

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form**  
**Intercounty Connector Project**

DOE  yes  no1. **Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic Casey Barn

and/or common Casey Community Center Property

2. **Location:**street & number 810 South Frederick Avenue  not for publicationcity, town Gaithersburg  vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. **Classification:**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> other:
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation

4. **Owner of Property:** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name City of Gaithersburg

street &amp; number 31 South Summit Avenue

telephone no.:

city, town Gaithersburg

state and zip code MD 20877

5. **Location of Legal Description**

Land Records Office of Montgomery County

liber 4181

street &amp; number Montgomery County Judicial Center

folio 750

city, town Rockville

state MD

6. **Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title Gaithersburg Historic Sites Survey

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records City of Gaithersburg

city, town Gaithersburg

state MD

## 7. Description

Survey No. M:21-183 (PACS A11.7)

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 1

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Casey Barn is an early twentieth century barn complex which was converted into a multi-purpose community building in the mid-1970s. Constructed in 1938, the concrete block and wood-frame structure is located on the south side of Frederick Road in the City of Gaithersburg. The building is a three-part plan consisting of three connected front-gambrel roof barns. The central barn is 3-stories and flanked by two 2-story barns connected by 2-story gambrel-roof hyphens. The central barn extends further south, toward the rear, than the other barns and has two metal silos attached to the rear elevation.

The structure has a standing-seam metal roof which is capped by three large ventilators. The structure is constructed with molded concrete block on the foundation and first story and wood-frame above. The wood-frame portions of the building are sided with vinyl. The windows are replacement vinyl 6/6 double-hung. The building retains its integrity of form and fenestration pattern. Within the community center is an exhibit on the history of the original owner, Eugene Casey, and the role of the barn. Included is an historic photograph of the barn which demonstrates the architectural integrity of the building. All of the window openings were maintained. Several of the exterior doorways on the upper levels were enclosed but the original door remains on the facade. The only noticeable alteration is the addition of a modern glass entryways on the first story of the hyphens. The first story of the hyphens were originally arcades consisting of a closed concrete block railing and three arched openings.

The north, or front facade has a central entryway in the central barn. The entry is enclosed with vertical wood, double doors. The doorway is flanked by two double-hung windows. The second story has a single wood door centered in the elevation, while the third story has two double-hung windows and a central double door. The doorway has a pediment-shaped molded surround decorated with wood-sawn ornament. The hyphens which link the central barn with the flanking barns are identical. The first story is enclosed with plate glass and a set of glass double doors. The second story has a gable dormer with a double-hung window. The east barn has a central false wood door on the first story. The door is flanked by two double-hung windows. The second story also has a false door. The west barn has a triple double-hung window on the first story and a false door on the second story.

The east elevation has two additions. The alcove created by the intersection of the east barn, the hyphen and the central barn is filled by a 1-story shed roof addition to the south elevation of the east barn and a 1-story shed roof addition to the east elevation of the central barn. Both additions are constructed of concrete block and have standing-seam metal roofs. The east elevation of the east barn has four double-hung windows on the first story and four vertically-aligned gable dormers with double-hung windows on the second story. The east elevation of the shed roof addition of the first shed roof addition has a single double-hung window. The second shed roof addition has a double-door entry opening onto a concrete block loading dock. The east elevation of the central barn has eight double-hung windows on the first story. The metal silos are located the southeast and southwest corners of the central barn. The silos are attached to building by 2-story hyphens with gable roofs. The first story is of concrete block construction with a double-hung window, while the second story is of wood-frame construction covered with vinyl siding and has a double-hung window.

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## 7. Description (Continued)

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The rear, or south elevation of the central barn has wood double door flanked by two double-hung windows on the first story. The second story has a single false wood door and the third story has a double-hung window. There are no openings on the south elevation of the east barn, however the south elevation of the second shed roof addition has three double-hung windows. The rear elevation of the west hyphen has two double-hung windows.

The west elevation of the west barn has five double-hung windows and a pair of wood double doors on the first story. The second story has seven gable dormers with double-hung windows. The west elevation of the central barn has the building's main entrance on the first story. The entrance is a pair of glass double doors flanked by two single-light vinyl windows. There is one double-hung window located south of the entrance. The west elevation of the west silo hyphen has the same fenestration pattern and materials as the east hyphen.

There are no other buildings located on this property. A fountain was constructed in front of the building when the property was renovated in the 1970s.

