

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Brown Farmstead Inventory Number: M: 23-155  
 Address: Triadelphia Lake Road and MD 97 (Georgia Avenue) Historic district:  yes  no  
 City: Brookeville Zip Code: 20833 County: Montgomery  
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Sandy Spring  
 Property Owner: Washington Suburban Sanitation Commission Tax Account ID Number: 00721484  
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 845 Tax Map Number: HW561  
 Project: Intercounty Connector Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration  
 Agency Prepared By: PB Americas, Inc.  
 Preparer's Name: Stephanie Foell Date Prepared: 1/25/2008

Documentation is presented in: \_\_\_\_\_

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation:  Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*

Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible:  yes  no Listed:  yes  no

Site visit by MHT Staff  yes  no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

**Architectural Description**

The Brown Farmstead is an agricultural site that retains two modest agricultural outbuildings, a well, and a potential cemetery. The 141-acre parcel is located in the northeast quadrant of the intersection of MD 97 (Georgia Avenue) and Triadelphia Lake Road in Montgomery County.

The larger of the two agricultural buildings is a modest frame storage barn with a rectangular footprint. It is oriented on a north-south axis. Flush vertical wood planks form the side-gable building's walls. Standing-seam metal covers the roof. A door is located on the north gable end of the building, while a small, square loft door is located in each gable end. No other openings are present. The building sits atop stone foundation piers and is supported by a log sill plate. Wood pegs connect some portions of the barn. The building is in poor condition, with deteriorated or missing portions of the roof and walls.

The second building on the site is a small, modest shed. The shed is built on a poured concrete foundation, and vertical wood planks comprise the walls on the south, east, and west elevations. The north wall is clad in corrugated metal. The west elevation

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<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, National Register Program	<u>6/9/08</u> Date

contains a vertical-plank door with modern hardware. No other openings are present. The asymmetrical gable roof is covered with standing-seam metal.

A small well, defined by rocks placed in a circular pattern on the ground, is located to the north of the buildings.

A potential cemetery has been located on the northeast portion of the site on a slightly sloping hill. Unmarked stones placed in upright positions may mark graves.

History and Significance

The two extant buildings on the Brown Farmstead are modest agricultural support buildings that are remnants of an earlier agricultural enterprise. The storage barn likely dates to the early twentieth century based on a review of comparable structures in the county, while the shed likely dates to the middle of the twentieth century based on construction techniques and materials.

The 1870 and 1880 census records show the Brown family as occupants of the site and list farming as their primary occupation. Deed research indicates that the current 141-acre parcel has been intact since 1904.

The Brown Farmstead historically has been associated with agricultural efforts in the Montgomery County area. However, the extant buildings are modest and ubiquitous farm structures. Because a critical mass of agricultural buildings that illustrate any potential importance is no longer extant, the remaining buildings have lost their ability to convey the former scope and scale of the parcel's agricultural use. The Brown Farmstead is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A. It no longer conveys any potential regional agricultural significance. The property is not associated with persons important in the past and is therefore not eligible under Criterion B. The extant buildings are modest and typical examples of ubiquitous agricultural storage buildings and do not embody distinctive characteristics or possess high artistic value. Therefore, the Brown Farmstead is not eligible under Criterion C.

The potential cemetery is being evaluated separately as an archeological resource under Criterion D. It would not be individually eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as an exceptionally significant resource based on guidelines set forth in Criterion Consideration D for cemeteries.

