MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes___ no X

Property Name: Howard Marlow Property Inventory Number: M:34-16

Address: 2610 Fairland Road City: Silver Spring Zip Code: 20904

County: Montgomery USGS Topographic Map: Beltsville

Owner: SHA Is the property being evaluated a district?___ yes

Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____

Project: MO891B21/US 29 at Fairland and Musgrove Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT staff: X no ____yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Is the property is located within a historic district ____ yes X no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district____yes Eligible district____yes Name of District: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource___yes ___ no Non-contributing but eligible in another contex___ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ____yes X no

Criteria: ___ A ___B ___C___ D Considerations: ___ A ___B___ C___ D___ E___ F ___G___ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in Compliance files

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

In January 1998, the Howard Marlow Property was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) by the Keeper of the National Register under Criterion C "for its intact collection of early 20th century rural architecture". According to previous documentation, the Marlow house (ca. 1910), although modest in scale, is a distinctive example of a four-square residence because of its high degree of integrity of original materials, design, and workmanship which is enhanced by unaltered architectural details and a rural setting of former field and pasture. Retaining it rural agricultural setting, the property also contains an associated acreage of field and pasture and a cohesive collection of relatively unaltered outbuildings dating to the early 20th century including a barn, corncrib, and several storage buildings and sheds.

The Marlow house is an example of an American Foursquare that is one of the most popular (not styled) house forms in the nation in the early twentieth century. It illustrates the key features of the form: 2 ½ stories, square plan, low-pitched pyramidal roof, off-center front entrance, full-width one-story front and rear porches, and six-over-one double-hung sash windows. The Marlow property originally included a large frame barn, a concrete block garage, a frame workshop, and three frame sheds. The barn and workshop (shed #2) were razed pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement between SHA and the MHT executed February 16, 2001 due to the structures' dilapidated state. Additional photography, a site plan and a statement of significance were completed at that time as part of the documentation stipulated by the MOA. Presently, the corn crib, shed #3 and the garage (which is not contributing) are the only extant outbuildings. Shed #`1 was removed from the site at an

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Eligibility recommended ____ **Eligibility not recommended** X

Criteria: ___ A ___B ___C ___D **Considerations:** ___ A ___B___ C___ D___ E___ F___ G ___None

MHT Comments Previously (1/98) determined eligible, but has since lost integrity to such a degree that it no longer meets criteria

Andrew Lewis ✓ — **Reviewer, Office of Preservation Service** — 6/26/03 — **Date**

[signature] — **Reviewer, NR Program** — 6/27/03 — **Date**

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unknown time.

In 2001, SHA entered into a lease agreement with a landscaping supplier who constructed large concrete block bins on the property to hold gravel, topsoil, mulch and sand. The area immediately surrounding the house has been paved with gravel and is used to park large trucks and construction equipment. In addition, two trailers were placed on the property and a small one room pre-fabricated building that serves as the office. A chain link security fence was constructed around the house. These changes have altered the original setting that included pastures and fields that surrounded the house.

As previously stated, the corn crib and Shed # 3 are the only remaining outbuildings. Shed #3 was described on the 1996 MIHP form as an 1910 outbuilding built of wood frame construction with a shed roof. However, the shed consists of four wood poles and plywood siding and appears to be a later vintage. SHA concludes that shed #3 does not contribute to the property's illustration of early twentieth century agricultural and architectural themes and is not a contributing building to the significance of the Marlow Property. The one-story shed (Shed #1), possibly used for milking, was located on its northwest end and is now gone. The circumstances relating to its removal are not known. The concrete block garage was previously determined non-contributing.

The Marlow house has suffered substantial deterioration in the last two years. In the 2000 report, Marlow Property Condition Assessment and Recommendations prepared by John Milner, the front porch is described in " relatively poor condition...the northwest corner is especially damaged and is resting on temporary shoring consisting of several bricks".

During recent years, the interior of the house has been used for storage of landscaping equipment. An inspection of the property revealed that most of the interior hardware has been removed. On the exterior, the majority of shutters have been removed or have fallen apart. The house overall is in poor to fair condition and would require a major rehabilitation to restore it to a usable condition.

In summary, the documentation in the MHT files indicates that the Marlow Property is the only representative early twentieth-century small-scale agricultural property in eastern Montgomery County identified to date. However, because of the loss of three of the contributing outbuildings and the physical alterations to the property, SHA believes the Marlow property no longer possesses sufficient integrity to qualify for inclusion in the NRHP as an example of popular (not styled) domestic and agricultural architecture from the early twentieth century in eastern Montgomery County. Although the Marlow house is an example of an American Four-square style, without the associated acreage of field and pasture and a cohesive collections of relatively unaltered outbuildings it no longer conveys its historical association with early 20th century agricultural architecture. The Marlow house represents a popular house style that does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type; period or method of construction, or represent the work of a master; or possess high artistic values. The Marlow property, therefore, is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion C.

The Marlow property is not known to be associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of local, state or national history (Criterion A). The property is not known to be associated with the lives of persons significant in the local, state, or national past (Criterion B). Finally, the property does not meet Criterion D, as it has no known potential to yield important information.

