MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Accokeek/Bryan Point Triangle Inventory Number: PG: 83-17

Address: Indian Head Highway at Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, Prince George's County, Maryland

Owner: Dharam S. & Balbir K. Goraya, 217 Biddle Road, Accokeek, MD 20607

Tax Parcel Number: 47 Tax Map Number: PG 151 E4

Project MD 210: I-95/495 to MD 228 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: __ no X yes Name: Jill Dowling Date: 06/01/1997

Eligibility recommended __ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria __A __B __C __D Considerations: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G X None

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

Is district listed?: X no __ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Identification Study for MD 210: I-95/495 to MD 228

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

This group of resources exists at the intersection of Bryan Point, Accokeek (Livingston) Roads and MD 210. Constructed between 1953 and 1956, these three examples of roadside architecture are typical of the 1950s. The "B&J Carry Out Dixie Style Bar-B-Q" began as a much larger drive up restaurant that featured roller skating waitresses, according to the present owner. The Sisko Auto repair and attached commercial building catered to the increasing population of suburban Prince George's County, which expanded steadily until the 1970s. B&Js and Sisko retain some original signs, typical colorful awnings and accents, and period light fixtures.

As an example of 1950s roadside architecture, the district generally reflects the influence of the automobile on suburban development, and contains structures that demonstrate styles typical of the period. These factors would indicate potential eligibility under Criteria A and C. Presently, however, the district is not fifty years old, and would therefore need to meet Criteria Consideration G and demonstrate exceptional historical importance to be considered eligible. Such a test measures the resource for its significance within its historic context, then seeks to protect

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Eligibility recommended __ **Eligibility not recommended** X

Criteria: __ A __ B __ C __ D **Consideration __ A __ B __ C __ D __ E __ F __ G __ None**

4/14/1998

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services **Date**

3/23/02

Reviewer, NR Program **Date**

resources related to exceptional events or categories of resources so fragile that survivors of any age are unusual. While it is true that few examples of roadside architecture from this period remain in the study area, NPS Bulleting 15 instructs that "Properties that by their nature can last more than fifty years cannot be considered exceptionally important because of the fragility of the class of resources" (p. 42). Based on this interpretation and given the fact that these resources are not associated with an exceptional event and can last more than fifty years, the district fails to meet Criteria Consideration G. Thus, this district is not eligible for the National Register.

Capsule Summary

Inventory No. PG: 83-17

Property Name: Accokeek/Bryan Point Triangle

Address: Indian Head Highway at Bryan Point Road

City: Accokeek

Date of Construction: 1953 - 1956

Description (Summary):

The district includes 3 examples of 1950s roadside architeture. The "B&J Carry Out Dixie Style Bar-B-Q" is a dirve-up restaurant. It also includes the Sisko Auto Repair and an attached commercial building with period signs, awnings, and light fixtures.

Significance (Summary):

The district reflects the influence of the automobile on suburban development, but it is not yet 50 years of age and does not meet Criteria Consideration G for the National Register.

Acreage:

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. PG:83-17

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1. Name of Property

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historic name _____

common/other name Accokeek/Bryan Point Triangle

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2. Location

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street & number _____ not for publication _____

city or town Accokeek vicinity ___ state MD code ____

county Prince George's code _____ zip code 20607

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- X private
- ____ public-local
- ____ public-State
- ____ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- ____ building(s)
- X district
- ____ site
- ____ structure
- ____ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
3	____	buildings
____	____	sites
____	____	structures
____	____	objects
3	0	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes ____ Name of Listing _____

No X

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6. Function or Use
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:	Sub:
Commerce/Trade	Restaurant
Transportation	Gas Station

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:	Sub:
Commerce/Trade	Restaurant
Transportation	Gas Station

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Modern Movement
Roadside Architecture

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation	Concrete
roof	Rubber
walls	Brick, Concrete
other	

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

__X__ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

____ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

__X__ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

____ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

____ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

____ B removed from its original location.

____ C a birthplace or a grave.

____ D a cemetery.

____ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

____ F a commemorative property.

__X__ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Community Development
Transportation

Period of Significance 1953-1956

Significant Dates

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Bowie, Effie Gwynn. Across the Years in Prince George's County. Richmond: Garrett and Massie, Inc., 1947.

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Floyd, Bianca. Black History and Historic Sites in Prince George's County, MD. Upper Marlboro: Maryland National Park and Planning Commission, 1983.

