MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

'operty Name: Susquehanna Transmission Company Property Inventory Number: PG:61-29

Address: 12210 Old Gunpowder Road Historic district: ___ yes X no

City: Laurel Zip Code: 20707 County: Prince Georges

USGS Quadrangle(s): Beltsville

Property Owner: Hervey Brown Tax Account ID Number: ___

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): ___ Tax Map Number: ___

Project: Intercounty Connector Project Agency: SHA

Agency Prepared By: Caroline Hall/Ryan McKay (P.A.C. Spero)

Preparer's Name: ___ Date Prepared: 12/1/1996

Documentation is presented in: Maryland Inventory Form PG:61-29

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: X A ___ B X C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: ___

Inventory Number: ___ Eligible: ___ yes Listed: ___ yes

'te visit by MHT Staff ___ yes X no Name: ___ Date: ___

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attatch map and photo)*

The Susquehanna Transmission Company Property, constructed circa 1935, 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. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as the property is not a good representative example of the American Four-square style. In addition, the structure is a late example of its type and lacks architectural distinction. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, does not meet Criterion D.

Secretary of the Interior:
Property is significantly associated under Criterion A with the rural electrification of outer Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in the 1930s. Also significant under Criterion C, the main house represents a fine example of American Four-square dwelling, and the stable/garage retains distinctive characteristics of its type and period. Both retain a high degree of historic integrity in location, materials, setting, design, workmanship, feeling, and association. House was built for the lineman who had monitored the transmission lines. Rural electrification contributed to the agricultural development and subsequently the suburban

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended X **Eligibility not recommended** ___

Criteria: X A ___ B X C ___ D **Considerations:** ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

MHT Comments: Secretary of the Interior determined eligible under Criteria A & C, 10/19/1997.

Andrew Lewis	Monday, November 05, 2001
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	**Date**
Peter E. Kurtze	Friday, November 09, 2001
Reviewer, National Register Program	**Date**

development of outer Montgomery and Prince Georges counties.

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Eligibility recommended X **Eligibility not recommended** ____

Criteria: X A ___ B X C ___ D **Considerations:** ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Susquehanna Transmission Company Property Survey Number: PG: 61-29

Project: COE--Proposed Cross Creek Golf Course Subdivision Agency: Corps

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___ yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Susquehanna Transmission Company Property, located at 12210 Old Gunpowder Road in Prince George's County is not considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The property is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Old Gunpowder Road and Briggs Chaney Road and includes a single-family residence and associated outbuilding.

The main residence is a 2-1/2-story frame American Four-square type house built ca. 1935. The dwelling sits upon a raised foundation, is covered with a hipped roof with hipped roof dormers and an interior brick chimney. A 1-1/2-story, frame garage is located immediately west of the house. The garage is contemporaneous to the house and compatible in terms of materials, style and massing. The house and garage provide a late example of a common elling form from the period. The property lacks the architectural distinctiveness cessary to qualify it for individual listing on the National Register under Criterion C. The property is not known to have associations with persons or events significant to our past and thus does not qualify under Criteria A or B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Cross Creek Subdivision file in Project Review and Compliance; also included as part of the ICC survey and evaluation

Prepared by: Caroline Hall/Ryan P. McKay; P.A.C. Spero & Company; MHT Form, 1996. Form prepared as part of ICC survey. Used in the evaluation of this project.

Kimberly Prothro Williams — October 16, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services — Date

NR program concurrence: X yes ___ no ___ not applicable

Peter E. Kurtze — 10/16/96
Reviewer, NR program — Date

Survey No. PG: 61-29

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

____	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
__X__	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:

____	Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
____	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
____	Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
____	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
____	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
____	Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
____	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
____	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
____	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
____	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
__X__	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
____	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
____	Unknown Period (___ prehistoric	___ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

____	Subsistence
____	Settlement
____	Political
____	Demographic
____	Religion
____	Technology
____	Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

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

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

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

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Susquehanna Transmission Company Property

and/or common Hervey Brown Property

2. Location:

street & number 12210 Old Gunpowder Road ___ not for publication

city, town Calverton _x_ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification:

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

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

name Hervey Brown

street & number 12210 Old Gunpowder Road telephone no.:

city,town Beltsville state and zip code MD

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Prince George's County liber 1932

street & number Prince George's County Judicial Center folio 450

city,town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___federal ___state ___county ___local

depository for survey records

city,town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
_x_excellent	___deteriorated	___unaltered	_x_original site	
__good	___ruins	_x_altered	___moved	date of move _____
__fair	___unexposed			

Resource Count: 2

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

The Susquehanna Transmission Company Property is a 2½-story Four-square house on the west side of Old Gunpowder Road in the Calverton area, Prince George's County. Constructed circa 1935, the building has a 1-story addition on the north side.