Prepared by: Liz Buxton Date Prepared: 03/24/2003

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIE

Eligibility recommended ____ **Eligibility not recommended** ____

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

MHT Comments

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Service	**Date**
Reviewer, NR Program	**Date**

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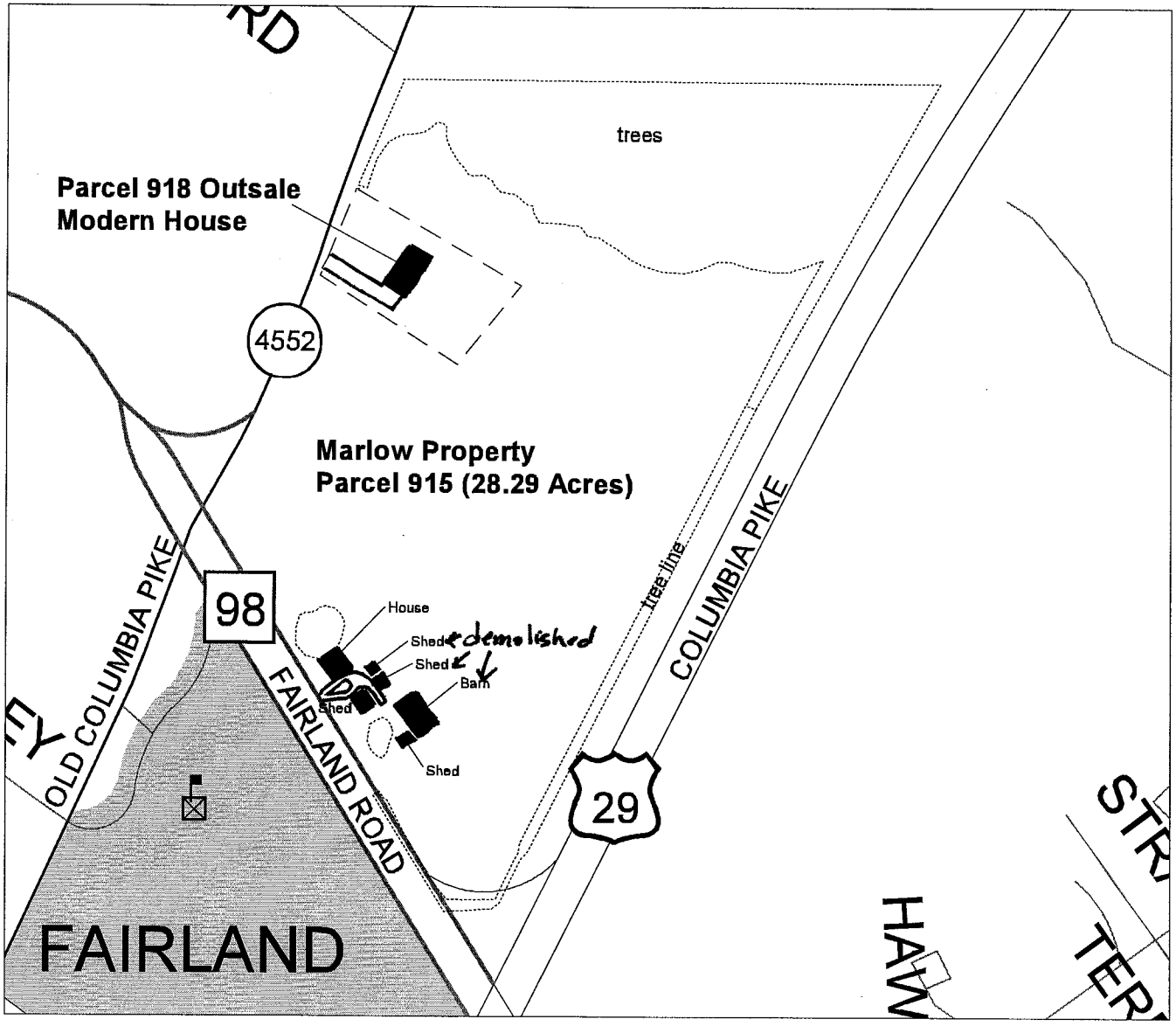
Marlow Property Site Plan



Beltsville Quad
Montgomery County

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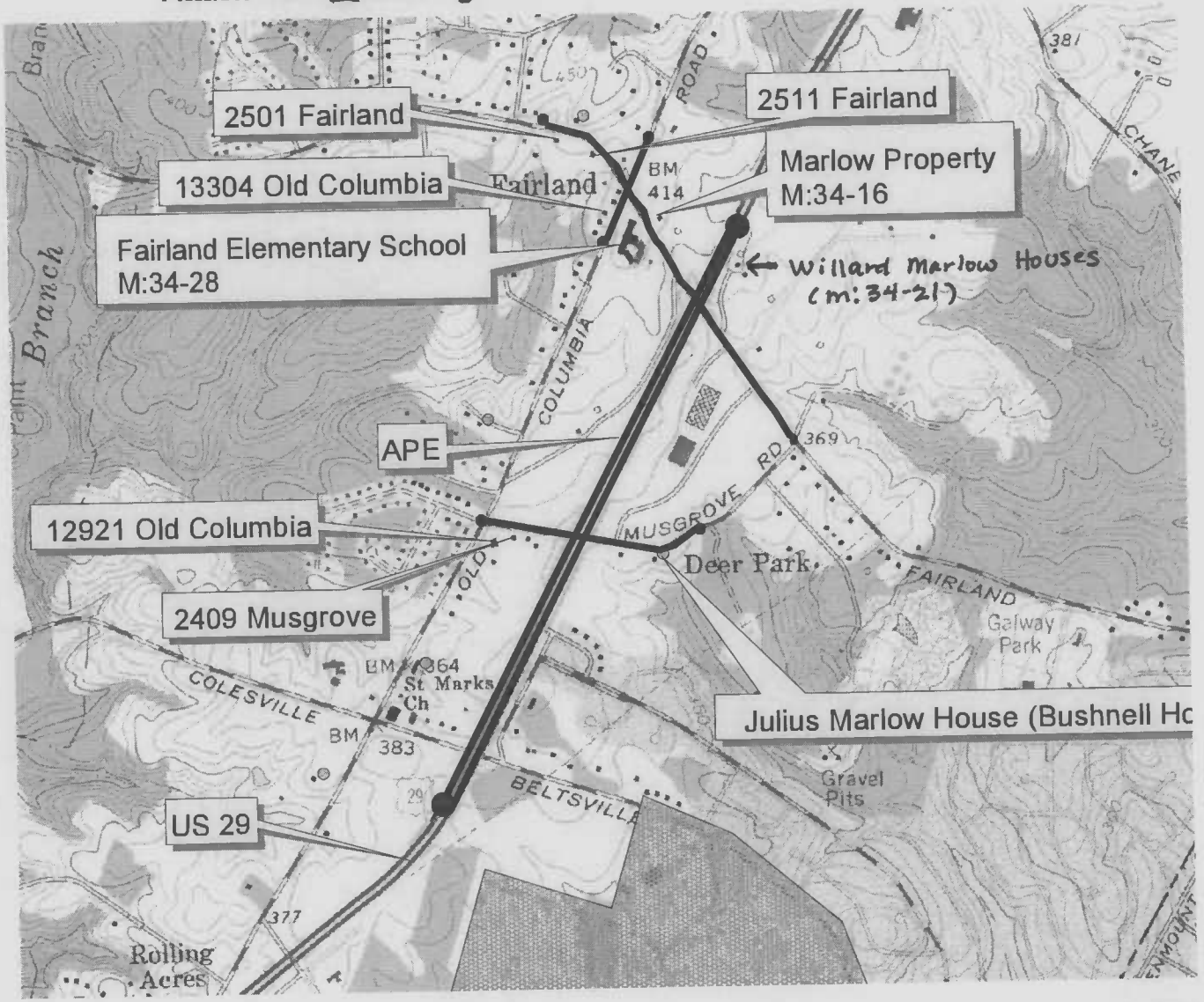
US 29 at Musgrove Road & Fairland Road
Montgomery Co.
Beltsville Quad
Attachment II showing APE