The property is located on the south side of Frederick Road, with commercial property to the north and west, residential property to the east and wooded property to the south. The building is accessed by a circular driveway from Frederick Road which then encircles the structure and terminates at a large paved parking lot south of the building.



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easier access to markets for vegetables, fruit, and dairy products. Gaithersburg grew into the commercial center for central and northern Montgomery County. By the mid-1880s, the town boasted hotels, a large grain mill, services and a bank. The railroad also influenced real estate development along the line from Washington, with the area around Gaithersburg and neighboring Rockville developing as summer resorts for residents of Washington (Hiebert & MacMaster 1976: 211).

Following the development of the area from the 1870s to the 1890s, the growth of Gaithersburg stabilized during the first decades of the twentieth century. Most of the growth of Montgomery County occurred in the suburbs closer to Washington D.C. It was not until after World War II that Gaithersburg began to develop rapidly. The expansion of the Federal government in Washington in the years after the War spurred considerable suburban development in Montgomery County. Access to the Capital by rail and improved roadways, as well as the relocation of some government agencies into the County, encouraged this suburban expansion (Rockville Historic District Commission, 1973). As a result, present-day Gaithersburg has evolved from the original crossroads of Forest Oak into a large Washington suburb of neighborhoods, commercial centers, and technology-oriented businesses.

Casey Barn is an example of an early twentieth century dairy barn in a modified Dutch gambrel style. The Dutch barn is known for its front-gable orientation with a central wagon door on each gable end. In form, the Dutch barn is nearly square in plan with a large central aisle. The aisle is used as a wagon drive-through and a threshing area, while the aisle is flanked by animal pens and grain bins. The loft area is often used for hay storage (Janik 1990, 15). The Casey barn borrows from the Dutch barn tradition, however the plan is elongated and three barns are connected to form a complex plan.

The location of a farm was dependant on the accessibility of the marketplace. The continuing benefit of the Washington Metropolitan Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and the increasing number of primary and secondary roads in Montgomery County gave farmers easy access to the Washington markets. More than half of the farms located within 4.8 kilometers (3 miles) of the B & O route through Montgomery County were in the dairy business (Hiebert and MacMaster 1976: 241). In the early twentieth century, a rise in milk production technology and stronger health regulations changed the form of dairy barns. The result was a larger specified dairy barn constructed of concrete block, often with a gambrel roof (Rebeck 1987, 18).

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8. Significance (Continued)

NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

The Casey Barn is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, as a good example of an early twentieth century dairy barn in Montgomery County. Constructed in 1938, the structure follows the typical construction form and technique of early twentieth century dairy barns. Character-defining features, such as the gambrel roof, molded concrete block and fenestration pattern, retain a high degree of integrity. The wood panel doors, with a molded wood surround and patterned wood ornamentation demonstrate excellent craftsmanship and distinguish this barn from other simplified dairy barn of the same period. Its large size is also a distinguishing characteristic of this structure. Although the building has not been used for dairy production since 1949 and the interior was remodeled, the exterior features of the building have been retained. Therefore, the period of significance for the structure extends from 1938 to 1949.

The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Although Eugene Casey was an influential and important businessman of Montgomery County, the property is not eligible under Criterion B as he made no specific contribution to area history. The barn was just one of Casey's several business enterprises which does not solely represent the significance or achievements the individual. Finally, the structure is not eligible under Criterion D, as it has no known potential to yield important information.

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Eligibility recommended

Eligibility Not Recommended

Comments: ~~MAN DETERMINED THIS BUILDING TO BE ELIGIBLE 12/7/96. WE CONTINUE TO CONCUR.~~

Reviewer, OPS: *[Signature]*  
Reviewer, NR Program: *[Signature]*

Date: 2/24/99  
Date: 3/1/99

*[Signature]*

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. M:21-183(PACS A11.7)

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of nominated property .9 hectares (2.24 acres)

Quadrangle name Rockville  
~~Gaithersburg, MD~~

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

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### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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state Maryland

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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## 10. Geographical Data (Continued)

### Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The National Register boundaries of the Casey Barn follow the current property lines of its tax parcel (Tax Maps FS 563, Lot/Block #N667). This .9 hectare (2.24 acre) parcel is bounded on the north by South Frederick Avenue, on the east by an apartment complex, on the south by an adjacent parcel and on the west by commercial property. The boundary includes the barn complex and a large parking lot. According to deed research, the property was originally part of a 77.36 hectare (191.17 acre) parcel which was purchased by Eugene Casey in 1937. The property has been reduced in size by development and subdivisions. The parcel has been .9 hectares (2.24 acres) since the property was granted to the City of Gaithersburg in 1971.

