HISTORIC PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET
William Chambers House

Prepared by the Planning Division

Address: 11245 Bloomington Ferry Road (Original address - 7648 Auto Club Road)

Year Built: 1856

Lot Size: 78,104 square feet

Zoning/Guide Plan: R-1 Single Family Residential, BP-1 Bluff Protection / Low Density Residential, Conservation

Historic Designation: Class I Local

HISTORY

The William Chambers house is one of the oldest houses in Bloomington and the only Greek revival house executed in brick. William Chambers came to Bloomington in 1852 to operate the ferry on the St. Paul to Shakopee Road. Chambers borrowed the brick molds used in construction of the Gideon Pond House and used local materials to build the temple style, two-story, Greek revival house.
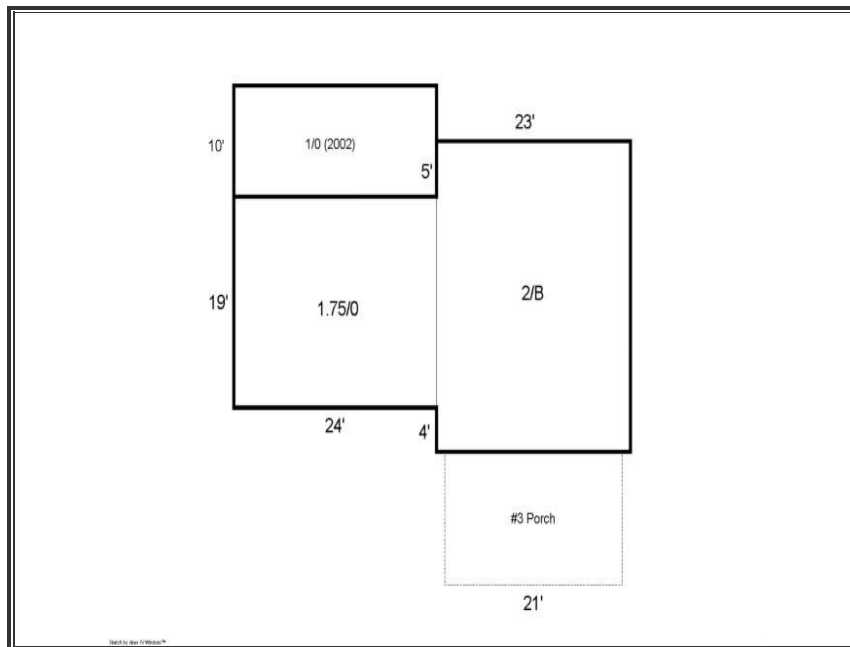
The structure is an excellent example of a Greek revival house executed in local brick. Original elements remaining include returns at the gable ends along with cornices and some fenestration. An early porch across the front of the main house along with a two-story modern frame addition to the rear of the kitchen wing appears to be the major alterations.

The home was in very poor shape in 2000 when several developers evaluated the property for removal. This is considered the second most historically significant home in the City of Bloomington. The home is owned by Jeffery Thibert, who purchased the home in 2001. Mr. Thibert has made significant improvements to preserve the structure.
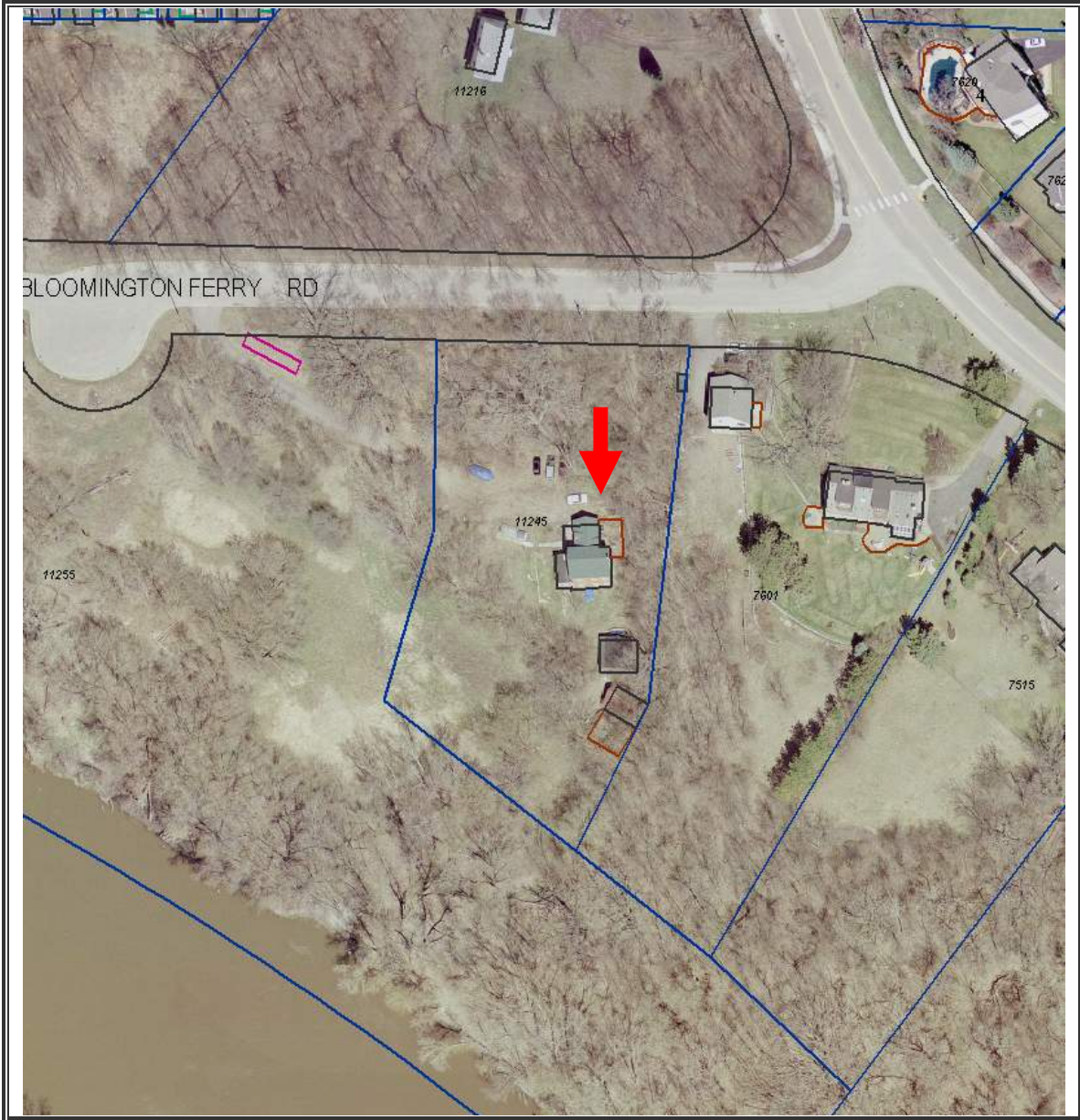
The property was purchased by John Gibbs in 2014. A significant improvement was connecting to City Water. A sanitary sewer connection was not feasible and the dwelling remains on a septic system.

10'	1/0 (2002)	23'
		5'
19'	1.75/0	2/B
	24'	4'
		#3 Porch
		21'

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Snapshot from City of Bloomington GIS

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