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Howard Marlow Property

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1 Section

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Looking South

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Howard Harlow Property
Mont Co
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Looking east

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Howard Harlow property

Mont Co

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MD SHPO

Looking South

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(Marlton property)

Mont. Co.

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March 2003

MD SHPO

facing South

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Howard Marlow House

Mgt. Co.

L. Burton

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MD 560

Looking North

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Howard Marlow House

Mo. Co.

L. Linton

MD SHPO

Looking N or I

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Howard Marlow property
Garage

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Harvard Marlow House

Maine Co

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Howard Marlow property

Shed #3 Corncrib

Looking North

Prowler

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Hellen's Marlow property

Shed #1/Garage

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Looking North west

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Howard Bowl Arise

Amer. Co.

L. Burton

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NO
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Howard Harlow property

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Howard Marlow Prov. Dy

Mrs. Co.

L. Buxton

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MD - HPO

Looking South

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Harvard Black Rock Property

Corn Crib

Front Co

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South elevation

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1. Marlow property - Corn Crib

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MD SHPO

facing east

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Marlow Project
Mont. Co
L. Burton
MD SHPO
March 2003
Facing N away from House

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4. Marlow property

Mont. Co

L Buxton

march 2003

MD SHPO

looking North at Stage Rd

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

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Howard Marlow Property

and/or common Willard Marlow Property

2. Location:

street & number 13425 Old Columbia Pike ___ not for publication

city, town Silver Spring _x_ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification:

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___district	___public	___occupied	___agriculture	___museum
_x_building(s)	_x_private	_x_unoccupied	___commercial	___park
___structure	___both	___work in progress	___education	_x_private residence
___site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___entertainment	___religious
___object	___in process	_x_yes: restricted	___government	___scientific
	___being considered	___yes: unrestricted	___industrial	___other:
	___not applicable	___no	___military	
			___transportation	

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

name Willard H. Marlow

street & number 24025 Old Hundred Road telephone no.:

city,town Comus state and zip code MD

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Montgomery County liber 9392

street & number Montgomery County Judicial Center folio 550

city,town Rockville state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___federal ___state ___county ___local

depository for survey records

city,town state

7. Description

Survey No. M:34-16 (PACS E6.19)

Condition		Check one	Check one	
_excellent	___deteriorated	___unaltered	_x_original site	
___good	___ruins	_x_altered	___moved	date of move _____
_x_fair	___unexposed			

Resource Count: 7

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

The Howard Marlow Property is a 2½-story, 2-bay Four-square house on the east side of the Old Columbia Pike in the Silver Spring vicinity, Montgomery County. Constructed circa 1910, the building has 1-story, full width, hipped roof porches on both the front and rear elevations. Attached to the rear porch is a 1-story addition, which projects north of the north facade. It has a hipped, asphalt shingle roof with an interior brick chimney. The structure is wood frame construction with wood siding, has a concrete foundation, and double-hung wood windows.

The west, or front facade has a 1-story, hipped-roof porch with wood posts and wood lattice skirting. The fenestration pattern is symmetrical, with a glass and wood panelled door and one 1/1 double-hung window on the first story. The window, which is larger than the other windows in the structure, is a later replacement. The second story has two 6/1 double-hung windows.

The north elevation has a symmetrical fenestration pattern with two 3-light fixed sash windows on the basement level and two 6/1 double-hung windows on the first story. The second story has two 6/1 double-hung windows.

.e north elevation of the 1-story addition has one 6/1, double-hung window.

The east, or rear elevation has a full-width screened porch. Attached to the porch is a 1-story addition which projects north of the northeast corner of the building. The fenestration pattern is symmetrical with two wood doors on the first story. The second story has two 6/1 double-hung windows.

The east elevation of the 1-story addition has no openings.

The south elevation has a symmetrical fenestration pattern with two 3-light fixed sash windows on the basement level and two 6/1 windows on the first story. The second story has two 6/1 double-hung windows and there is a small, square 6-light, fixed sash window between the first and second stories, placed slightly off center.

The south elevation of the 1-story addition has a glass and wood panelled door with four lights.

There are six outbuildings associated with this property. The first outbuilding is a two- car garage with a front-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. Constructed circa 1940, it is of concrete block construction with wood siding in the gable end, and is located east of the main house.

