

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Potter Farmhouse Inventory Number: M:29-35

Address: 8400 MacArthur Boulevard, Potomac, Montgomery County, Maryland 20854

Owner: Lloyd and Alfred Potter

Tax Parcel Number: P236 Tax Map Number: (FN561) FN61

I-495/I-95 Capital Beltway Corridor Transportation

Project: Improvement Study Agency: State Highway Administration

Site visit by: _____ Staff: No Yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended: _____ Eligibility not recommended: X

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Is property located within a historic district? No Yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed? No Yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: I-495/I-95 Capital Beltway Corridor Transportation Improvement Study
Historic Resources Survey and Determination of Eligibility Report

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo):*

The Potter Farmhouse was previously surveyed by Catherine Crawford of the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission in 1983. A determination of eligibility was not made at that time. It is 2-story, wood-frame, residential structure set on a 5.59-acre parcel immediately west of the Capital Beltway on MacArthur Blvd. The building, which was moved from its original location for the construction of the beltway, rests on a concrete foundation that serves as a basement and as a garage. The three-bay wide house features a standing-seam metal, side-gable roof with numerous brick chimneys and overhanging eaves. Openings include a paneled door in the center bay and double-hung, 6/6 casement windows with shutters. Additions include a large, two-story kitchen wing to the rear of the house and a one-story porch on the east elevation.

In addition to the house, the property includes numerous buildings such as a modern, metal tractor shed; the ruins of a frame sawmill; a modern, open shed that serves as a garage; a frame garage; and a frame shed. These structures surround the house, but are principally located behind it and to its east. The property is accessed by a drive that serves it as well as its neighbor to the west, 8700 MacArthur Blvd.

Prepared by: Julianne Mueller, KCI Technologies, Inc., January 2000

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Eligibility recommended: _____ Eligibility not recommended: X
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Comments: _____

[Signature]
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

9/11/00
Date

[Signature]
Reviewer, NR Programs

10/12/00
Date

[Signature]

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Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo):* (CONT'D)

The Potter Farmhouse, constructed circa 1865, is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. 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 the house was once associated with the agricultural history of Montgomery County, possibly qualifying it for listing in the National Register under Criterion A, changes to the house and property have resulted in a loss of integrity of setting, feeling, and association. Once listed in the Montgomery County Locational Atlas, it was removed when further review revealed a lack of sufficient significance to warrant its listing in the county's master plan. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as the house on the property is an undistinguished example of a common vernacular building type that lacks distinguishing features. Finally, investigations have not been conducted to determine whether the property has the potential to yield information important in history or pre-history, therefore, National Register Criterion D can not be assessed at this time.

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**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

IV. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Agricultural, Private Residence

Known Design Source: None

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Potter Farmhouse

and/or common

2. Location

street & number ~~-8600 MacArthur Blvd.~~ 8400 MacArthur Blvd. ___ not for publication

city, town Cabin John ___ vicinity of congressional district 10th

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

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

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

name Lloyd & Alfred Potter

street & number 10700 Lockland Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Potomac state and zip code Md., 20854

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 2772

street & number folio 347

city, town Rockville state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 ___ federal state county ___ local

depository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed (Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site (Check One)
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This is a tall, narrow, two-story frame structure that sits on the south side of the old Conduit Rd. (now MacArthur Blvd.), at the Beltway. The house features clapboard siding, stove-type chimneys in each end-wall, and a two-story wing to the rear (south.)</p>	

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8. Significance

Survey No.