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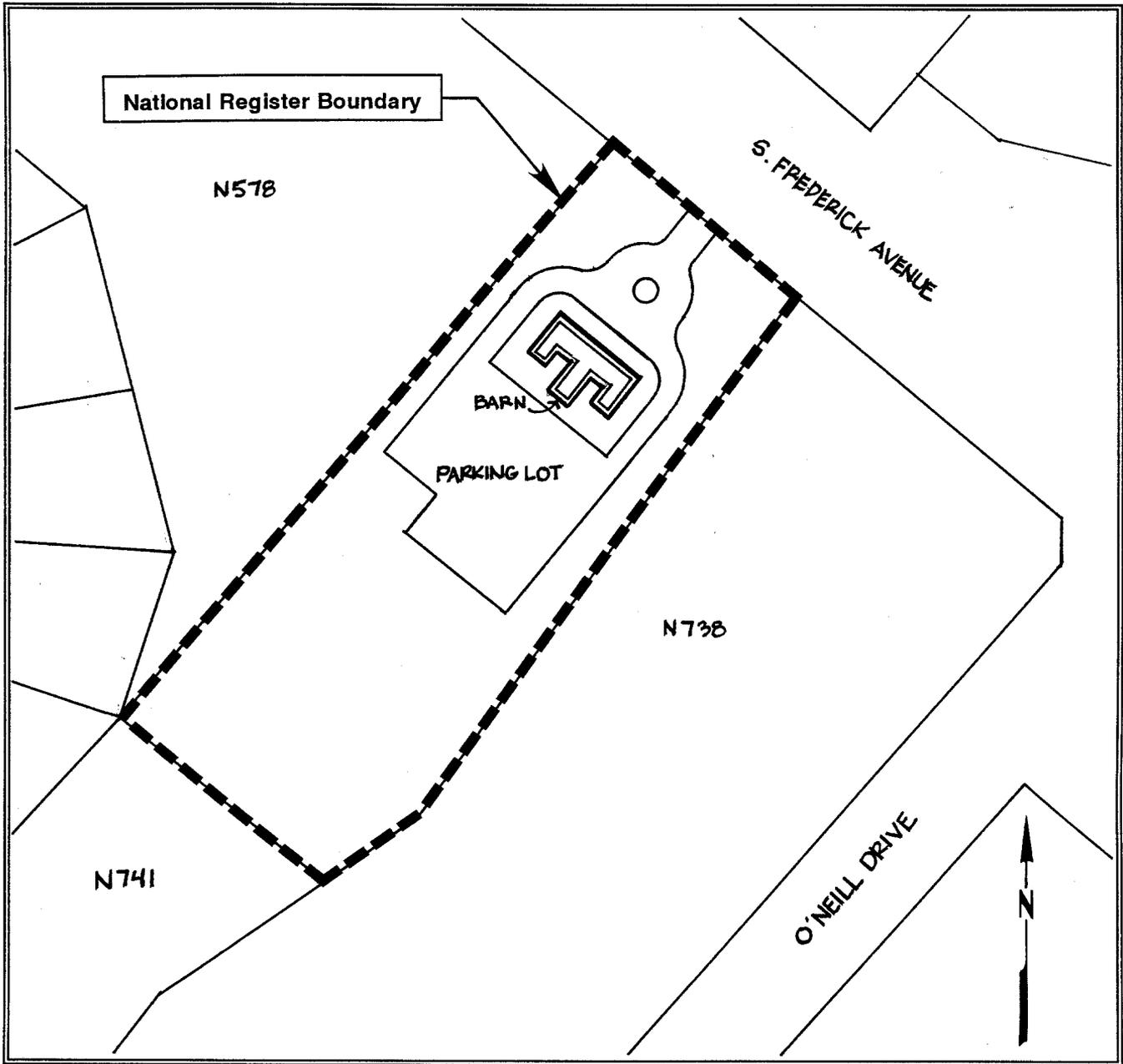
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Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:



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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