The second outbuilding is a wood frame shed with a front-gable roof, constructed circa 1910. The structure is located northeast of the house and northwest of the garage.

The third outbuilding is a shed of wood frame construction, with a shed roof and vertical wood ding. Constructed circa 1910, it is located northeast of the house and north of the garage.

7. Description (Continued)

The fourth outbuilding is a barn with a gambrel roof and vertical wood siding. Constructed circa 1910, it is located northeast of the house and garage.

The fifth outbuilding is a storage building, constructed circa 1910. It has a gable roof, and vertical board siding spaced for ventilation. It is located east of the house and garage and south of the barn.

The sixth outbuilding is a shed, constructed circa 1910. It has a shed roof and is located east of the house and garage and south of the barn.

The property is located on the east side of Old Columbia Pike with open space to the north, east and west, however, the property is surrounded on three sides by multi-lane roadways. Despite its location, the buildings have sufficient setback to preserve some rural feeling.

8. Significance

Survey No. M:34-16 (PACS E6.19)

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below				
_prehistoric	__archaeology-prehistoric	__Community planning	__landscape architecture	__religion	
__1400-1499	__archeology-historic	__conservation	__law	__science	
__1500-1599	__agriculture	__economics	__literature	__sculpture	
__1600-1699	__architecture	__education	__military	__social/ humanitarian	
__1700-1799	__art	__engineering	__music	__theater	
__1800-1899	__commerce	__exploration/settlement	__philosophy	__transportation	
x 1900-	__communication	__industry	__politics/government	__other (specify)	
		__invention			

Specific dates circa 1910 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D
and/or
Applicable Exceptions: ___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 Howard Marlow Property is located in the area of the historic crossroads of Fairland. As early as 1882, the Marlow family owned and farmed considerable property in this area. The property at 13425 Old Columbia Pike was approximately a 20 hectare (50 acre) parcel, owned by orge Marlow in 1882. The property passed through the Marlow family, including ownership by ward Marlow in 1899 and Willard Marlow in 1921. The current owner, also named Willard Marlow, acquired the property in 1968. Throughout several transfers of ownership, the property size remained constant. The property is currently vacant and the associated land is reportedly under consideration for development.

Fairland is located on land originally patented to Archibald Edmonston in 1720 as "Deer Park" in what was then Prince George's County. "Deer Park" was grant of 276 hectare (682 acres) between the Paint Branch and Little Paint Branch, and from approximately Randolph Road to Briggs Chaney Road (Boyd 1879: 38).

During the early settlement period, both Prince George's and Montgomery counties had an agriculture-based economy. Directly or indirectly, every resident earned his livelihood from the land and its yield. When Prince George's County was formed in the late seventeenth century, colonists had already begun to clear native forests for fields. Tobacco was the region's principal cash crop, and the economy revolved around its production.

By the 1870s the "Gilded Age" (1870-1895) of materialism was beginning. It was during this period of massive land speculation and radical changes in the traditional methods of transportation that the phenomenon known as suburbanization was born. Beginning in the 1880s, the economy of Montgomery and Prince George's counties began to shift away from agriculture, becoming increasingly more dependent upon the federal government and the jobs it provided (M-NCPPC 1993:25). The combined influences of an expanding capital city, speculative developers, and easier, more convenient modes of transportation stimulated suburban growth in both Montgomery and Prince George's counties. However, Fairland was far enough away from the District of Columbia to remain a small and rural community. In the decades after the Civil War, Fairland had population of about 50 people, an Episcopal church, a schoolhouse, and a store.

The "motor car", first manufactured for sale in 1895, prompted expansive economic and social changes after the turn of the century. The automobile and an improved system of roads offered further opportunity for suburban expansion; new communities appeared, in some cases quite distant

8. Significance (Continued)

from railroad and streetcar lines. Although Fairland remained a small community until after the Second World War, development occurred along the Columbia Pike. The historic crossroads of Fairland has largely been replaced by modern development.

The Four-square style, like the Howard Marlow Property, was popular in both suburban and rural areas of America from the late 1890s into the 1920s. American Four-square dwellings are usually two to two-and-a-half-stories tall with a simple square or rectangular plan, low-pitched, hipped roof, and a front entrance, usually off-centered, which served as the focal point of the facade. They also commonly featured front and side dormers and a wide one-story front porch. Inside are usually four roughly equal-sized rooms on each floor, with a side stairway. Exterior wall surfaces were generally clad in clapboards or wood shingles. In vernacular examples, the Four-square often featured hipped dormers, a single-story, full-width front porch, and double-hung sash windows.

The development of the Four-square house was part of a stylistic movement known as "Rectilinear" which represented a reaction against the ornate Queen Anne style of the late 1880s. It was part of the same movement which produced the Colonial Revival style which returned to the symmetry of Georgian and Federal designs, and the Prairie School which stressed horizontal lines and intersecting, perpendicular planes. Four-square homes contain some features of both the Colonial Revival and Prairie styles but the style developed independently from them (Wells 1987, 51). Like Colonial Revival houses, Four-square homes emphasize geometric forms, and like Prairie houses they have low-pitched roofs and windows that feature multi-light panels. Yet the Four-square houses also differ from these other styles in significant ways. Unlike Colonial Revival houses, for example, Four-squares do not contain historical features such as Palladian windows, fanlights, and ornamented bracketing. They also often have off-center entrances. Designers of Four-squares also rejected the Prairie School emphasis on horizontal lines and irregular forms. From the architectural avant-garde, the Four-square form moved to popular builder's magazines, beginning in 1895 when they began publishing drawings of such houses. Companies such as Montgomery Ward and Sears Roebuck included Four-Square variations among the designs for which they offered complete, pre-cut materials shipped ready for assembly (Wells 1987, 53).