The structure has an asphalt shingle, pyramidal roof, with an interior brick chimney located near the center of the west wall. There is a hipped-roof dormer on the east elevation. The house is of wood-frame construction with wood-shingle siding, and it has a parged concrete block foundation. The windows are 1/1 double-hung aluminum unless noted otherwise. The house has a 1-story, full-width porch on the east elevation, and a small entry porch on the west elevation.

The east, or front elevation has a typical Four-square facade. The entry is a wood door with one light and sidelights, located in the first bay. The fenestration pattern is symmetrical, with a pair of windows on the first story and two windows on the second story. The hipped-roof dormer has a pair of windows. The full-width porch has a hipped-roof supported by four shingle-covered columns. The porch has a wood floor and a lattice skirt.

The north elevation is partially concealed by a 1-story, hipped-roof addition in the second bay. The visible part of the Four-square has a 3-light window at the basement level, one window on the first story, and two windows on the second story. The addition has a 12-light basement window and a 3-light, projecting bay window on its north elevation. At the northwest corner of the addition, the ground slopes down to a retaining wall, exposing the full height of the basement. The west elevation of the addition has a basement door and first story window.

The west, or rear elevation has a small, partially enclosed, shed-roof entry porch. The porch is supported by concrete block columns and it has a recently constructed wood stair. The fenestration pattern is symmetrical, with one window on the first story and two windows on the second story. A wood door is located in the entry porch, at the south bay. The enclosed part of the porch has a south-facing window.

The south elevation has a wood door located at grade, slightly off-center to the east. The fenestration pattern is irregular, with one 3-light window at the basement level, two windows, one of which is a paired casement window, on the first story, and three windows on the second story. A coal chute lid is located in the first bay of the foundation wall.

There is one outbuilding associated with this property. A 1½-story, two-car garage with an asphalt shingle, side-gable roof is located immediately west of the house. Constructed circa 1935, the garage is of wood frame construction and has wood shingle siding.

The property is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Old Gunpowder Road and Briggs Chaney Road. There is a residence to the west of the property, and woods to the north. The property slopes down from the road to the northwest. The property's setting is a rural area, west of high voltage power lines at the intersection of two roads that are now heavily travelled.

8. Significance

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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	
__1800-1899	__commerce	__exploration/settlement	__philosophy	__theater
x_1900-	__communication	__industry	__politics/government	__transportation
		__invention		__other (specify)

Specific dates circa 1935 **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 location of the Susquehanna Transmission Company Property, in the Calverton area, is shown as farmland on the 1878 Hopkins atlas. The earliest reference for the property is a 1906 deed which documents that Maurice Jones conveyed 83.94 hectares (207.42 acres) of land to Otway Zantzinger. In April 1908, Zantzinger conveyed 11.35 hectares (28.056 acres) of the land to Asa Welsh. For the next twenty years, the property was continually conveyed among a succession of related owners, until Robert Rhode acquired the land in November 1928. Rhode sold 0.66 hectares (1.626 acres) of the land to the Susquehanna Transmission Company of Maryland, a local utility, in February 1933. The utility erected high-voltage power lines across Old Gunpowder Road, and in 1935, constructed the existing Four-square to serve as the residence of the power line caretaker. The Susquehanna Transmission Company transferred the residence to the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) in 1955, and in November of that year BGE sold the 0.66 hectare (1.626 acre) parcel to Hervey Brown, the current owner.

Located on Old Gunpowder Road in the Calverton area, the property is located on land originally patented as "Bachelor's Hope" in Prince George's County. Historically, Calverton was an area of rolling farmland, and grain and tobacco farming occurred in the region. The region east of Calverton on the east side of Old Gunpowder Road, known as North Beltsville, is the location of mineral deposits. North Beltsville is the location for clay, sand, and gravel mining. Red and grey clays that are useful for making bricks have been mined in the area since the nineteenth century. Sand and gravel were also mined, and during the 1940s mining in the area increased significantly. Currently, much of the land between Laurel and Beltsville on either side of Interstate 95 consists of gravel pits and sand piles. Because mines operate in much of the area, suburban development has occurred mainly south and west of Old Gunpowder Road.

The Four-square house, such as the residence on the Susquehanna Transmission Company 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 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.