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates _____ **Builder/Architect** _____

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Potter farmhouse is significant as an example of rural vernacular architecture typical of that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. The house was probably built by Peter C. Harrison about 1866, shortly after the Civil War.¹ The house was built on 35 3/8 acres of "Carderock" which Peter purchased in April of 1866 from Sallie Fitzhugh.² Peter is shown as living in the house until just before the turn of the century.³ After his ownership, the house was passed through a succession of owners. A kitchen wing was later added to the house about 1915.⁴

In September of 1919, the farm was purchased by Alden and Charlotte Potter.⁵ After graduating from the University of Minnesota where Alden received a degree in agriculture and Charlotte, in Botony, they decided to begin farming. They purchased this property where they ran a dairy farm as well as raising numerous different animals including cows, chickens, ducks, turkeys, etc. They delivered their own dairy products themselves, around the Cabin John area. The Potters put a great deal of work into improveing the farm. They added barns, a root cellar and a spring house in which to keep their milk cold, a greenhouse and many other outbuildings. They also changed the rather plain looking facade of the house, hiring an architect to design a new front entry way, and adding shutters to the house. Later, in the 1930's, they added the present front porch. The Potter's house had running water which was pumped in by a gravity system from a spring across the road and then in 1932, electricity was added.⁶

Their son, Lloyd, and his wife, Jennie, took over the farm about 1943. Instead of running a dairy farm, however, they grew vegetables, especially sweet corn. Lloyd, with a college degree in ecology, farmed the land until about 1952 when he gradually cut back on the farming and began working in the construction business. He also had a saw mill which he ran on the farm.⁷

The house was moved about twenty years ago when the Beltway was built. The house does, however, sit on part of the original stone foundation which was also moved (the original site of the house had only a small basement which Alden Potter added to house a heating

system.) In 1965, shortly after the house was relocated, Lloyd and Jennie moved out of the house and their son, William, and his wife moved in. The house remains in the Potter family.⁸

¹The date given is based on the date the property was purchased and information provided by Jennie Potter in a conversation, 1/83.

²Deed EBP 3/220, Mont. Co. Land Records.

³Hopkins Map of 1894,

⁴Conversation with Jennie Potter, 1/83 and the Mont. Co. Comm. Tax Asses. Bks., 1910-1923.

⁵Deed 284/77, Mont. Co. Land Records.

⁶Jennie Potter

⁷Ibid.

⁸Ibid.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M:29-35

Mont. Co. Land Records
Conversation With Jennie Potter, 1/83

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5.59 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawford

organization M.C. Hist. Preservation Comm. date 1/83

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town Rockville state Maryland

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.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: Potter House				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: MacArthur Blvd. at Rte. 495 (Beltway)				
CITY OR TOWN: Carderock (Cabin John P.O.)				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: William B. Potter				
STREET AND NUMBER: 8600 MacArthur Blvd.				
CITY OR TOWN: Cabin John			STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate).

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|--|--|---|--|

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is one of the very few structures in this area not related directly to the C & O Canal. The terrain here, above the river, is quite steep and forbidding. There was almost no settlement near the river here until the road was opened. The Case family once lived here, but the Potters have owned it since 1919. Neal Potter is presently a member of the Montgomery County Council.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1) Mont. Co. Land Records: Deeds 2772/347 in 1960
 267/418 in 1919
 268/5 in 1917

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreege Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 4/22/75

STREET AND NUMBER:
 8787 Georgia Ave.