8. Significance (Continued)

National Register Evaluation:

The Howard Marlow Property, constructed circa 1910, 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. 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. In addition, it is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is not a significant example of the Four-square style and the associated agricultural buildings lack any historical or architectural distinction. Finally, the property does not meet Criterion D, as it has no known potential to yield important information.

Criteria A & C

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Eligibility recommended XX Eligibility Not Recommended

Comments: An intact Garden Farm Example. Ck B&A PK nmad
determination in the field in Sept 1997.

Reviewer, OPS: _____ Date: 8/25/98

Reviewer, NR Program: _____ Date: 8/27/98

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No.M:34-16(PACS E6.19)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Beltsville Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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 Caroline Hall

organization P.A.C. Spero & Company date October 1996

street & number 40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412 telephone (410) 296-1635

city or town Baltimore 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 purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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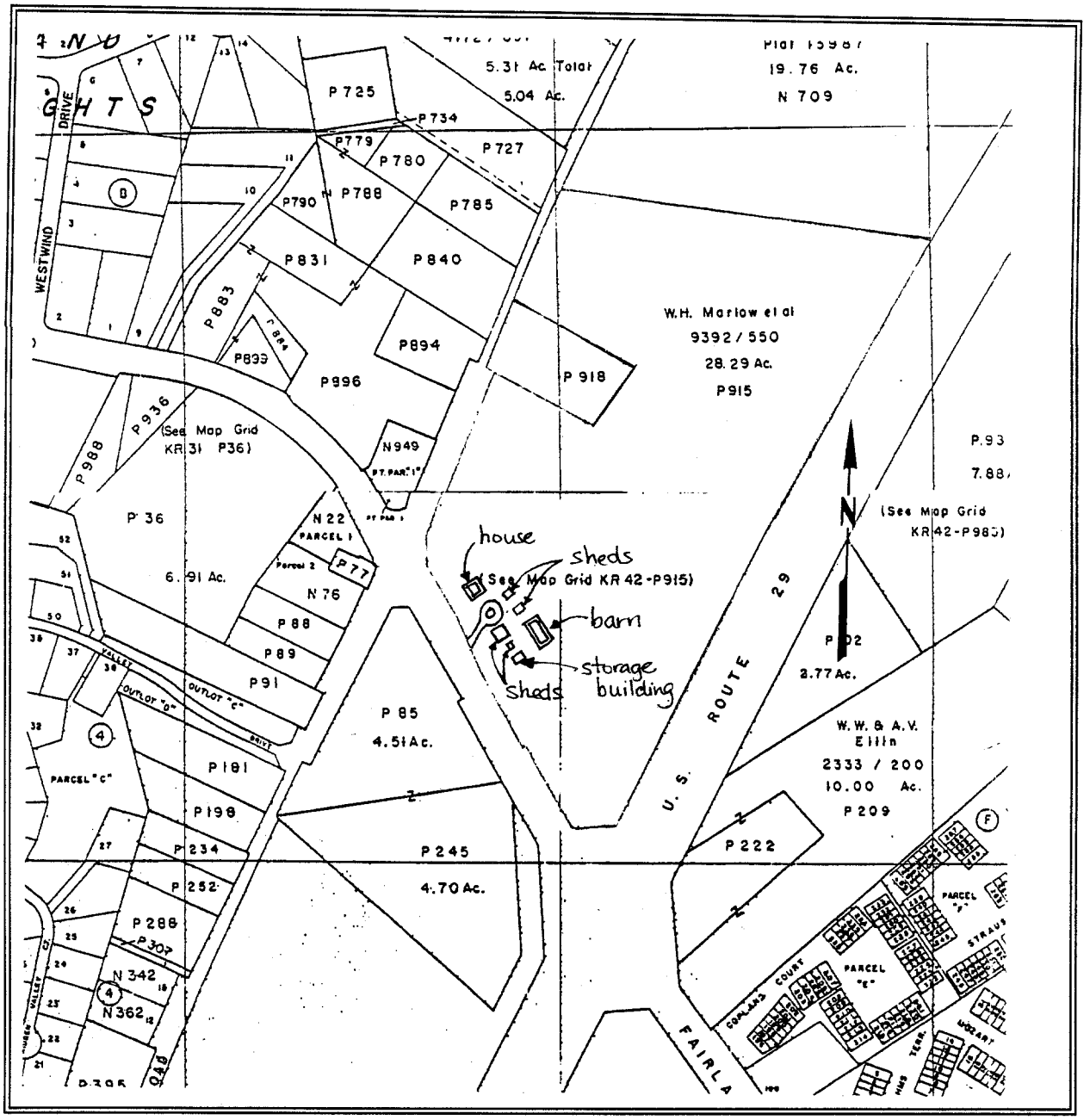


CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM
RESOURCE NAME: Howard Marlow Property
SURVEY NO.: M:34-16 (PACS E6.19)
ADDRESS: 13425 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, Montgomery County

Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

11. Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

1. Agriculture
2. Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

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

Suburban

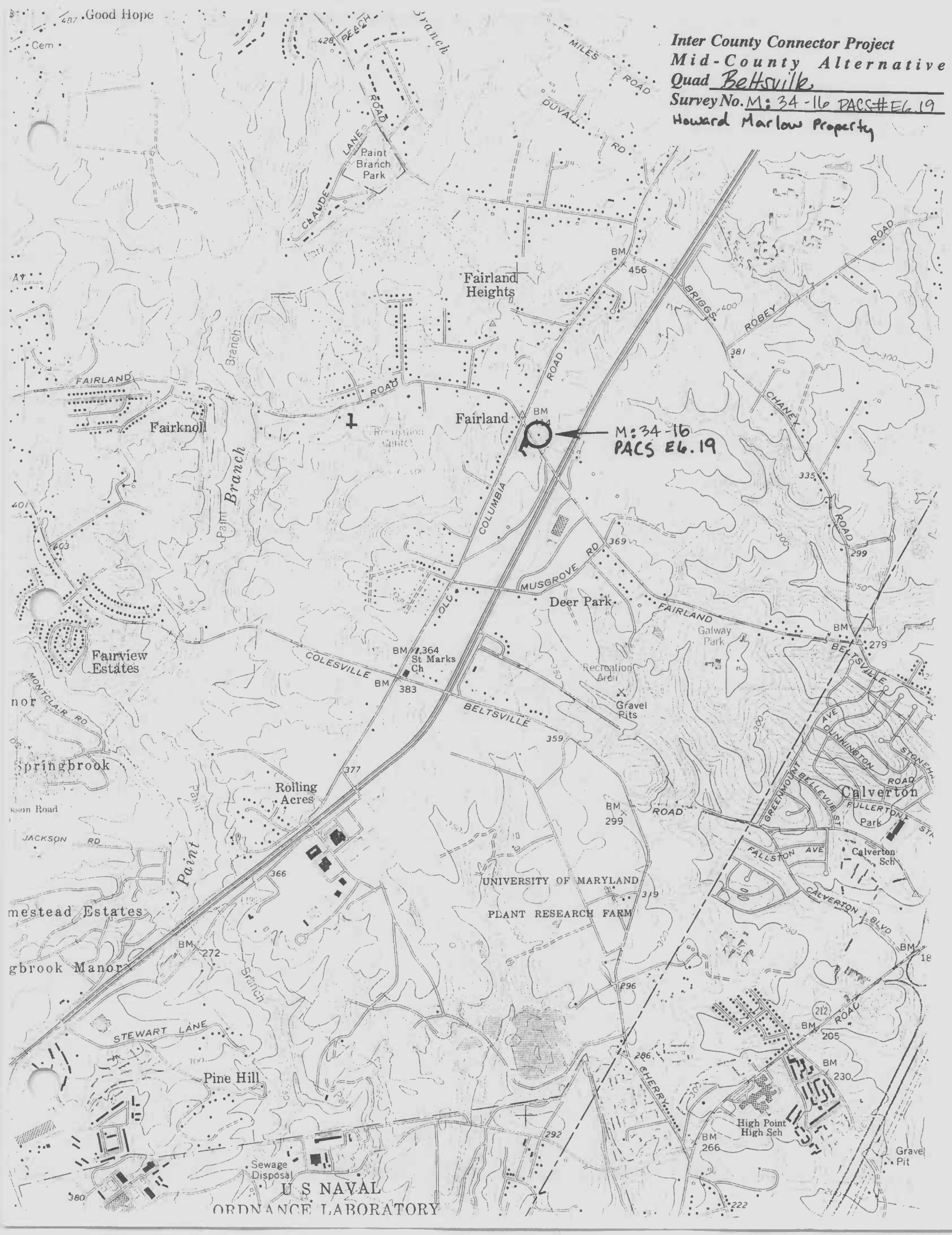
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Dwelling

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Preparer:
P.A.C. Spero & Company
October 1996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Paint Branch Park
Fairland Heights
Fairland
Fairknoll
Fairview Estates
Springbrook
Rolling Acres
Deer Park
Galway Park
Recreation Area
Gravel Pits
St Marks Ch
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
PLANT RESEARCH FARM
Calverton
Calverton Sch
Fullerton Park
High Point High Sch
Pine Hill
Sewage Disposal
U S NAVAL
ORDNANCE LABORATORY
Gravel Pit
FAIRLAND ROAD
BRIGGS CHANEY ROAD
ROBEY ROAD
COLUMBIA PIKE
OLD COLUMBIA PIKE
MUSGROVE RD
COLESVILLE ROAD
BELTSVILLE
CLAUDE LANE
PEACH ORCHARD ROAD
MILES ROAD
DUVALL RD
MONTCLAIR RD
JACKSON RD
STEWART LANE
CHERRY
FALLSTON AVE
CALVERTON BLVD
GREENMOUNT AVE
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DUNNINGTON ROAD
Paint Branch
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2 Owen's Purchase Property

3 Montgomery County

4 Caroline Hall

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6 PAC Spero and Company. Towson MD 21204

7 13425 Old Columbia Pike, west elevation

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2 Howard Marlow Property

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7 13425 Old Columbia Pike, north elevation

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7 13425 Old Columbia Pike, east elevation

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2 Howard Brandt's Property

3 Montgomery County

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7 12425 Old Columbia Pike, south elevation

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6 PAC Speco and Company, Towson MD 21204

7 13425 Old Columbia Pike. garage

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2 Howard Marlow Property

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6 PAC Spec and Company, Towson MD 21204

7 13425 Old Columbia Pike, Prod # 1

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1 MM 34-16

2 Howard Morton Property

3 Montgomery County

4 Caroline Hall

5 February 1996

6 PAC Spec and Company, Towson MD 21204

7 17425 Old Columbia Pike, Shed #2

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2 Howard Markers Property

3 Montgomery County

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6 PAC Spero and Company. Towson MD 21204

7 13425 Old Columbia Pike, Ban

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1 MM 34-16

2 Howard Marlow Property

3 Montgomery County

4 Caroline Hall

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6 PAC Spero and Company, Towson MD 21204

7 13425 Old Columbia Pike, storage building & shed

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Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. M: **34-16**

Addendum

Marlow Property
Katry Harris
April 2001

Marlow Property
Statement of Significance

As part of the Maryland State Highway Administration's (SHA) former Intercounty Connector project between I-270 and US 1 in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, SHA documented and then purchased the Marlow Property. A Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) form was completed and transmitted to the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT). While that form found the property to be not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, later consultation between SHA, the MHT, and the Keeper of the National Register determined the property as *eligible* for the National Register.

