

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey: PG#65-17 Building Date: c.1937

Building Name: WRC Radio Station (Green Meadows Radio Station)

Location: 6000 Ager Road, Hyattsville, Maryland (Now on Oglethorpe Street)

Private/commercial/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The WRC Radio Transmission Building is located on a 19 acre parcel on Ager Road, just west of Queen's Chapel Road and near the Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River. The one story brick structure is rectangular in plan, and is notable for its Art Deco design. The building is five bays wide and three deep, and features a curved portico entrance on the main (north) facade. The portico is supported by two fluted stone columns. The main door is of glass and aluminum, and is flanked by sidelights of glass block. An aluminum "WRC" sign is located above the main door on the portico projection. The portico is flanked on each side by two window openings, one louvered and one with glass block. A loading entrance is located on the rear (south) elevation.

Significance:

The WRC Radio Transmission Station was built in the late 1930s in order to provide radio transmission service for the National Broadcasting Company (NBC). The structure was built on a portion of the former Joseph B. Ager farm, which was sold to NBC in 1937. The building is a fine example of the use of the Art Deco style, and an uncommon use of the style in a utility structure. The building was sold to Greater Washington Radio, Inc. in 1984.

Acreage: 19.033 acres

PG#65-17 - WRC Radio Transmission Building

HISTORIC CONTEXT

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographical Organization:

2.) Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period:

12.) Modern Period

Historic Period Themes:

2.) Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

3.) Economic (Commercial and Industrial)

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Functions and Uses: Radio Transmission Station

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. PG #65-17

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Green Meadows Radio Station

and/or common WRC Radio Station

2. Location

street & number 6000 Ager Road (on Oglethorpe Street) not for publication

city, town Hyattsville vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

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

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

name Greater Washington Radio, Inc.

street & number P.O. Box 859 telephone no.:

city, town East Brunswick state and zip code New Jersey 08816

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5693

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 683

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

te federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

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The building sits about 100 yards off of Ager Road at the end of a treelined approach drive. In addition to the transmission building, there are three large radio towers and a satellite dish on the site. All of the structures are located within a fenced-in area which is inaccessible to the public.

WRC Radio Transmission Station

6000 Ager Road, Hyattsville

P.G.# 65-17

5963:683
31 August 1984
Deed

National Broadcasting Co., Inc., to Greater Washington Radio, Inc. Grantors convey 19.033 acres on Ager Road (Tax Map #41, Parcel 85). Same obtained from John M. and Pauline King, 17 June 1937, 472:267.

472:267
17 June 1937
Deed

John M. and Pauline King to National Broadcasting Co., Inc. Grantors convey 19.033 acres on Ager Road. Part of same obtained from Catherine J. Marlow and Howard McC. Marlow, 25 October 1935, 434:335.

434:335
25 October 1935
Deed

Catherine Jane Marlow and Howard McC. Marlow to Jonathan M. King. Grantors convey 49.57 acres on Ager Road. Same obtained from Charles B. Ager, 21 May 1926, 244:496.

244:496
21 May 1926
Deed

Charles B. Ager to Catherine J. Marlow and Josephine Lois McCullen. Grantor conveys 49.57 acres. Part of same obtained from Jane E. Ager, September 1924, Will #3761.