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

 Signature

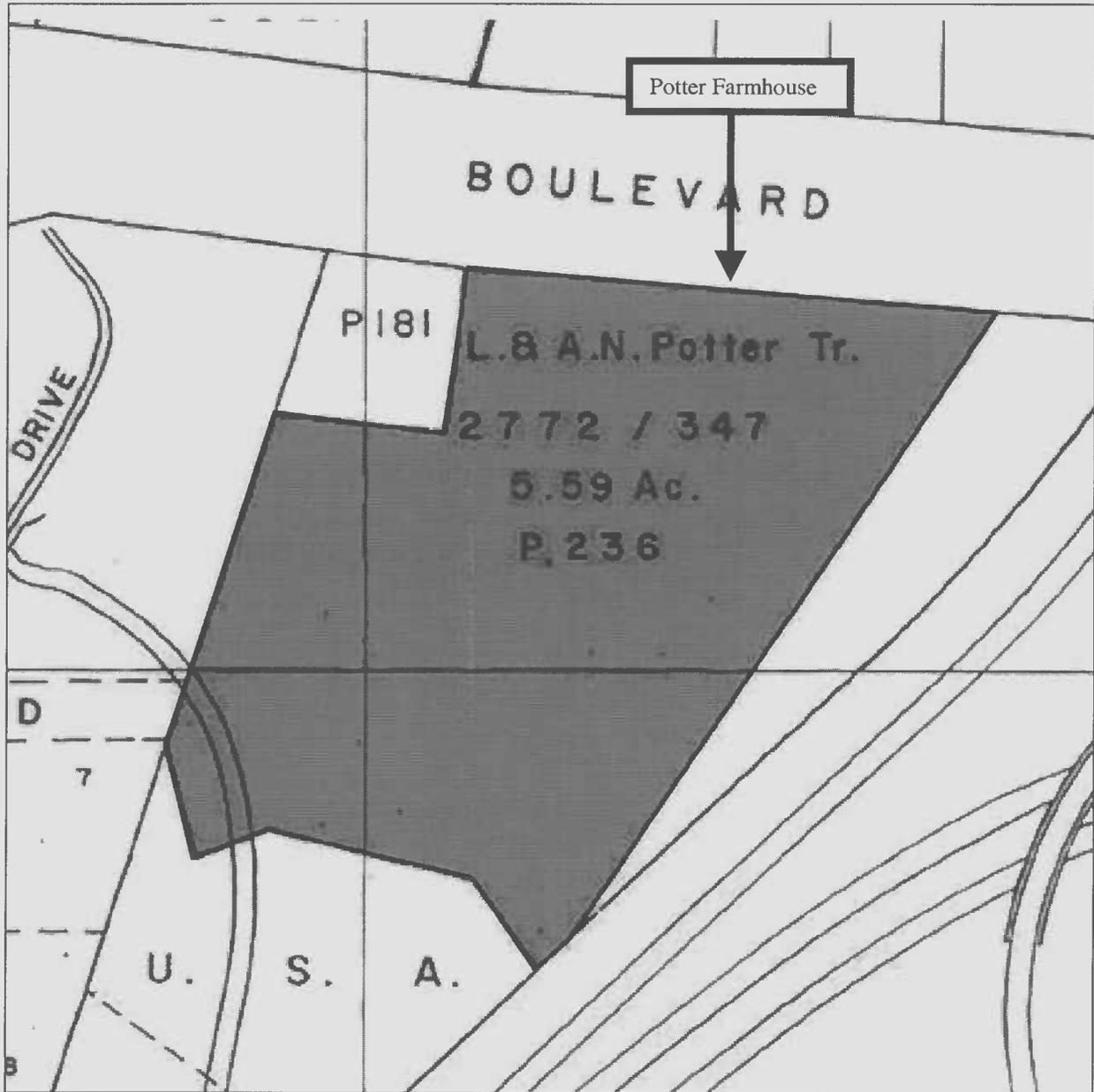
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Montgomery County Tax Map FN561, Parcel P236



LELANDS CORNER 1.5 MI.
5562 II SW
(ROCKVILLE)

SENECA 11 MI.
POTOMAC 2.2 MI.