Works Consulted

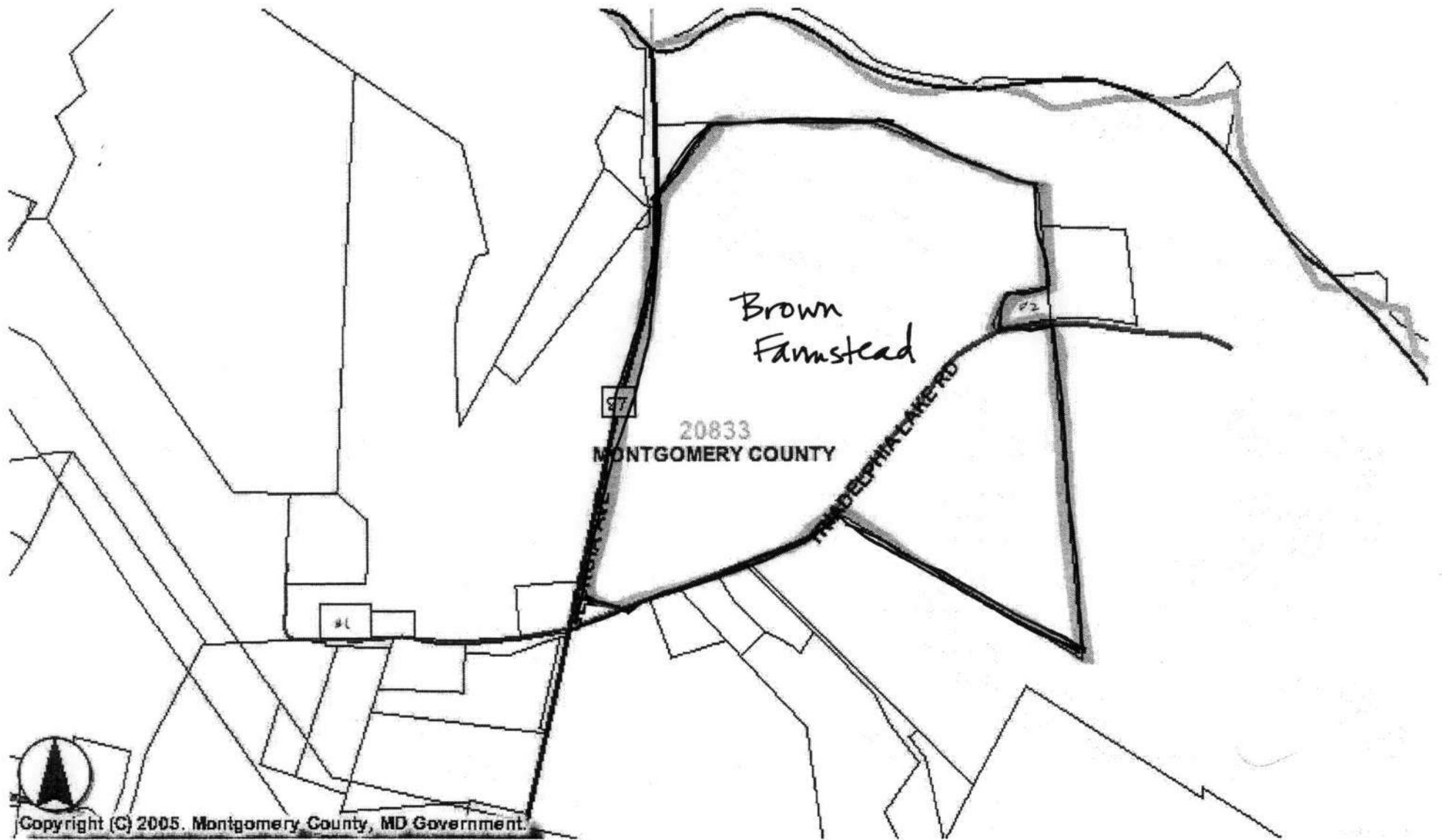
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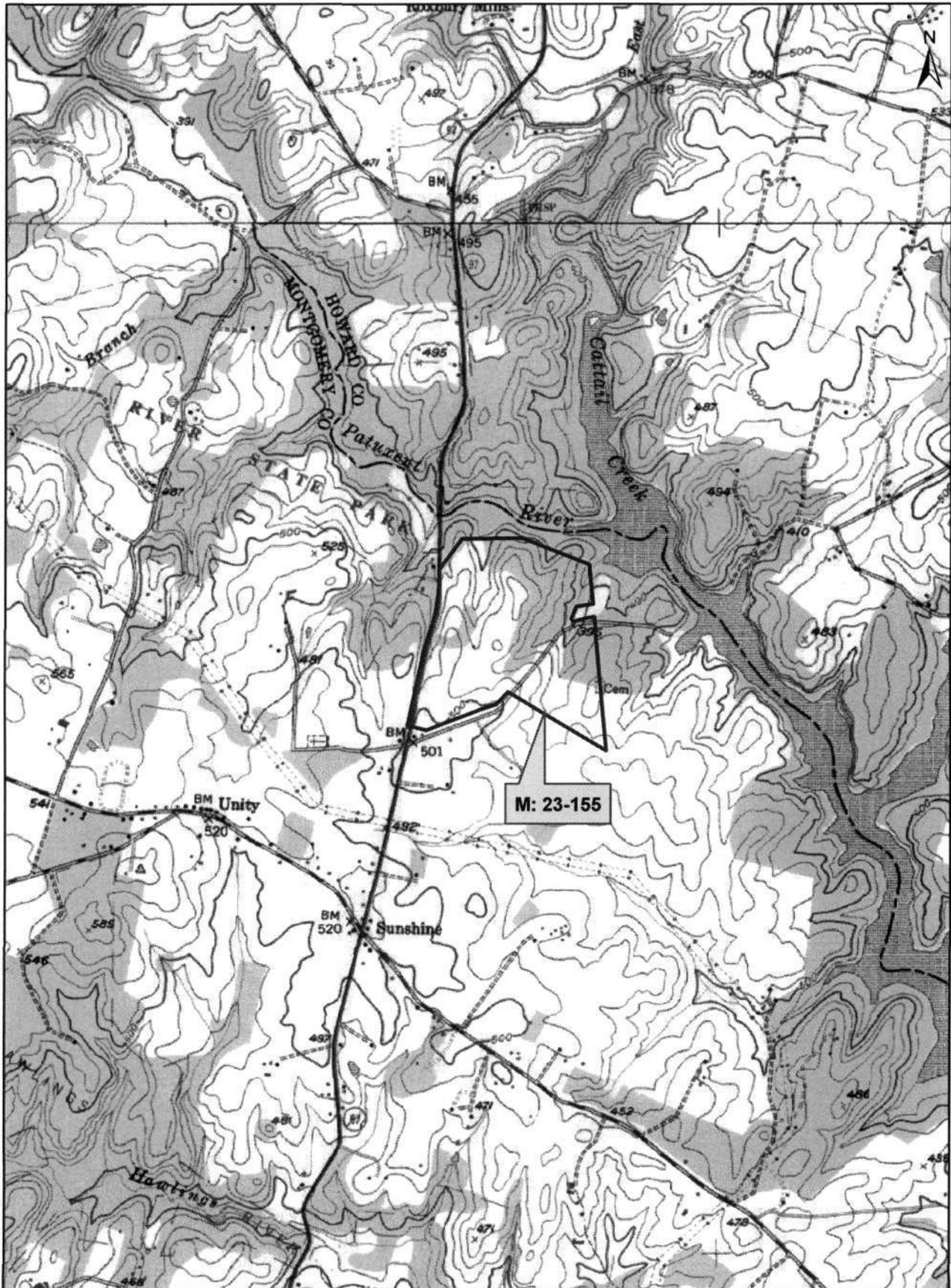


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Toxmap HW 56 Parcel 845

# The Brown Farmstead

The Brown Farmstead (M:23-155)  
Triadelphia Lake Road  
USGS Sandy Spring Quad, 1:24,000



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The Brown Farmstead

Montgomery County, MD.

Renee Novak

10 December 2007

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Main barn, view of south facade

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Main barn, view looking NW of SE corner of  
barn

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Main barn, view looking NE of SW corner of barn

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Main barn, view looking SE of NW corner of  
barn

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Main barn, detailed view of stone foundation  
piers, log sill plate, and wooden pegging

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Main barn, detailed view of notching at the  
rafter eaves

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Shed outbuilding, view looking SE of NW  
corner of the barn

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Shed outbuilding, view looking NW at SE  
corner of barn

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Contextual view looking north towards  
shed outbuilding

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Contextual view looking SW from the north  
of the property

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