3761
September 1924
Will

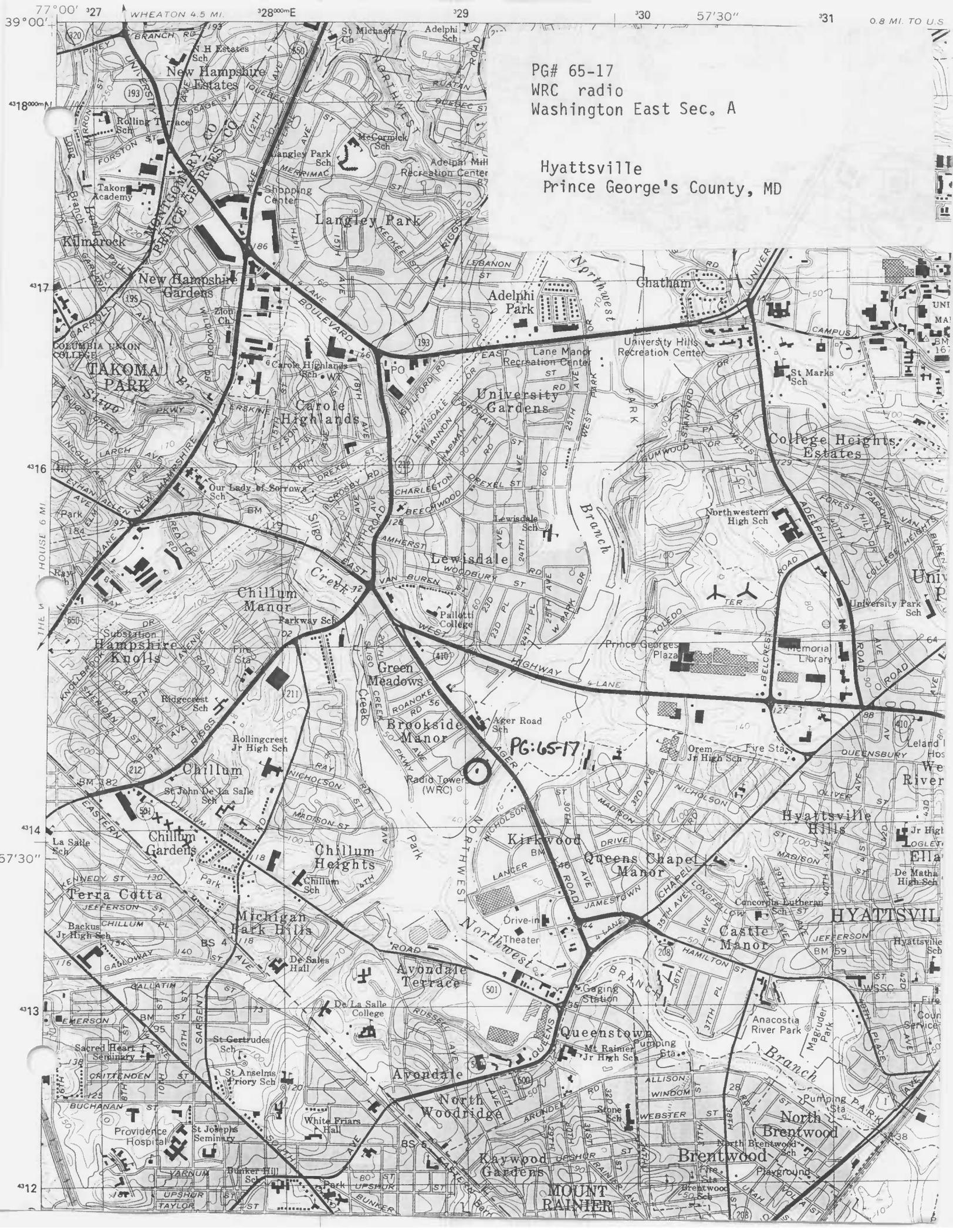
Jane E. Ager to Charles B. Ager and two daughters (C.J. Marlow and J.L. McCullen). Grantor conveys 99.14 acres. Same obtained from Joseph B. Ager, 15 January 1907, Will #2073.

2073
15 January 1907
Will

Joseph B. Ager to Charles B. Ager and two daughters via Jane E. Ager. Grantor conveys 99.14 acres.

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Washington East Sec. A

Hyattsville
Prince George's County, MD





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WRC RADIO TRANSMISSION STATION

PRINCE GEORGE'S CO., MD.

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JUNE, 1973

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VIEW OF MAIN FACADE FROM NORTH

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