8. Significance (Continued)

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).

ATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

The Susquehanna Transmission Company Property, constructed circa 1935, 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. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as the property is not a good representative example of the American Four-square style. In addition, the structure is a late example of its type and lacks architectural distinction. Finally the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, does not meet Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended X Eligibility Not Recommended ____

Comments: SECRETARY OF INTERIOR DETERMINED ELIGIBLE UNDER CRITERIA A & C

Reviewer, OPS: [illegible] Date: [illegible]

Reviewer, NR Program: [illegible] Date: 11/9/01

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 0.66 hectares (1.626 acres)
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/Ryan P. McKay

organization P.A.C. Spero & Company date December 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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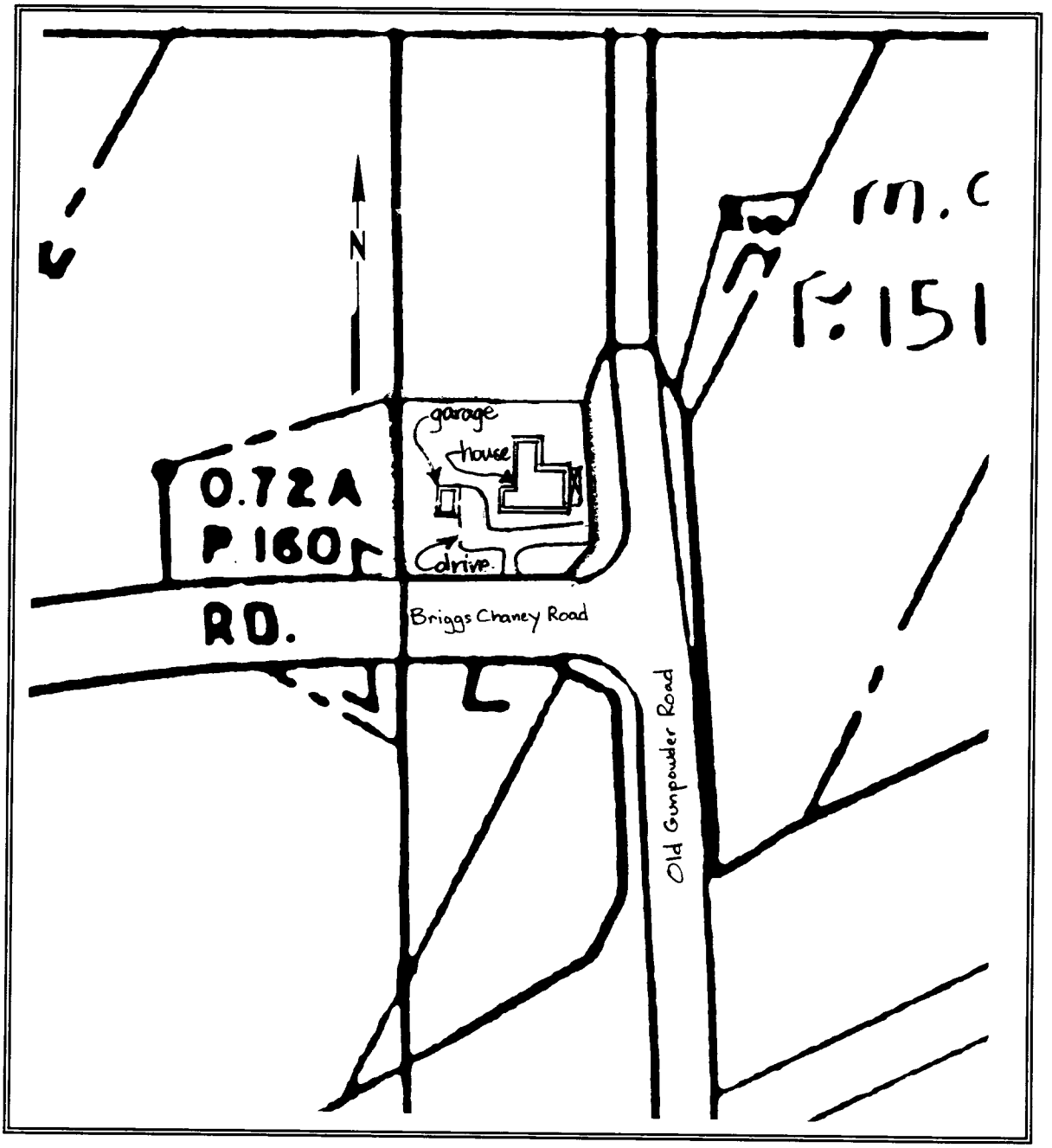
Resource Sketch Map:



Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Modern Period A.D. 1930-present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

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):

Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

reparer:
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December 1996

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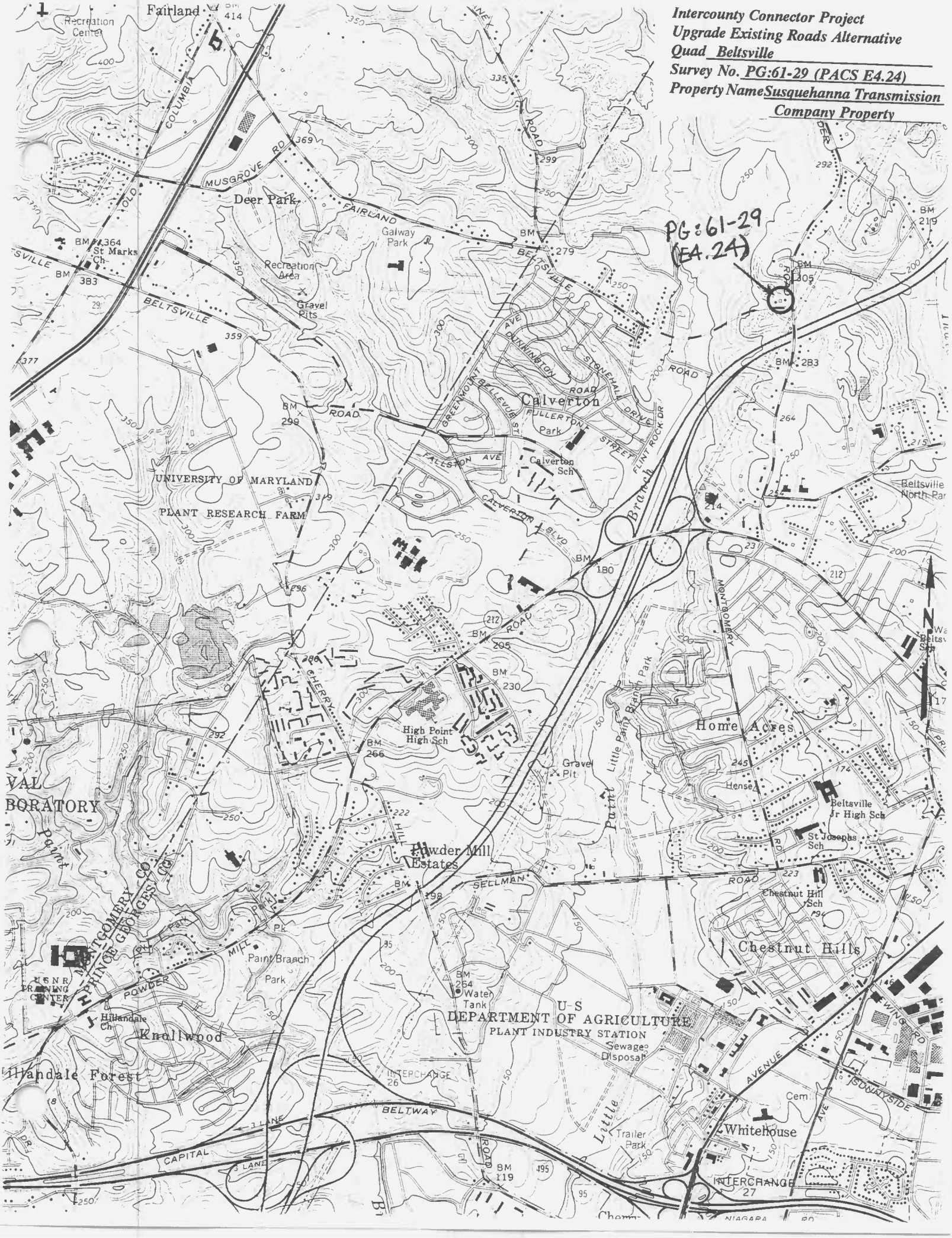
Upgrade Existing Roads Alternative
Quad Beltsville
Survey No. PG:61-29 (PACS E4.24)
Property Name Susquehanna Transmission Company Property



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3 Prince George's County

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7 east elevation, 12210 Old Gunpowder Rd

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Gunpowder Rd

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7 north elevation, 12210 Old Crossroads Rd

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7 north + west elevation, 12210 Old Crain Hwy Rd

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