CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: M:30-22 (PACS 5.4) **Construction Date:** Circa 1925

Name: Morton Luchs Property

Location: 6141 Tuckerman Lane, Rockville vicinity, Montgomery County

Private/Private Residence/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

The Morton Luchs Property is located on the north side of Tuckerman Lane in the Rockville vicinity of Montgomery County. The property consists of a 1½-story, 4-bay cottage and a 1½-story, 3-bay carriage house. The Shingle-style cottage, constructed circa 1925, has an enclosed porch on the front elevation, an addition on the east elevation, an open porch on the northeast corner, and a large addition and deck on the northwest corner.

Significance:

The Morton Luchs Property is located on land that belonged to the Woodward family during the early twentieth century. In 1925, Morton Luchs acquired 38.13 hectares (94.22 acres) from the Woodward family. Luchs constructed the house and carriage house, and probably constructed the workshop currently associated with the property at 6151 Tuckerman Lane (M:30-21). The property passed to Sylvan J. and Arthur J. Luchs, and was bought by the Luxmanor Corporation, developers of the surrounding Luxmanor subdivision, in 1934. In 1951, the property was acquired by Robert M. and Claire J. Pilcher. The property passed through a number of owners in the late twentieth century. The current owner, Andrew Rodney Darby, acquired the property in 1992. The lot currently includes 0.37 hectares (0.9 acres).

Preparer
P.A.C. Spero & Company
May 1998

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Morton Luchs Property (preferred)

and/or common Andrew R. Darby Property

2. Location:

street & number 6141 Tuckerman Lane ___ not for publication

city, town Rockville _X_ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

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	_X_yes: restricted	___government	___scientific
	___being considered	___yes: unrestricted	___industrial	___other:
	_X_not applicable	___no	___military	
			___transportation	

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

name Andrew R. Darby

street & number 6141 Tuckerman Lane telephone no.:

city,town Rockville state and zip code MD 20852

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Montgomery County liber 10171

street & number 50 Maryland Avenue folio 20

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

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
___excellent	___deteriorated	___unaltered	_X_original site	
_X_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.

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The cottage has a stone foundation and wood shingle walls. The side-gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles and has deep eaves and clipped gable ends. There are three hipped-roof dormers on the south slope of the roof and four gable dormers on the north slope. A stone chimney is located in the center of the cottage. The cottage has 6/6 double-hung windows and 2/2 double-hung windows with plain surrounds.

On the south, or front elevation, a 1-story enclosed porch covers the eastern two bays of the main block. The porch has a stone foundation, stone posts, and a clipped front-gable roof. The porch is enclosed in modern 1-light windows, and the original fenestration behind has been removed. West of the porch are two 6/6 double-hung windows with paneled shutters. East of the porch is a break in the foundation and roof line followed by a projecting bay containing four 4/4 double-hung windows on the east addition. The projecting bay has a curved underside. Three hipped dormers containing 2/2 double-hung windows are asymmetrically arranged on the second story of the main block.

The east elevation contains a 5-sided bay window with a conical roof. The windows are 2/2 double-hung. The porch on the northeast corner is supported by modern concrete-block piers and has simple posts and a flat roof. The roof lines of the east elevation and the main block are visible above the porch.

The north elevation has a recessed entry in the east bay of the east addition. The entry has double doors with arched, stained-glass windows. A paired, 6/6 double-hung window is located in the west bay of the east addition. The main block has an entry with a half-glass door and transom in the second bay from the east. A 6/6 double-hung window is located on each side of the entry. A modern deck stretches across the main block. The exposed, parged foundation on the main block has two covered windows. The western end of the main block is covered by a modern addition. The addition is covered in wood shingles and has a shed roof. The addition has double-glass doors in the east bay and paired 6/6 double-hung windows in the west bay. A bay window is located on the northeast corner of the exposed basement. Four gable dormers containing 6/6 double-hung windows are unevenly spaced across the second story of the main block.

On the west elevation, the modern addition has no fenestration. Two 6/6 double-hung windows are symmetrically arranged on the first story of the main block. Paired 6/6 double-hung windows are located in the clipped gable.