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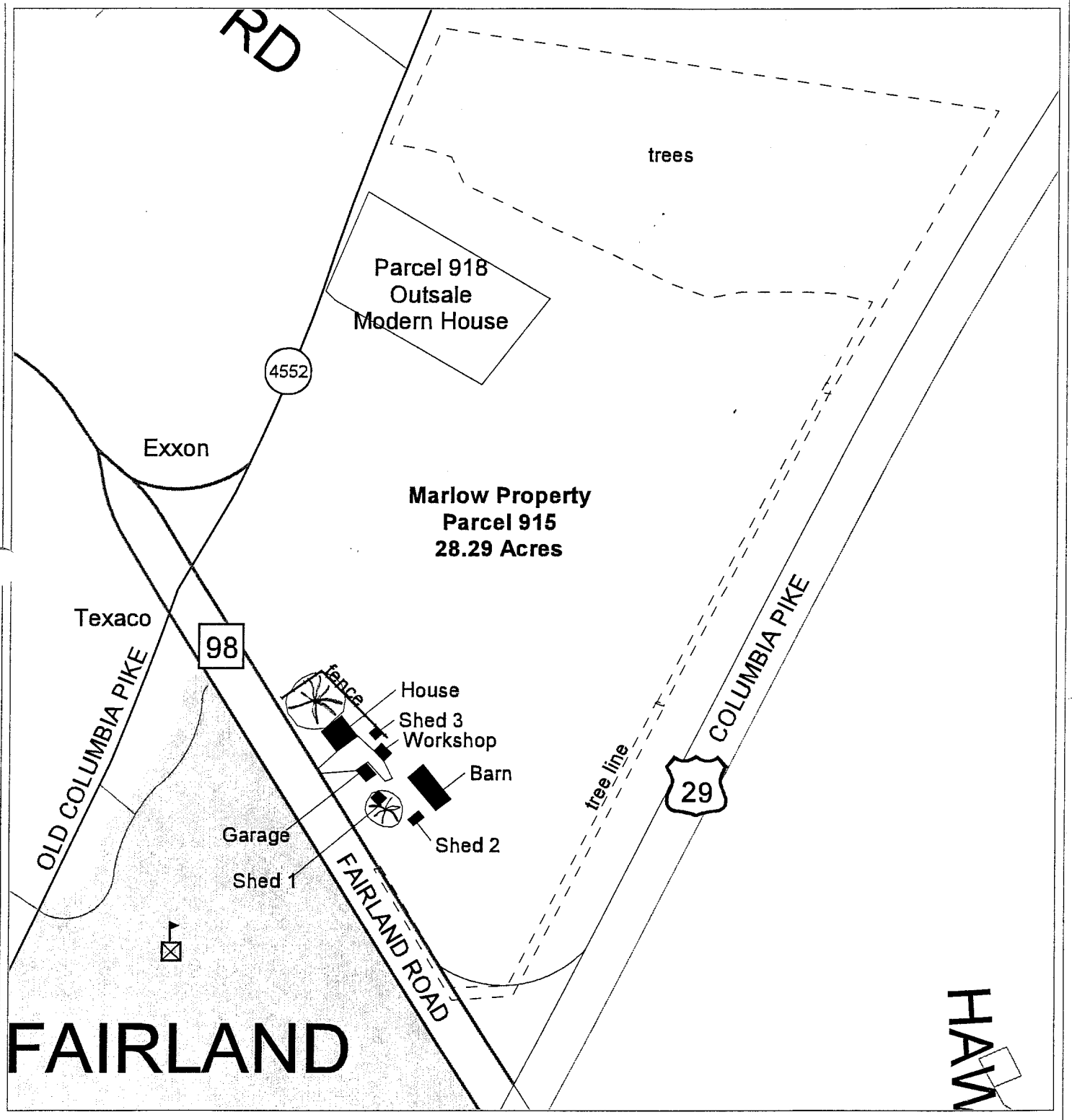

Montgomery County
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Property Significance

The Marlow Property is an illustration of popular (not styled) domestic and agricultural architecture from the early twentieth century in eastern Montgomery County. It also represents early twentieth century agriculture in the locality and is the only such property identified to date.

At 50 ½ acres, the property is smaller than the countywide average farm size between 1900 and 1930. However, 16 –19 % of the farms in the county during this period were similar in size to it. In addition, while the precise agricultural products of the property are not known, it is likely to assume from the variety of agricultural outbuildings on the

property that the mixed agronomy of its time and place is also represented here. The barn, in particular, illustrates the application of "scientific" farming principles and the past production of livestock and grains on the farm.

The American Foursquare dwelling on the property is an intact example of one of the most popular (not styled) house forms in the nation in the early twentieth century. It illustrates the key features of the form:

- 2 ½ stories
- square plan
- low-pitched pyramidal roof
- off-center front entrance
- full-width one-story front and rear porches
- six-over-one double-hung sash windows

No significant alterations to the design, materials, or workmanship of the building have been observed in survey efforts.

The barn is a one and one-half story frame gambrel-roof barn. It has large double wagon doors on its southwest and northeast sides. It has Dutch doors on its southeast end. It may have also had a hay hood on its southeast end, but deterioration has obscured its original form. A one-story shed, possibly used for milking is located on its northwest end.

The barn illustrates the influence of "scientific" barns and the history of English barns in the locality. The gambrel roof became popular at the end of the nineteenth century because it provided more loft area than similarly sized barns with gable roofs (Noble and Cleek 1995: 37). Other barns of this period that use the gambrel roof include the Eire Shore Barn and the Wisconsin Dairy Barn. The characteristics of these "scientific" barns were published nation-wide, although examples are most common in the Midwest. The wagon doors on the sides of the barn are characteristics of the English barn that was historically common in the locality (Noble and Cleek 1995: 77).

The other agricultural outbuildings do not specifically illustrate "scientific" agricultural principles or specific architectural forms. They do, however, indicate that a variety of agricultural products and activities were part of the property's history.

