

## CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: PG:LAU-13 (PACS 1.9) Construction Date: circa 1935

Name: John R. Jones Subdivision

Location: 308-318 Second Street, Laurel, Prince George's County

Private/Commercial, Private Residence/Occupied/Good/Restricted

### Description:

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### Significance:

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**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 John R. Jones Subdivision

and/or common

**2. Location:**

street & number 308-318 Second Street

n/a not for publication

city, town Laurel \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Prince George's

**3. Classification:**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input 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"/> education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation

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

name Multiple

street & number

telephone no.:

city, town

state and zip code

**5. Location of Legal Description**

Land Records of Prince George's County

liber 472

street & number Prince George's County Judicial Center

folio 221

city, town Upper Marlboro

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

Resource Count: 6

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

The John R. Jones Subdivision is cluster of six 1- to 1½-story, wood-frame, front- and side-gable cottages. Built circa 1935 by individual owners, the buildings are located on the east side of Second Street in Laurel, Prince George's County.

Number 308 Second Street is a 1½-story, 2-bay front-gable cottage. It is of wood-frame construction with aluminum siding, and it has a concrete block foundation. The door is located in the second bay, and it has a broken-pediment surround. There are triple 1/1 double-hung windows in the first bay. The windows on the side and rear elevations are 6/1 double-hung. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles, and has a brick chimney and shed-roof dormers. The property is currently used as a real estate office.

Number 310 Second Street is a 1-story, 3-bay side-gable cottage with a rear wing. It is of wood-frame construction covered with formstone. The side-gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles, and the house has a shed roof front porch. There is an exterior end brick chimney. The entrance is centered and is flanked by 6/1 double-hung windows. The property is still used as a private residence.

Number 312 Second Street is a 1-story, 3-bay side-gable cottage with a pedimented front porch. It is of wood-frame construction with weatherboard siding, and it has a concrete foundation. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles, and has a brick chimney. The entrance is centered, and is flanked by 6/1 metal double-hung windows. The porch has square wood supports on brick piers. The property is used as a private residence.

Number 314 Second Street is a 1½-story, 3-bay front-gable cottage with a pedimented front porch. It is of wood-frame construction with aluminum siding, and has a concrete foundation. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles and has a brick chimney. The entrance is centered with double doors, and is flanked by 6/1 double-hung windows. The porch has square wood posts on brick piers. The property is used as an insurance office.

Number 316 Second Street is a 1-story, 3-bay side-gable cottage with clipped gable ends and a pedimented front porch. It is of wood-frame construction with aluminum siding, and has a concrete foundation. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles, and has a brick chimney. The entrance is centered, and is flanked by 6/1 double-hung windows. The porch is supported by battered wood supports on brick piers. The property is used as a hair salon.

Number 318 Second Street is a 1½-story, 3-bay side-gable cottage with gable-dormers. It is of wood-frame construction, with wood shingle siding and a concrete foundation. There is a projecting, centered gable bay. The entrance is located in the center bay, and is flanked by 1/1 vinyl replacement windows. There is a metal awning above the door. The property is used as a private residence.

The six buildings have similar setbacks from the road, and are evenly spaced down the block. The buildings are located on the east side of Second Street, and are surrounded by modern commercial development and converted residential properties. The historic setting of this area was a residential area within the City of Laurel.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.

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The John R. Jones Subdivision is located on the east side of Second Street in Laurel. Laurel is located on land originally patented to Richard Snowden in 1715 as "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor" in Prince George's County. "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor" was approximately 1214 hectares (3000 acres) from Old Columbia Pike to the present city of Laurel, and from south of Greencastle and Van Dusen Roads to north of Sandy Spring Road. The 1715 patent increased the already substantial Snowden land holdings, and later additions to Snowden land eventually covered 3749 hectares (9265 acres) by 1743. (Cook 1976: 270-271).

The Snowden family had established a grist mill at Laurel about 1810. In 1824, the grist mill was adapted to spin cotton yarn that was shipped to textile mills. In 1835, the mill was converted back to a grist mill. Snowden family members and the O.C. Tiffany company of Baltimore established the Patuxent Cotton Manufacturing Company. Factory buildings were built along the river, and the town of Laurel developed as a manufacturing town along Main Street running between the factory and the B&O Railroad station (Prince George's County 1974: 283; Prince George's County Historical Society 1980: 37). Laurel became the largest town in the county. The textile mill provided the basis for Laurel's economy into the twentieth century. When textile output began to decline early in the century, Laurel began to develop as a suburb for both Washington and Baltimore. Located halfway between the two cities, Laurel was accessible to commuters by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and by U.S. 1 (Prince George's County 1974: 284).

