17-19 Ashton Street

Owner: Brett and Kaila Dorval (17 Ashton), Melissa Walker (19 Ashton)
Architect: Julia F. Martin Architects
Contractor: Southeastern Construction
Developer: JJR Development, LLC, Jeffrey Roberts (Exterior Carolpolis Award)

The Charleston Single House and Freedman’s Cottage at 17 and 19 Ashton Street date to the late-19th and early-20th centuries, respectively, and each suffered numerous insensitive alterations in later years. Through the extensive 2017-2019 restoration, the two properties were elevated to meet FEMA requirements, while intact historic material was preserved and lost detail restored.

As part of the project, inappropriate, non-historic additions were removed from the rear of both 17 and 19 Ashton Street and replaced with more sensitive, subordinate footprints. Replacement vinyl siding and windows were restored to wood, and historic siding was preserved or replaced in-kind. Non-historic roofs on both buildings were replaced with more appropriate hand-crimped, standing seam aluminum. Notably, 19 Ashton was returned to single-family use after years of occupation as a duplex.