M: 36-2-1 1874
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Silver Spring

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The environmental setting for the resource includes the 20,665-square foot lot (Lot 31) with the main house and two outbuildings.

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This Gothic Revival-style cottage has both historical and architectural significance. Constructed by the Forest Glen Investment Company about 1891, the structure was probably built as a summer cottage, judging by its small scale and simple architectural detailing. Two high-pitched gabled, wall dormers are

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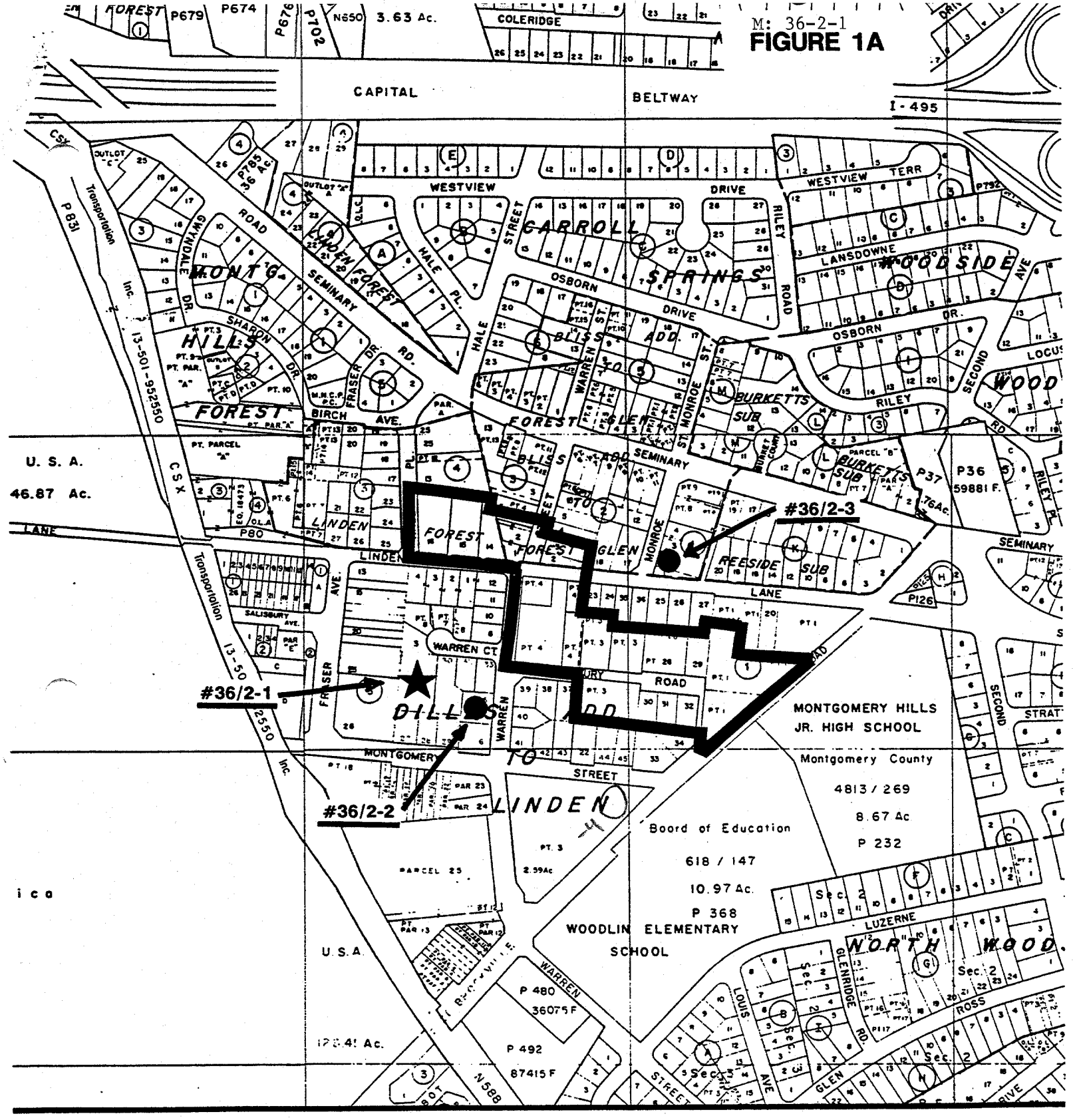
FIGURE 1A