The houses on the John R. Jones subdivision are vernacular cottages. Between 1870 and 1940 the vernacular cottage style was typically built for Americans of modest means. They are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post-Civil War machinery capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those

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found in cottages, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gable, side-gable, cross-gable and hipped roof frame cottages were developed in the early to mid-twentieth century. Front-gable and hipped roof cottages are primarily 1 to 1 1/2-stories tall, 3-bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually 2 to 2 1/2-stories tall, are typically 2 to 3-bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep. They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation. Some cottages feature ornamentation drawn from Craftsman style or Colonial Revival architecture (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv).

National Register Evaluation

Constructed circa 1935, the John R. Jones Subdivision is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The subdivision 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 subdivision 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 an undistinguished example of community planning in the mid-1930s. The buildings, while similar in size and setback, have been altered, and are common examples of ubiquitous housing types from the 1930s. The surrounding area has undergone heavy commercial development. Finally, the subdivision 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 <u>XX</u>
Comments _____	
_____	
Reviewer, OPS: <u>DeFunder</u>	Date: <u>9/7/09</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>Priddy</u>	Date: <u>9/7/09</u>

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. PG:LAU-13(PACS 1.9)

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See Attached

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name Laurel, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state                    code    county    code

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state                    code    county    code

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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date    May 1998

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city or town    Baltimore

state    Maryland

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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 purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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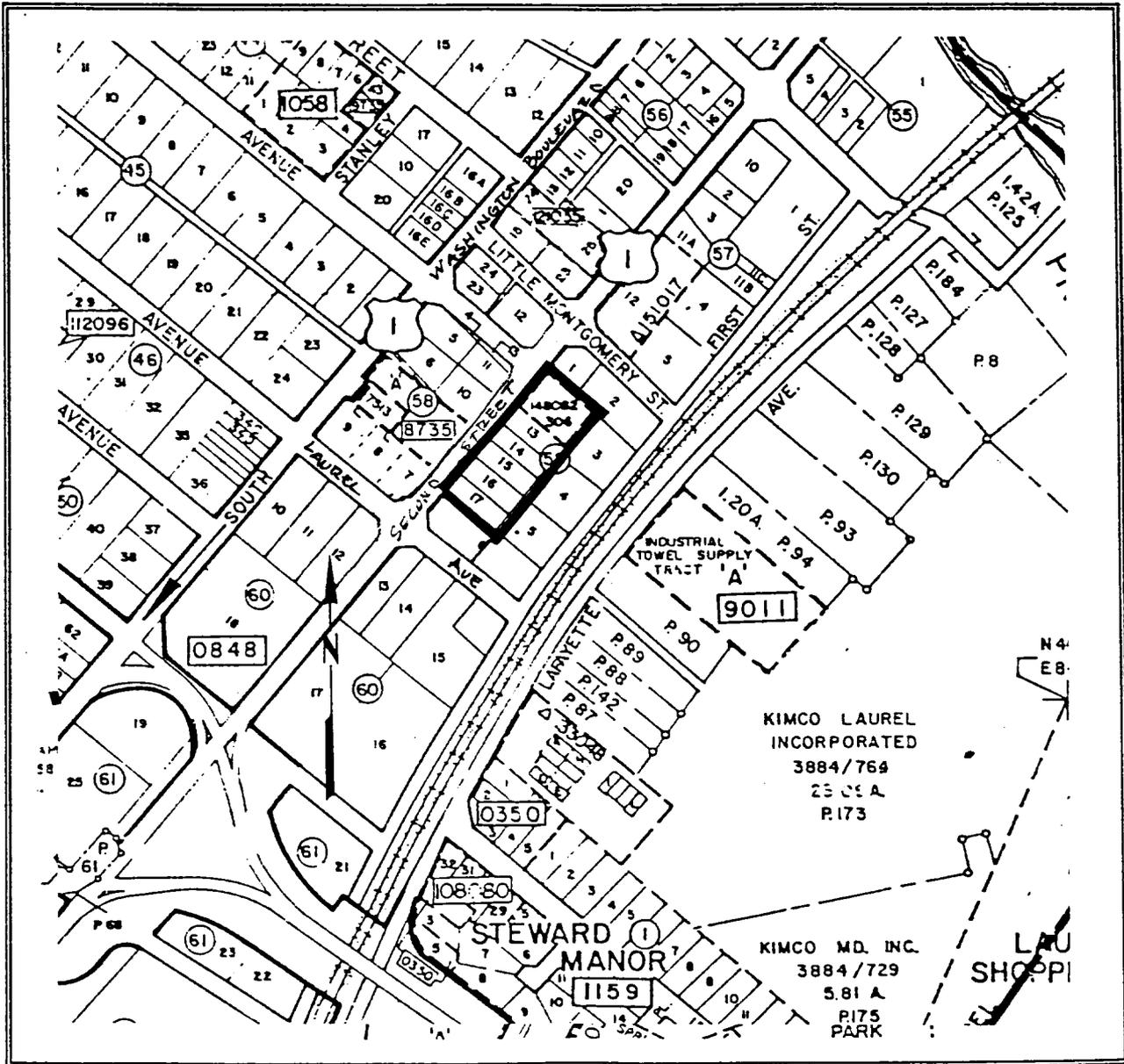
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Resource Sketch Map:



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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): Community Planning, Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

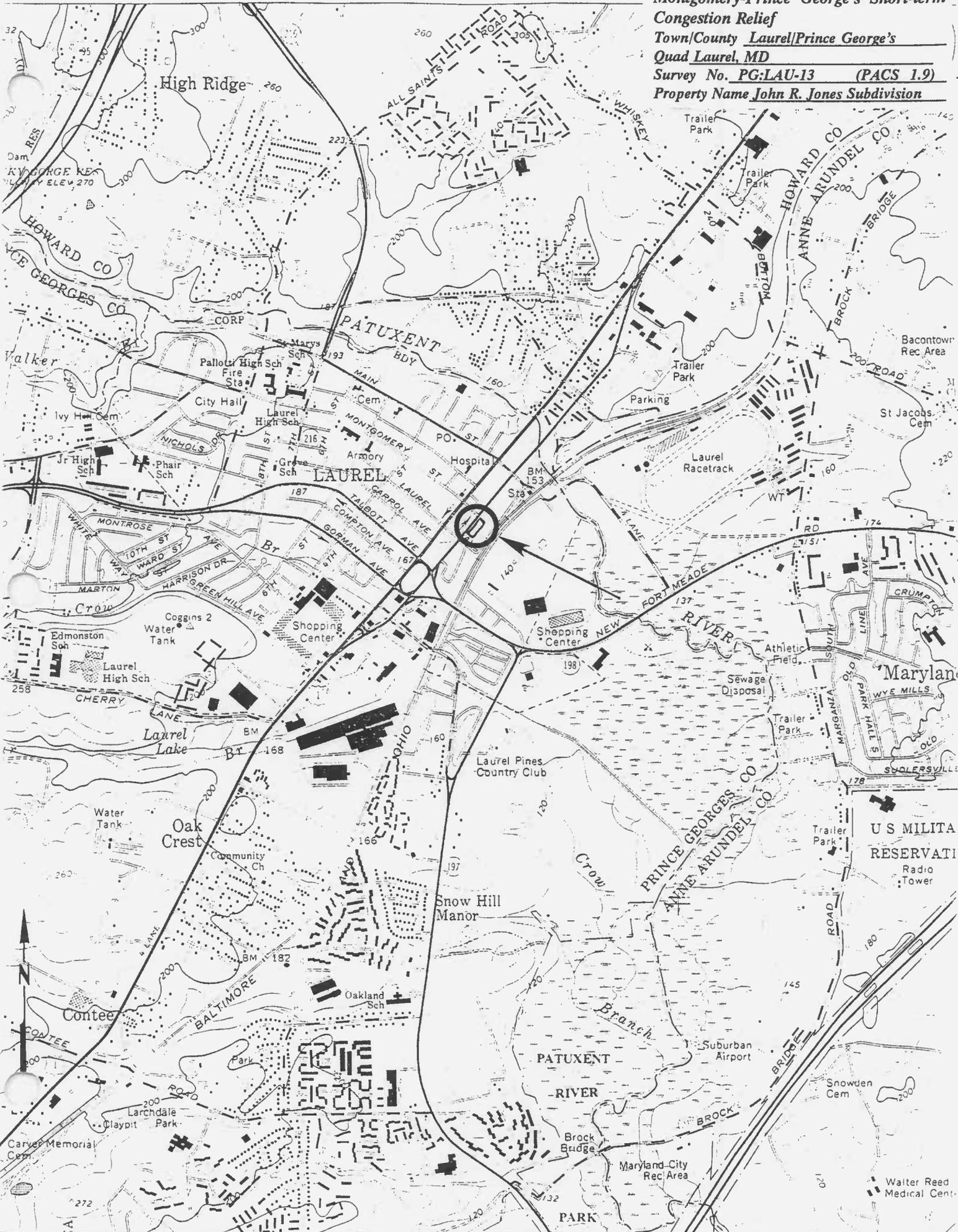
Category (see Section 3 of survey form): District

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

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Private Residences

Known Design Source (write none if unknown): None

**Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term  
Congestion Relief**  
 Town/County Laurel/Prince George's  
 Quad Laurel, MD  
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Walter Reed  
Medical Cent.



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- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Anson Coffey
- 5 5198
- 6 Md HPO
- 7 314, 315, 317 Second St.
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3 Prince Georges Co. Md

4 Susan Taylor

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7 308, 310 Second St

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