Northeast of the cottage is a carriage house. The 1½-story carriage house has a concrete foundation, wood-shingle exterior walls and an asphalt-shingle, front-gable roof. The south, or front elevation has an original sliding batten door permanently affixed in the west bay, a

7. Description (Continued)

modern garage door in the center bay, and a modern half-glass door in the east bay. Five modern, 1/1 double-hung windows are located on the second story, and a single window, now covered is located in the gable. The east elevation of the garage has no fenestration. The north elevation has a modern half-glass door in the east bay and an original sliding batten door permanently affixed in the center bay. The west elevation has two small hipped-roof dormers containing modern 1/1, double-hung windows and a large hipped-roof dormer containing modern, double glass doors. A balcony supported by original brackets is located in front of the double doors.

This property displays many elements of the Shingle style, including a rustic stone foundation, walls covered in wood shingles, walls that bow beneath windows, multiple porches and a complex roof line. The addition on the east elevation dates to an historic period. The porch on the northeast corner is modern, although the double doors indicate that a porch is original. Other modern alterations include the enclosure of the front porch, the addition on the northwest corner and the deck. The exterior of the carriage house has been heavily altered to accommodate modern doors, windows and a garage bay.

The Morton Luchs property is located in a suburban residential area west of the intersection of Tuckerman Lane and Old Georgetown Road. The lot is wide and slopes downward to the north. The front and back lawns are heavily landscaped, and a stand of trees is located along the western border of the lot. A driveway leads from Tuckerman Lane to the carriage house.

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 1925 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.

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The Morton Luchs Property is located south of the City of Rockville. Rockville became the County seat when Montgomery County was created in 1776. Through most of the nineteenth century, Rockville was a courthouse village, surrounded by agricultural land. It remained a small town until the coming of the Metropolitan Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in 1873. The railroad brought summer and weekend visitors, and the resort trade encouraged the rapid expansion of Rockville, both in size and population. Many summer hotel patrons built summer residences and others became year-round residents.

Following the rapid growth from the 1870s to the 1890s, the expansion of Rockville stabilized until a second development boom after World War II. The growth of the Federal government in nearby Washington, D.C. in the years after the War, spurred considerable suburban expansion in Rockville and surrounding areas. Access to the Capital by rail and improved roadways encouraged this suburban expansion (Rockville Historic District Commission 1973).

The Morton Luchs Property is an example of the Shingle Style. The Shingle Style developed in the late nineteenth century and combined elements of several American styles, including Queen Anne and Romanesque. Shingle-Style houses are characterized by an irregular, organic shape covered in wood shingles. Stone foundations, multiple porches and complex roof lines give these houses a rustic look. Other elements of the style include strips of windows, often accented by swells in the wall surface, and arched openings. The Shingle Style peaked in popularity in the 1890s and faded during the early twentieth century. The style is most common in New England. (McAlester and McAlester 1984, 289-290).

8. Significance (Continued)

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1925, the Morton Luchs Property 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 it is not an outstanding example of the Shingle Style. While this property does feature some elements of the Shingle Style, such as complex roof lines and rustic materials, other elements, such as rambling porches, complex window and door treatments, and irregular footprint, were not incorporated into the design of this house. Also, the enclosure of the front porch and the modern addition on the rear have compromised the integrity of the property. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended_____ Eligibility Not Recommended XX

Comments

Reviewer, OPS: [signature] Date: 4/12/99

Reviewer, NR Program: [signature] Date: 4/14/99

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. M:30-22 (PACS 5.4)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Rockville, MD 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

