

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~H20034~~ CH-847

Address: 502 Kent Avenue, Charles County - in vicinity of LaPlata

Owner: Robinson, Robert D and Loressa D

Tax Parcel Number: 47 Tax Map Number: 109

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

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

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Is property located within a historic district?: no yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: no yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

502 Kent Avenue is a two-story, wood frame, dwelling with a side gable roof. A one-story, full-width, enclosed porch with a shed roof dominates the façade. A small, front gable dormer was recently added to the primary roof. A one-story wing, flush with the primary elevation, is located on the north elevation. The wings is covered with a side gable roof.

Charles County's late 19th- and early 20th-century history is dominated by industrial and urban development. The greatest impact upon community growth came from the railroad. The completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B&P) mainline from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872 prompted local entrepreneurs to establish stores and other commercial facilities near the railroad stations. The B&P Railroad's La Plata station still stands at the intersection of the rail line with Charles Street.

As La Plata grew, Charles County citizens lobbied to have the county seat moved from Port Tobacco to La Plata. La Plata became the county seat of Charles County's government in 1895 and a new courthouse was erected in

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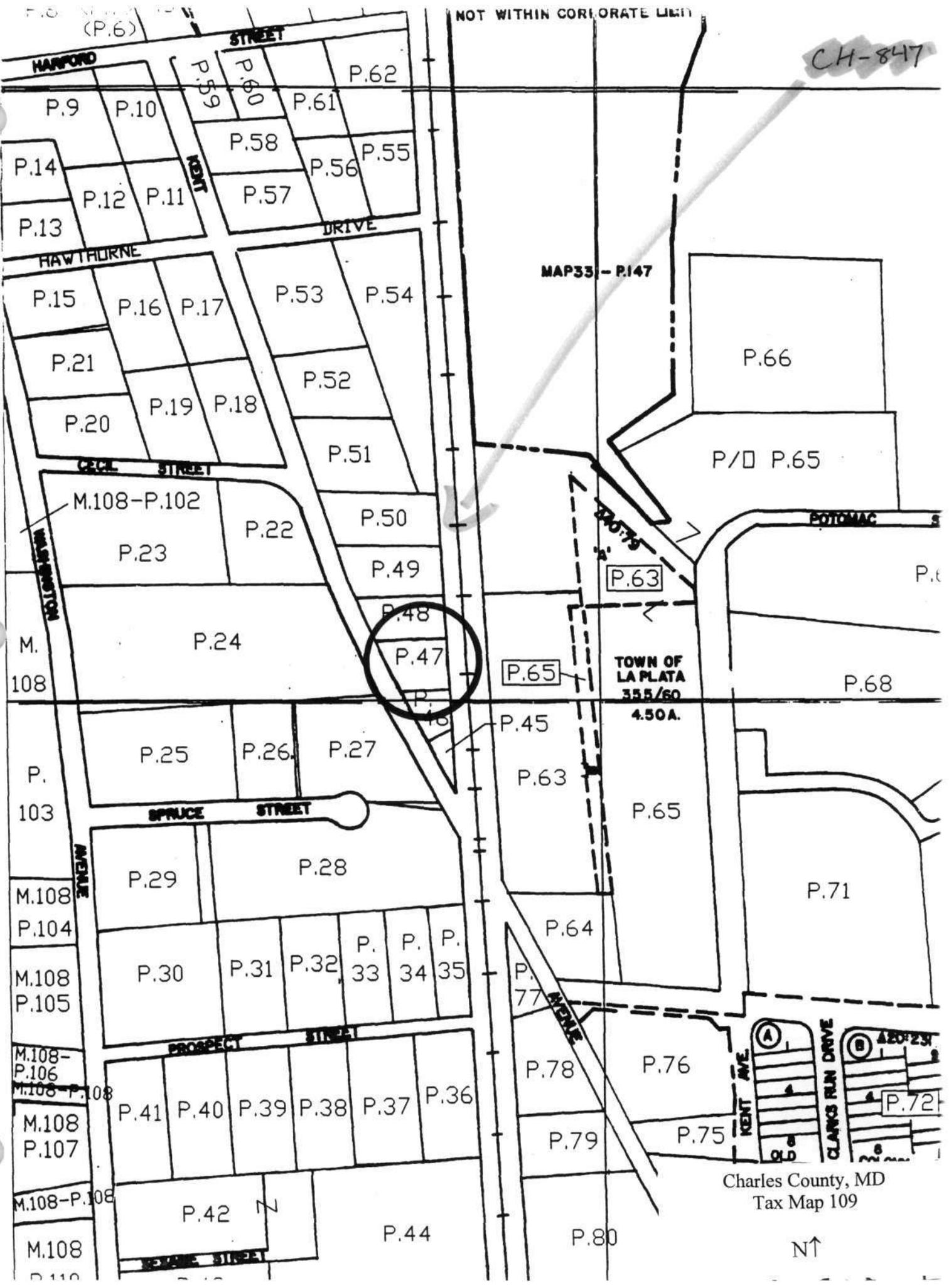


