

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

Property/District Name: Bridge No. WI506 Survey Number: WI-217

Project: Replace Br. No. WI506, Beaverdam Dr. over Beaverdam Cr. Agency: FHWA

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

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

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)

Based on information provided by the City of Salisbury, Bridge No. WI506, Beaverdam Drive over Beaverdam Drive in the Salisbury Park, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A. The bridge was constructed in 1935 as part of a large scale municipal improvement project of the 1920s and 1930s which included the construction of a municipal water works and park. It is reflective of the community planning efforts and public works projects of the period and represents an important initiative on the part of the city government. The 48-acre park created from swamp land on either side of the Wicomico River allowed the city to protect its water source and to provide recreational opportunities for its residents. The park offered tennis courts, swimming pools, an illuminated fountain and curving automobile drives. Many of these features survive today. Bridge No. WI506 connected North Park Drive and South Park Drive and provided access between two parts of the water works.

The park was developed under city authority by a variety of New Deal agencies. The bridge was constructed as a WPA project and utilized trees from the site and local manpower. A low wooden dam was also constructed on the west side of the bridge to regulate water levels in the river. The thirty foot long, four span timber bridge with its low profile and rustic appearance fit harmoniously into the park setting. As the area surrounding the Municipal Park became a focus of residential development in the years after the depression, Bridge No. WI506 grew in importance as a transportation link. The bridge was rehabilitated in the 1950s, but we have no information to suggest that it does not retain its integrity.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project file

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

June 7, 1994
Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

R. Andrews
Reviewer, NR program

6.7.94
Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
 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
 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 Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

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

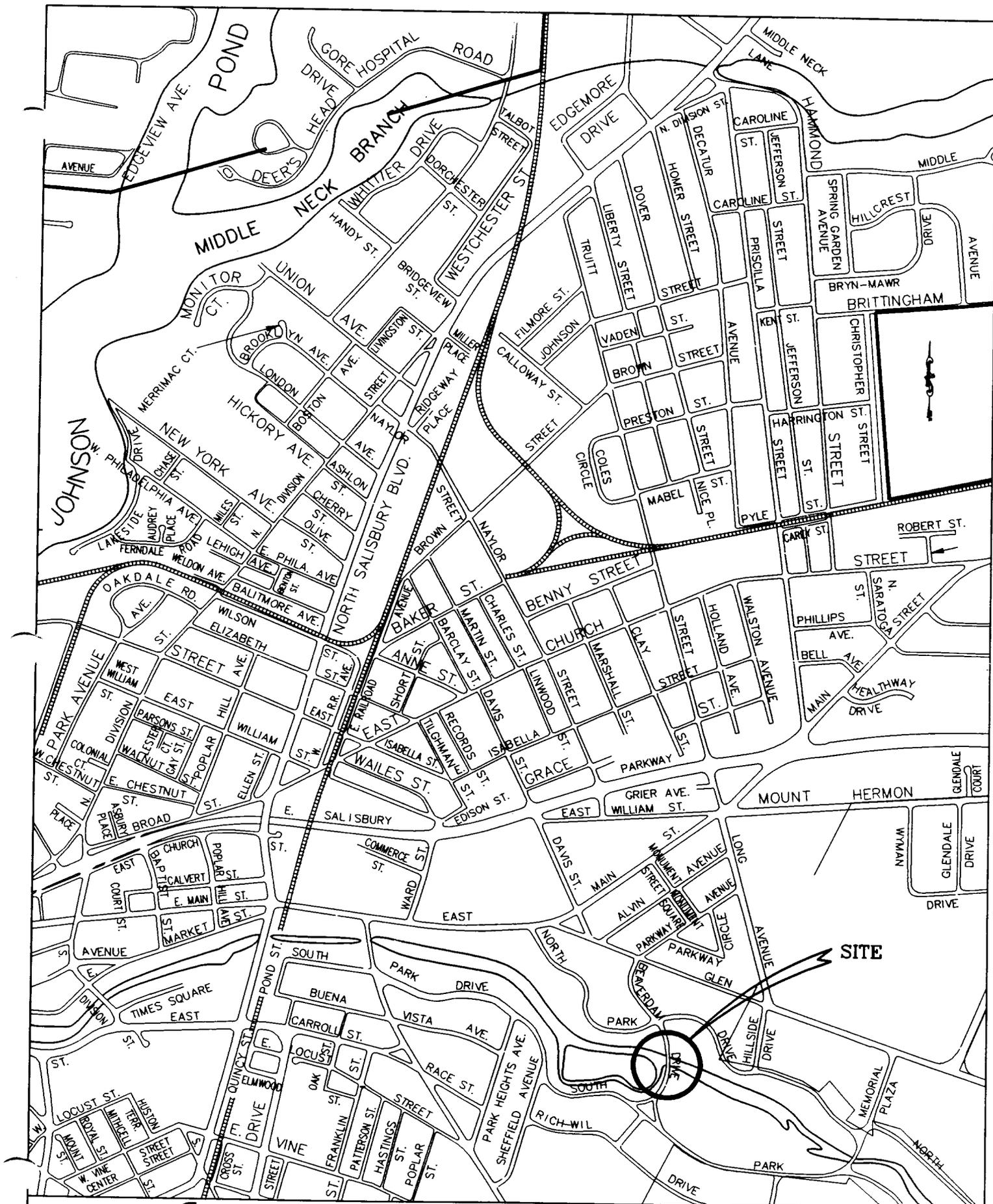
V. Resource Type:

Category: structure

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): transportation

Known Design Source: WPA



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BEAVERDAM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

SCALE 1" = 1000'



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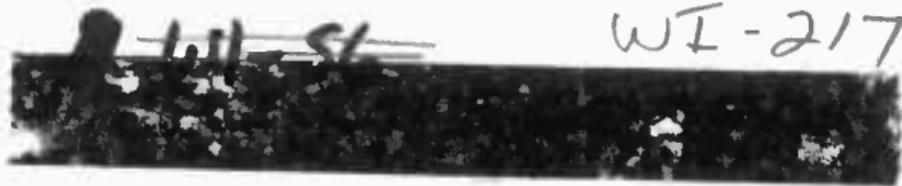
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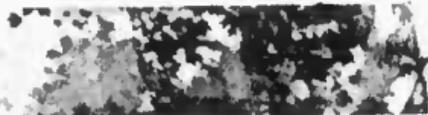




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