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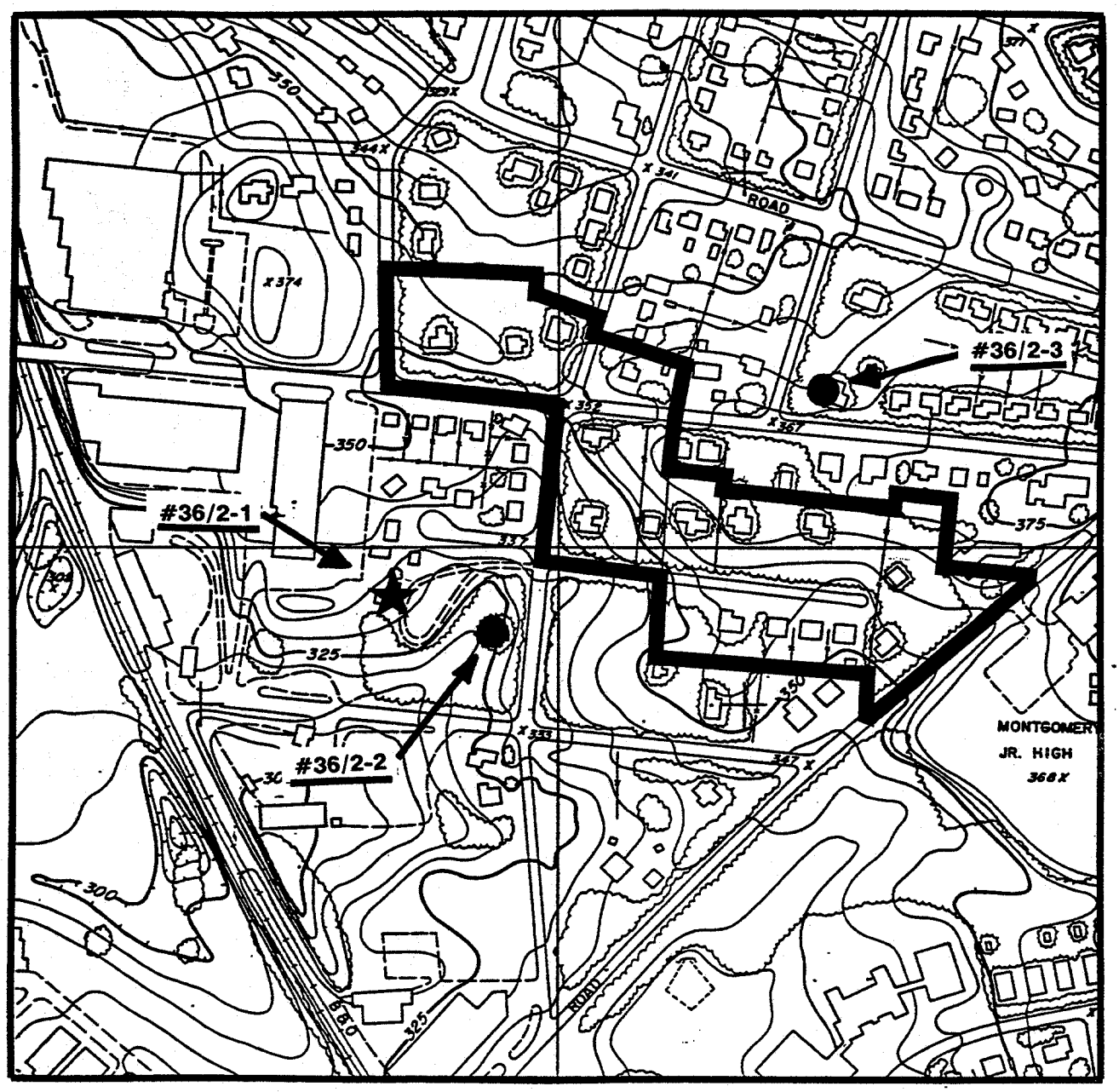

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