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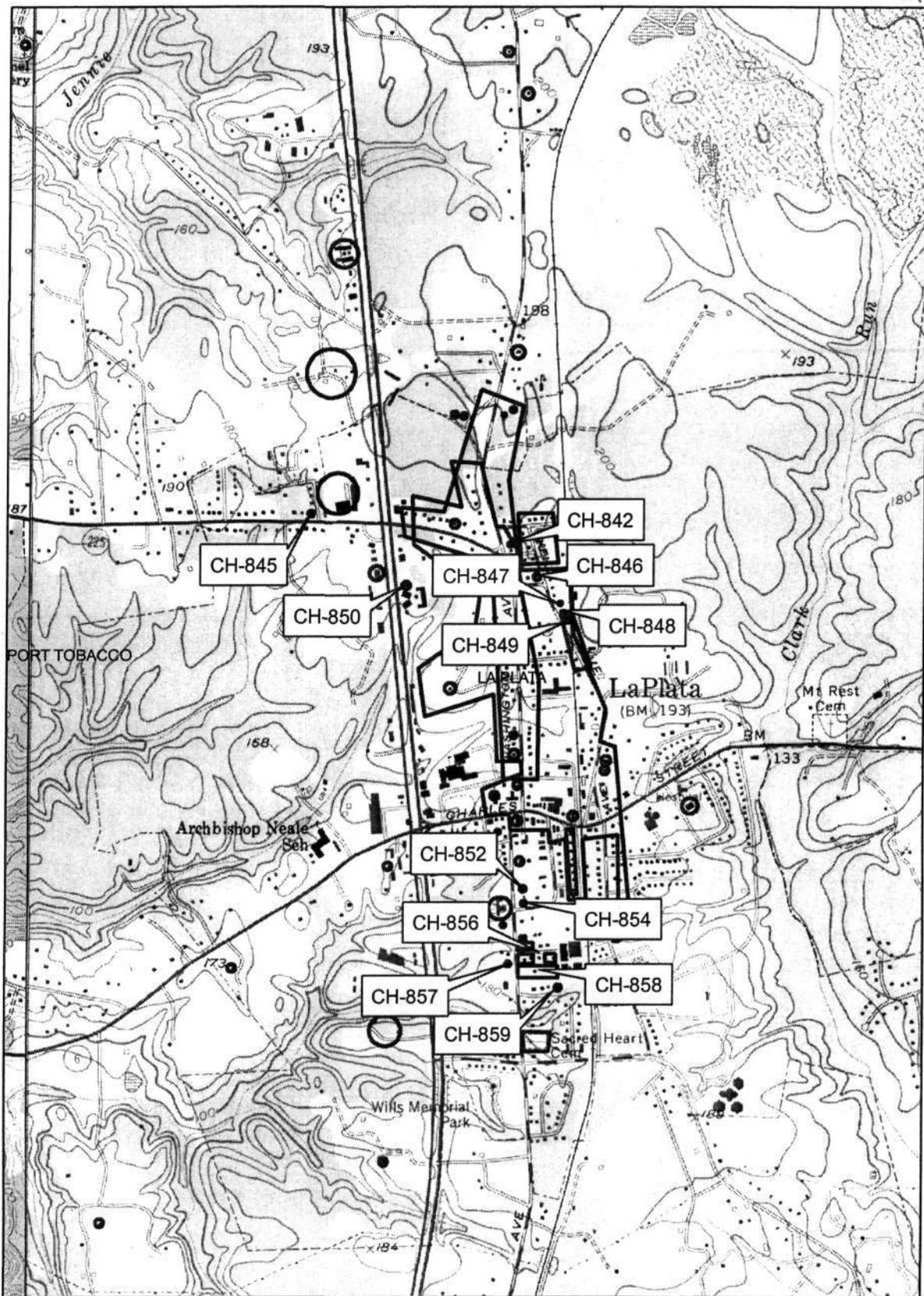
1896.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments also contributed to La Plata's community evolution. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

Built circa 1900, this vernacular house is not eligible for the National Register. The form of the building has been significantly altered. This resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.



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View of west elevation

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