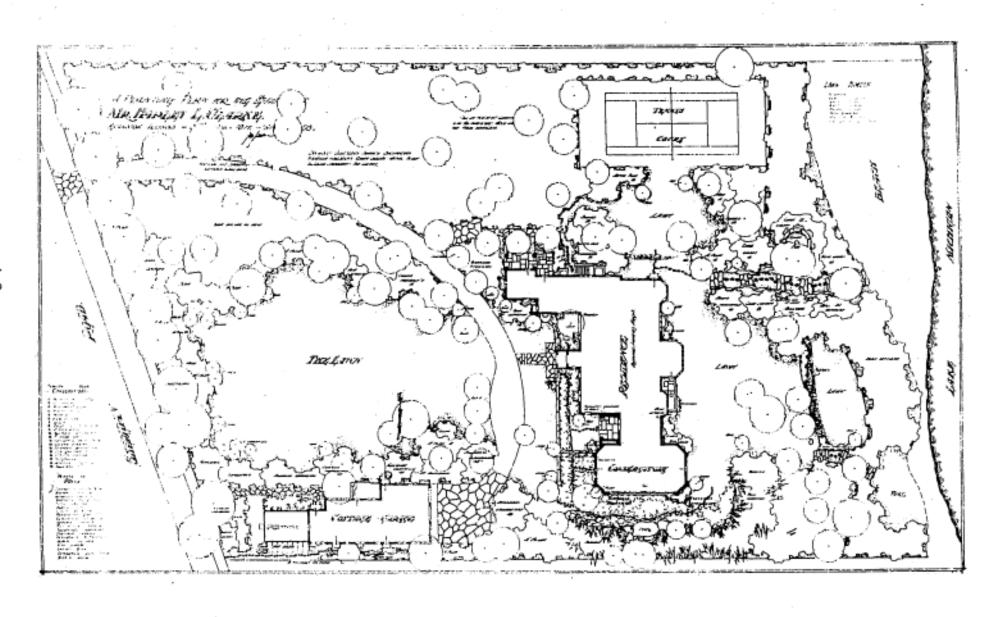


Figure A-! JENSEN'S PLANTING PLAN

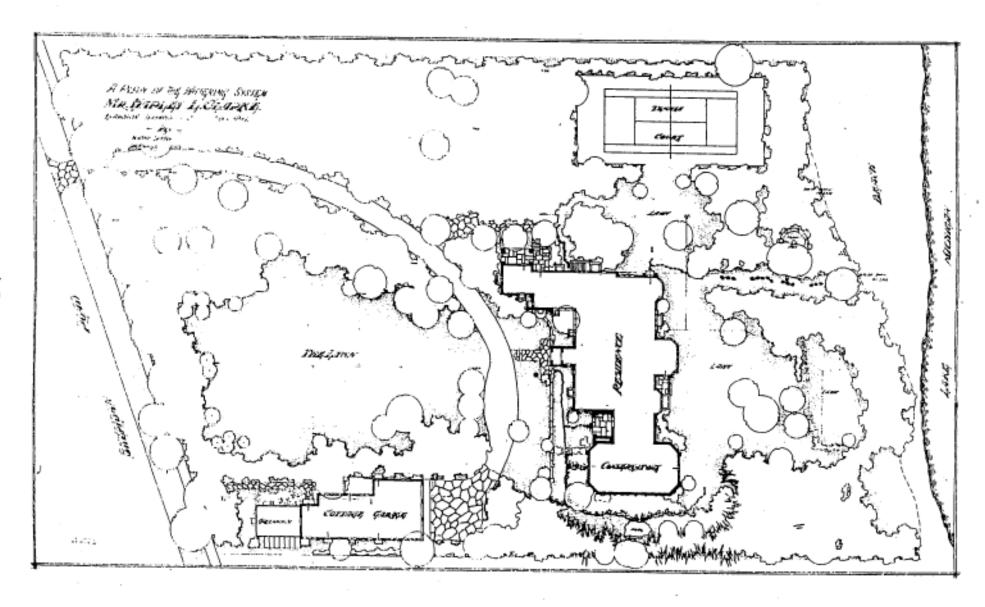


Figure A-2 JENSEN'S WATERING SYSTEM PLAN

Jensen highlighted the conservatory area as flowering area, constructing a natrualistic outcropping of limestone and a naturally shaped pool. He left only a narrow access path, such as you'd find in the wild at the base of a ledge. It was a private space. It is also the only space where Jensen specifically located each of the 19 varieties of flowers in a precise manner, indicating the high value he placed on the feature.

His council ring, or campfire is placed in a shrubby mass overlooking the lake and the beach. His rings were usually inward-looking, contemplative spaces - this one appears a little different, though still in that vein. Here he has provided filtered images of the lake - visual and audial, but by placing the ring in a circuit of choke cherry has ensured that few outside distractions are noticed.

It should be noted that lawn and turf were used by Jensen as casual pathways and as meadow floor. He allowed the native varieties of ground cover to take over in many portions of the site, however. These areas required little or no maintenance. Note that he also specified a palette of perennials to serve as a border between the lawn and notive areas.

MAPS OF MANSION AND SURROUNDING PROPERTY