ame/title Julie Darsie

organization	P.A.C. Spero & Company	date	May 1998
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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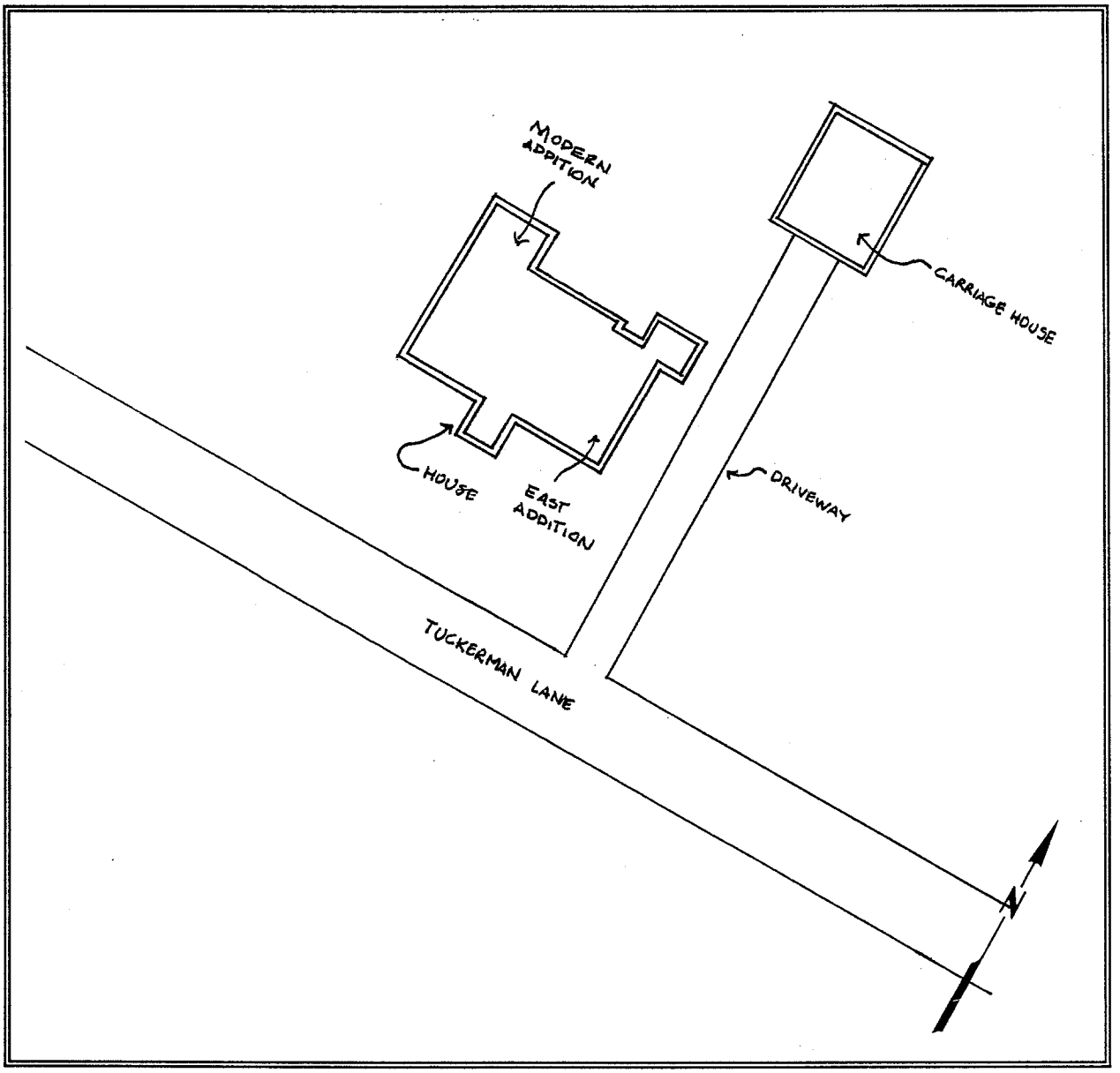
10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map



CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM
RESOURCE NAME: Morton Luchs Property
SURVEY NO.: M:30-22 (PACS 5.4)
ADDRESS: 6141 Tuckerman Lane, Rockville vicinity, Montgomery County

Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

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

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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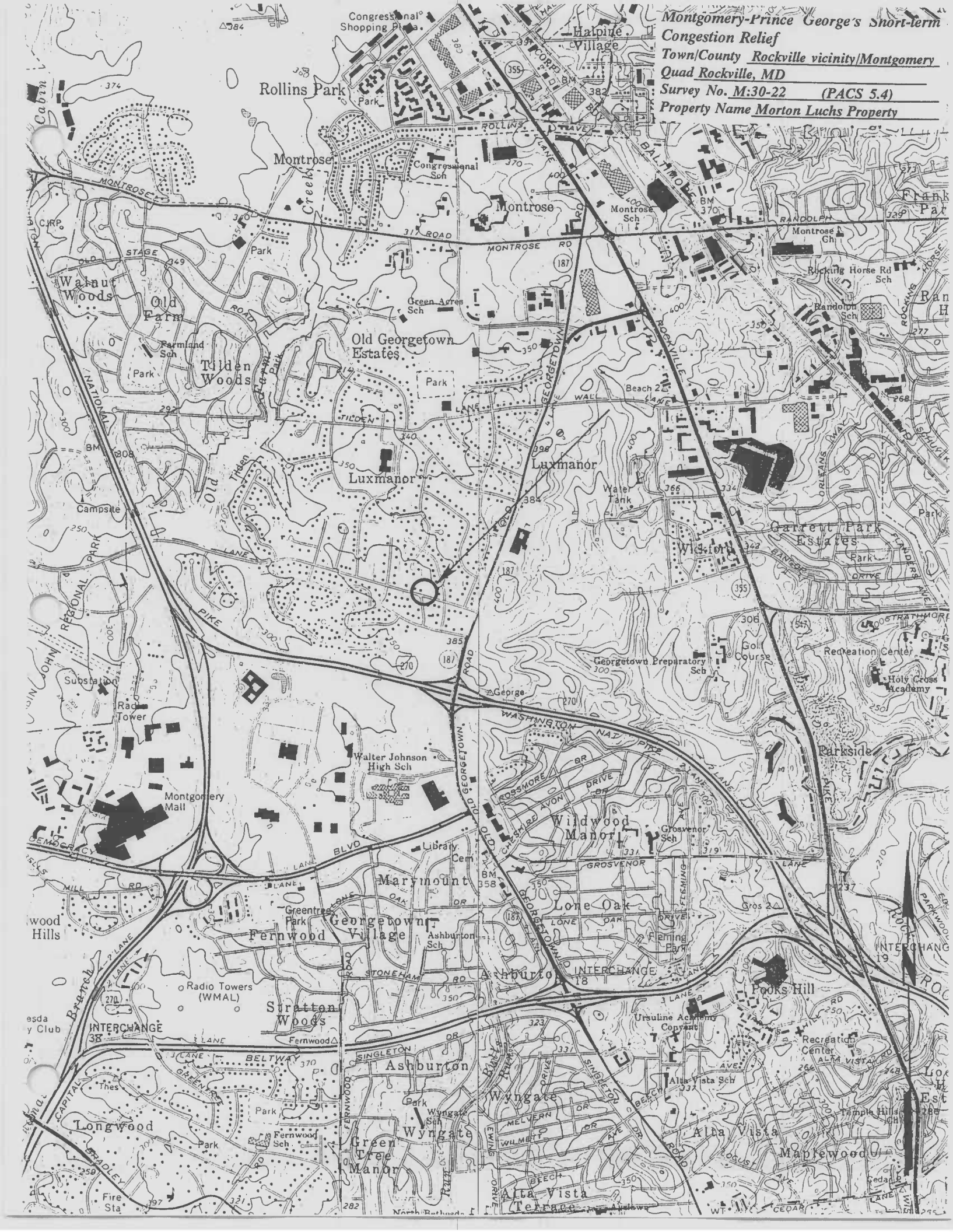
Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief
Town/County Rockville vicinity/Montgomery
Quad Rockville, MD
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Property Name Morton Luchs Property
Rollins Park
Montrose
Congressional Sch
Halpine Village
Montrose Sch
Montrose Ch
Rocking Horse Rd Sch
Randolph Sch
Walnut Woods
Old Farm
Farmland Sch
Tilden Woods
Green Acres Sch
Old Georgetown Estates
Luxmanor
Water Tank
Garrett Park Estates
Wickford
Campsite
Substation
Radio Tower
Walter Johnson High Sch
Montgomery Mall
Georgetown Preparatory Sch
Golf Course
Recreation Center
Holy Cross Academy
Parkside
Wildwood Manor
Grosvenor Sch
Library
Cem
Marymount
Lone Oak
Greentree Park
Georgetown Village
Fernwood
Ashburton Sch
Fleming Park
Ashburton
Pooks Hill
Radio Towers (WMAL)
Stratton Woods
Ursuline Academy Convent
Recreation Center
Alta Vista Sch
Ashburton
Wyngate
Wyngate Sch
Longwood
Fernwood Sch
Green Tree Manor
Alta Vista
Maplewood
Alta Vista Terrace
Temple Hills Ch
Fire Sta
INTERCHANGE 38
INTERCHANGE 18
INTERCHANGE 19
Cabin
Cedar
Ranch
Branch
Hills
Park
Beach 2
Gros 2
Cedar
Ash
Lane
Pike
Road
Rockville
Georgetown
Washington Nat Pike
Montrose Rd
Randolph
Old Stage Road
Tilden Lane
Wall Lane
Grosvenor Lane
Lone Oak Drive
Stoneham Rd
Singleton Dr
Beltway
Capital Beltway
Bradley
Fernwood
Greentree
Melvern Dr
Wilmett Dr
Ewing Dr
Beech Ave
Locust Ave
Alta Vista Rd
Cedar Lane
Rockville Pike
Baltimore
Rollins Ave
Montrose Rd
Old Georgetown Road
Washington Nat Pike
Democracy Blvd
Mill Rd
Oak Dr
Rossmore Dr
Chesh Avon Drive
Fleming Ave
Parkwood
Strathmore
Orleans Way
Flanders Ave
Bangor Drive
Cabin
Cedar
Ranch
Branch
Hills
Park
Beach 2
Gros 2
Cedar
Ash
Lane
Pike
Road
Rockville
Georgetown
Washington Nat Pike
Montrose Rd
Randolph
Old Stage Road
Tilden Lane
Wall Lane
Grosvenor Lane
Lone Oak Drive
Stoneham Rd
Singleton Dr
Beltway
Capital Beltway
Bradley
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1 M: 3D-22