12. Modern Period A.D. 1930-present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

1. Agriculture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Structure

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Dairy Barn

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

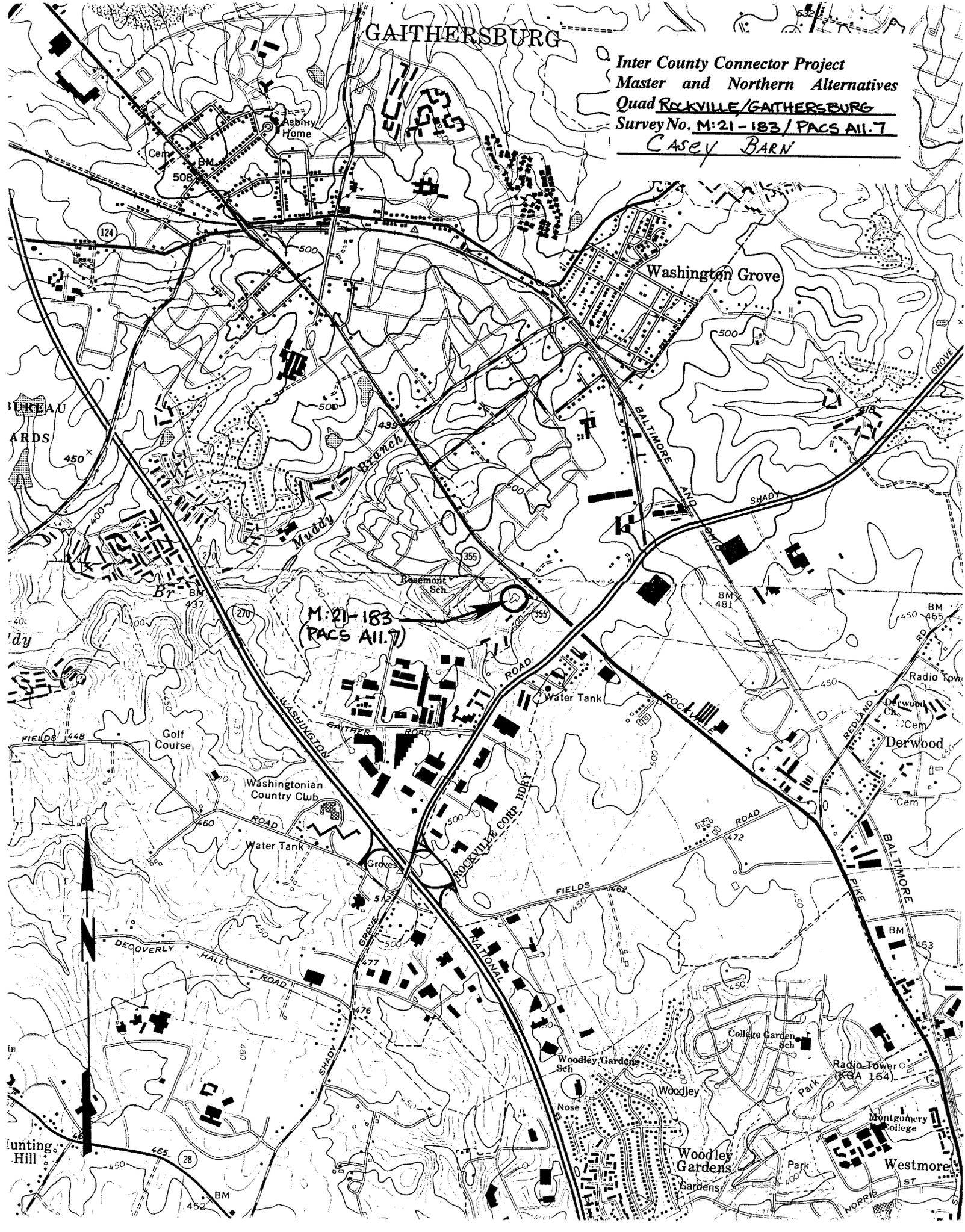
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October 1996

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Quad ROCKVILLE/GAITHERSBURG  
Survey No. M:21-183/PACS All.7  
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2. Casey Community Center

3. Montgomery County, Maryland

4. Tim Tammer

5. October 1976

6. PAC Spar & Temp

40 W. Chesapeake Ave. Suite 215

Baltimore, MD 21201

- Tim Tammer Area Office

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1. No. 21-120

2. Casey & Co. 11/20/01

3. Merchants' Bank, 11/20/01

4. T. F. Johnson Co.

5. October 1902

6. P. S. Jones & Company  
210 W. Chesapeake Street, Suite 2112  
Baltimore, Md. 21204

7. Export Goods & Services

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2. Eastern Training Center

3. Montgomery County, Maryland

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6. PAC Council  
Chesapeake State College  
Baltimore, MD 21204

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