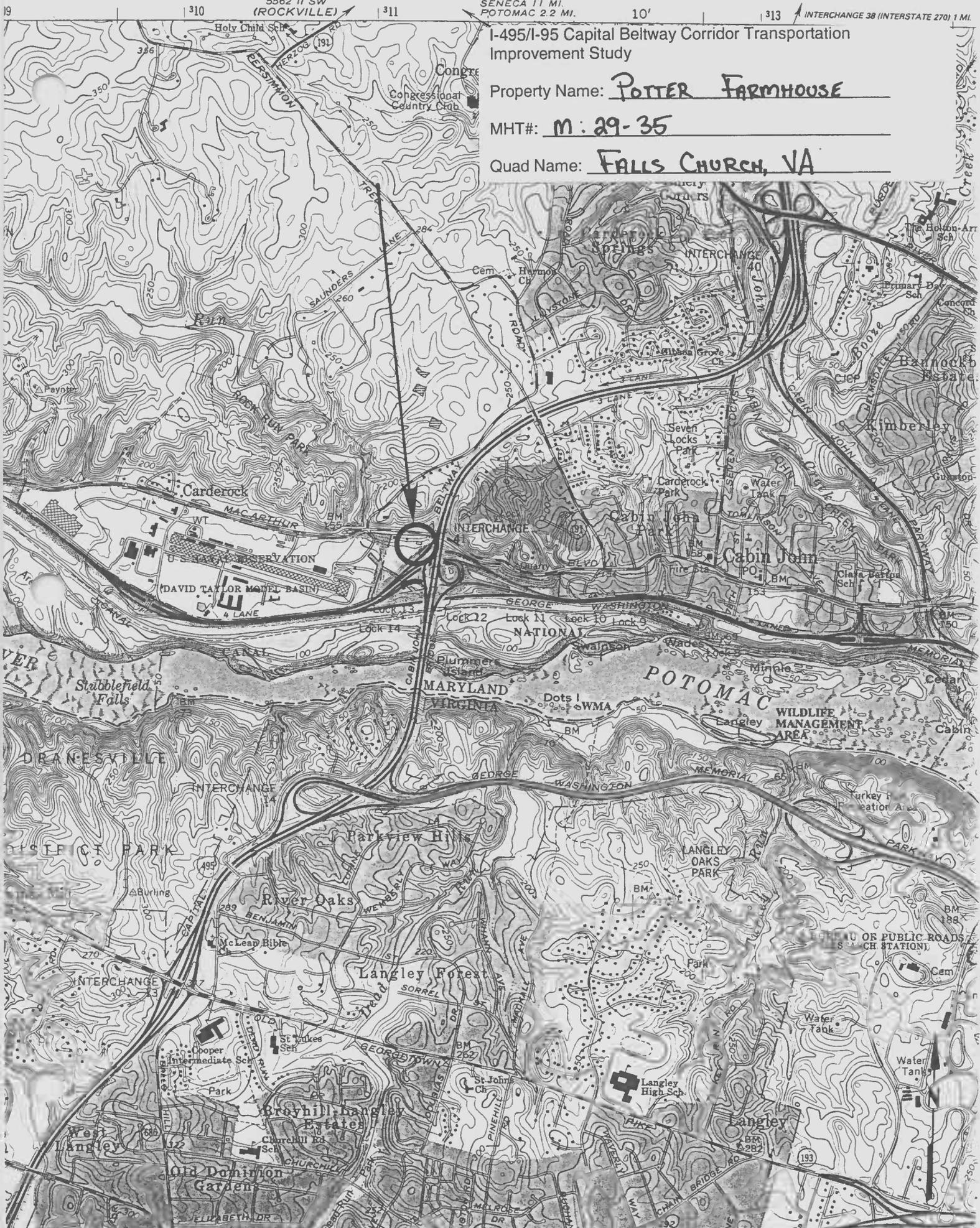
INTERCHANGE 38 (INTERSTATE 270) 1 MI.

I-495/I-95 Capital Beltway Corridor Transportation
Improvement Study

Property Name: POTTER FARMHOUSE

MHT#: M: 29-35

Quad Name: FALLS CHURCH, VA





1. M¹⁷ 79. 35

2. POTTER FARMHOUSE

3. MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

4. JULIA MUELLER

5. 18196

6. M¹⁷ 940

7. 8000 NANTUCKET, View SE

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1. M. 29-35
2. POTTER FARMHOUSE
3. MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD
4. JUNE MILLER
5. 12199
6. MDSHPO
7. 8600 MacArthur Blvd, view SE
8. 2 of 2



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