2 Morton Lucks Property

3 Montgomery Co Md

4 Julie Darsie

5 5/98

6 Md SHPO

7 N elev, N end

8 [illegible]

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2

3 Montgomery Co. Md.

4 Julie Dobrow

5 5/98

6 Md SHPO

7 Nelson, Sand

8 2 of 11

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1 M-30-22

2 Morton Lucks Property

3 Montgomery Co Md.

4 [illegible] Davis

5 5/9

6 Md SHPO

7 SW corner

8 3 of 11

1 M 30-22

2 Morton-Lucke Property

3 Montgomery Co. Md

4 Julie Darsie

5 1/98

6 Md St Pl

7 S elevation

8 4 of 11

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1 M:30-22

2 Morton Lucks Property

3 Montgomery Co Md

4 Julie Davis

5 5/92

6 Md [illegible]

7 SE corner

8 5 [illegible]

1 M 30 2.2

2 Morton Lucas Property

3 Montgomery Co Md

4 Julie Darcie

5 5/98

6 Md SHPO

7 E. elevation

8 6 sq

1 M-30-22

2 Morton Lucks Property

3 Montgomery Co. Md.

4 Julie Davis

5 6/92

6 Md SHPO

7 NE Corner

8 7 of 11

1 M:30-22

2 Morton Lucks Property

3 Montgomery Co. Md

4 Julie Darsie

5 5/98

6 Md SHPO

7 N elevation

8 8 of 11

1 Ab: 30-22

2 Morton Lucas Property

3 Montgomery Co Md

4 Julie Fagan

5 5/98

6 Md St Pl

7 NW corner

8 9 of 11

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1 M-30-22

2 Morton Lucks Property

3 Montgomery Co Md

4 Julie Tarsie

5 5/92

6 Mt. SHPO

7 Carriage House

8 10 of 11

M 30-22

2 Morton Lucks Property

3 Montgomery Co. Md

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6 Md SHPO

7 Carriage House

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