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Newmantown (Ross Wheat)  
Muncaster Road  
Derwood

Late 19<sup>th</sup>-Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century

On the western edge of the Magruder-Bussard farm was a community known as Newmantown. Albert Newman and his wife, Mary Ellen Burke, free blacks from Virginia, purchased this property in 1879. Their land was of poor quality for farming, called "starvin land", so the Newmans supported themselves and their family of eight by working for area farmers in addition to their own farm. One of their sons, Morton Maury, called "Epp", was well known in the community as an orchardist.

By 1920, several houses existed on the property, inhabited by members of the Newman family. Thus, the name Newmantown became the local designation. Newmantown was the social center for the black community. Three structures were standing in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, but only one remains, occupied by park personnel. One building was recently razed (within the last 10 years).



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated August 31, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

If not designated, these resources will be added to the following area sites removed from the Locational Atlas as part of previous amendments:

<u>Site</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Removed As Part Of:</u>
22/5	Caven/Sabine Farm	May 1983 Amendment
22/6	Newmantown (Ross Wheat)	May 1983 Amendment
22/18	Cashell (Hazel) Farm-Outbuildings	May 1983 Amendment
22/21	Griffith (David) House	May 1983 Amendment
22/22	Cookes Range/Pope Farm	May 1983 Amendment
22/23	Cashell - Tenant House	May 1983 Amendment
22/24	Robertson Log House (Ruins)	May 1983 Amendment

Although removed from the Locational Atlas, all sites would remain on the Maryland Historic Trust's Inventory of State Historical Resources.

In addition to these individual historic sites, the Locational Atlas identifies three historic districts within the planning area. These Locational Atlas Rock Creek districts are:

<u>Atlas #</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Location</u>
22/3	Claysville	Olney/Laytonsville Road in the vicinity of Riggs Road
22/20	Redland	North & southeast quadrants, Muncaster Mill and Redland Road
22/23	Derwood Station	Redland & Derwood Road along the B&O Railroad North

These three districts are scheduled for evaluation within the coming year. These evaluations will be processed as a separate amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation. Processing of that amendment should be completed prior to the approval and adoption of this Plan. The historic status of the districts will then be included in the final publication of the Approved and Adopted Comprehensive Rock Creek Master Plan Amendment.

The location and status of all historic resources within the Rock Creek Planning Area that are recognized on the Locational Atlas are shown in the following three figures. (Note: Sites identified in Figure 25 — those recommended for designation or removal by the Preservation Commission — are the subject of this preliminary draft public hearing.)



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NAME SOAPSTONE TABLET CARVED BY  
LOCATION MRS. MAUDE (NEWMAN) TAYLOR'S FATHER  
FACADE - GIVES FAMILY AGES ect FOR  
PHOTO TAKEN MEMBERS OF NEWMAN FAMILY  
THAT LIVED IN THE NEGRO  
COMMUNITY KNOWN AS "NEWMANTOWN"  
ON THE WEST END OF THE  
BUSSARD FARM (ROCK CREEK)  
REDCAND, MD

FOUND AT SITE OF PRATHER (NEWMAN)  
HOUSE IN 1974 BY MRS. TAYLOR

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