

# Aquila Hall

## Harford County, Maryland

Project Type: Historic Preservation / Single Family Residential  
Cost: 1.1 Million  
Completion: May 2008  
Owner: Private Homeowner

This home is a legacy, handed down from generation to generation like a family tradition. The owner came into the home knowing he wanted to make it better than its current condition, more livable with better traffic flow to its main rooms. The owner hired LSC Design, Inc. to help him achieve his goals of renovating existing features and designing several additions.

The project involved renovations and additions. Three separate additions were completed for a kitchen, conservatory and master bath, and new side entryway. A free-standing three car garage was constructed and walkways leading to the home were redesigned and reworked – in some cases reusing existing stone. New zoned heating and cooling systems, better insulation, and new windows and doors were added to increase energy efficiency.

The largest of the additions, the conservatory, contains a coffered beaded board ceiling and was constructed to replicate the look and feel of an enclosed porch. It became a focal feature of the project, specifically designed to accommodate two of the owner's very large paintings. Above the conservatory is the master bath, complete with walk-in closets and laundry.

A second addition was constructed for a new kitchen. It is appropriately located adjacent to the existing formal dining room, and a completely reworked mud room. The mud room includes a new bath with shower, utility sink, and closet and bench storage for work clothes and boots. Bead-



ed-board closets include a built-in gun safe. The kitchen includes one of the owner's few strict prerequisites – an undercounter ice maker – as well as an integrated refrigerator and dishwasher, and a downdraft range. Skylights bring natural light to this room, much needed because it is on the darker north end of the house plan.

A new side entry with sitting area was added to the home, and is now the preferred and less formal entrance. The new room links previously disjointed areas of the home.

Because of the owner's hopes of making this home better than it was when he found it, extending the longevity of the property was a top priority and choosing the right materials for use in the additions and renovations was essential. Stone and brick were used to create foundations, walkways, and patios. Fibercement siding, composite mouldings, and a new metal roof were also selected for durability and reduced maintenance.