The concrete block garage does not contribute to the property's illustration of early twentieth century agricultural and architectural themes.

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M: 34-16

Marlow Property

Montgomery Co., Md.

by Katry Harris

12/13/2000

neg @ MD SHPO

SE Elevation of House Facing NW

1/31

M: 34-16

Marlow Property

Montgomery Co., Md.

by Kathy Harris

12/13/2000

Incy @ MD SHPO

NE Elevation of House Facing SW

2/31

M: 24-16

Marlow Property

Montgomery Co., Md.

by Kathy Harris

12/13/2000

neg @ MD SHPO

: W Elevation of House Facing NE

3/31

V: 34-16
Linar on Property
Montgomery Co., Md.
by Kathy Harris
12/13/2000
neg @ MD SHPO
General view of property w/ Eastern Elevations of House and Shed #3 - Facing West.
4/31

M: 34-16

Montgomery County

Montgomery Co., MD

by Kathy Harris

12/13/2000

neg @ MD SHPO

E. and SE Elevations of Shed #3 Facing N

5/31

M-34-6

Marlow Depot

Montgomery Co., Md.

Lot 49-1/2 - 2216

1" = 3,2000

neg & M) 5490

NW and SW Elevations of Shed #3 Facing NE

6/31

M: 34-16

Meadow Property

Montgomery Co., MD

by Kerr, Hance

12/13/2000

negs @ MD SHPO

NE Elevation of Shed #3 w/ NE Elevation of House Facing SW

7/31

34-16

[illegible] property

Montgomery Co., Md

by Kelsey Shaw

12/13/2000

neg @ 1/2 size

SW elevation of Workshop Facing NE

8/31

M: 34-16

Marlow Property

Montgomery Co., Md.

by Katey Howells

12/3/2000

hist @ MSA

NE Elevation of Workshop w/ NE Elevation of Garage Facing SW

9/31

M: 34-16

Marlow Property

Montgomery Co, Md.

by Katey Harris

12/13/2000

neg @ MD SHA

SE Elevation of House Facing N.W

10/31

[illegible]
[illegible] Property
Montgomery Co., Md.
by [illegible]
12"=1'-0"
neg @ MD SHPO
NW and SW Elevations of Workshop Facing E
11/31

M: 31-16

Marlow Property

Montgomery Co., Md.

by Kathy Harris

12/13/2000

neg @ MD SHPO

NW Elevation of Garage Facing SE

12/31

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M:34-16
Marlow Property
Montgomery Co., Md.
by K.A.R./ Hutzels
12/13/2000
neg @ MD SHPO
SW Elevation of Garage Facing NE
13/31

M: 34-16
Marlow Property
Montgomery Co., Md.
by Kathy Harris
12/13/2000
neg @ MD SHPO
SE Elevation of Shed #1 w/ SE Elevation of Workshop
Facing NW
14/31

M: 34-16
Marlow Property
Montgomery Co., Md.
by Ruth Harris
12" 3, 2000
neg @ MD SHPO

NE Elevation of Shed #1 Facing SW
15/31

M:34-16
Marlow Property
Montgomery Co., Md
by Kathy Hanes
12/13/2000
neg @ MD SHPO
NE Elevation of Shed #2 Facing SW
16/31

M: 34-16
Marlow Property
Montgomery Co., Md.
by Kathy Harris
12/13/2000
hcg @ MD SHPO
SE Elevation of Shed #2 Facing NW
17/31

M: 34-16
Marlow Property
Montgomery Co., Md.
by Kathy Rose
12/13/2000
neg @ MD SHPO
NW Elevation of Shed #2 Facing SE
18/31

M:34-16
Marlow Property,
Montgomery Co., Md
by Katzy Harris
12/13/2000
neg @ MSHD

SW Elevation of Shed #1, Shed #2, & Barn Facing NE
19/31

M: 34-15
Mowlow Property
Montgomery Co, Md.
by Kathy Harris
12/13/2000
hrg @ MD SHPO
SW Elevations of Shed #2 and Barn Facing NE
2D/31

M: 34-16
Marlow Property
Montgomery Co., Md
by Katry Harris
12/13/2000
neg @ MD SHPO
SW Elevations of Shed #1, Shed #2, and Barn Facing NE
21/31

M: 34-16
Marlow Property
Montgomery Co., Md.
by Vosi / Lowes
12/13/2000
neg @ MD SHPO
SE Elevation of Barn Facing NW
22/31

M: 34-3
Marlow Property
Montgomery Co., Md
by Katey Hoos
12/13/2000
neg ☐ V/ S-PO
N= Elevation of Barn facing E/W
23'31

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Marlow Property
Montgomery Co., Md
by Katry Harris
12/13 2000
hea @ MD SHPO
NW Elevation of Barn Facing SE
24/31

M: 34-16
Marlow Property
Montgomery Co., Md
by Kathy Harris
12/13/2000
neg @ MD Store
General view of property facing N
29/31

M: 3-4-16
Marlow Property
Montgomery Co, Md
by Kathy Harris
12/13/2000
ncg @ MD SHPO
General view of property facing N
30/31

M: 34-16
Marlow Property
Montgomery Co., Md
by Kathy Harris
12/13/2003
neg @ MD SHPO
General view of property facing ESE
31/31

M: 34-16
Marlow Property
Montgomery Co, Md
by Katy Harris
12/13/2000
neg @ MD SHPO
View from property facing S
25/31

M: 34-16
Marlow Property
Montgomery Co., Md
by Kathy Harris
12/13/2020
neg @ MD SHPO
View from property facing SW
26/31

M-34-16
Marlow Property
Montgomery Co., NH
by Kathy Hanes
12/12/1900
neg @ WP-24PD
View from property facing WSW
2/31

M: 34-16
Marlow Property
Montgomery Co., Md
by Kathy Harris
12/13/2000
neg @ MD SHPO
View from property facing W
28/31