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Maryland National Capital Park and Planning, Historic Contexts in Prince George's County. Upper Marlboro, MD:Self-published, 1991.

Roth, Leland. A Concise History of American Architecture. New York: Harper and Row, 1980.

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Virta, Alan. Prince George's County: A Pictorial History. Norfolk: Donning Co., 1984.

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property Less than one acre

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)
The boundary for this district encompasses tax parcels 51 and 1670.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

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city or town Baltimore state MD zip code 21203
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12. Property Owner
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name
street & number telephone city
or town state zip code
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Visible from MD 210 and occupying a commercial wedge somewhat awkwardly isolated when Bryan Point Road was cut off from the intersection, the B & J Carryout Dixie Style Bar-B-Q and Sisko Auto Repair represent good examples of purpose-built roadside architecture from the 1950s.

Originally constructed circa 1953, the B & J Carryout Dixie Style Bar-B-Q is, by popular account, a local institution. Located at 15805 Livingston Road, this single story brick, glass, and block building is garishly painted purple, red, white, and yellow, and adorned with striped metal awnings. Lighting fixtures, road-signs, and signs affixed to the structure convey the building's association to the past. Polygonal in shape, the facade is composed of a bay consisting of a wide central section featuring a picture window, and two shorter angled walls providing entrances into the building. A walk-up ``Take Out'' window is located on the south side of the structure (along Accokeek Road), with picnic tables supporting white and red striped umbrellas set up in summer for outside dining. Inside, a counter runs the width of the building with limited customer service room. Behind the counter, a window leads into the kitchen, and a long corridor stretches back to storage, refrigeration units, and an office. In front of the building, a small parking area sets the establishment back from MD 210. Originally, a concrete pad extended from the center of the structure and cars parked on both sides, with service provided from roller skating waitstaff. Today the property is smaller, and the restaurant provides only carry-out or outside seating.

A parking lot separates the B & J Carryout from the Sisko Auto Repair and service station located across the dead-end street at 201 Bryan Point Road. Built in 1956, the sleek lines of this single story parged concrete block structure are emphasized by white paint with blue accent stripes, the use of plate glass, and a clipped corner providing an interesting angle to the otherwise straightforward form. The station has three garage bays, three pumps, men's and women's restrooms, and a glass-encased walk-in service area. Like the B & J, signage and light fixtures convey the historicity of the time period.

At the north end of the building, a typical two story brick commercial facade adjoins the service station. This undistinguished blockish mass has a pent roof supported by turned wood posts, and displays modern double hung and sliding windows, with a wood planter serving as a parapet in front of the structure.

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The suburbanization of this corridor of Prince George's County intensified after the 1930s with improved access to the area following the construction of MD 210. During this period, increased automobile traffic shuttled people from expanding federal facilities in the county to burgeoning suburban developments, and facilitated travel to Washington and Baltimore. Dependence on the automobile required facilities to service cars, and fostered the growth of roadside conveniences and amusements. Thus, the establishment of a drive-in restaurant and service station were natural occurrences in the 1950s. Historic mapping indicates that drive-in theaters also previously existed along MD 210.

Examples of roadside architecture from this time period have been diminished by the onslaught of modern strip development. The B & J Carryout and Sisko Auto Repair typify the earliest of such purpose-built commercial ventures, and when considered with Hovermale's, a previously identified ice cream stand on Livingston Road, reinforce the influence of the automobile in the study area. The proximity of the Potomac and the historic presence of amusements near the study area, such as the Riverview Amusement Park also indicate seasonal tourism that encouraged warm-weather venues such as Hovermale's and the B & J.

Originally a small beige and brown structure called ``Our Drive-In,'' a gravel concrete strip provided a curb for cars to pull in and receive curb service. Briefly called Pat's Carry Out, the restaurant assumed its current name in 1962 when Julian Hardesty assumed ownership of the business with his partner Bill, calling their place the ``B & J.'' The real estate remained in the ownership of John Dyer, a local businessman. In 1977, Dyer assumed ownership of the business as well, and it remained in his hands until purchased by the present owners, Phil and Susan Jones, in 1991. When they purchased the restaurant, it was painted green with brown and white awnings. The Coca-cola signs on the building have historically adorned the structure.

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
CONTINUATION SHEET

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Accokeek/Bryan Point Triangle
name of property
Prince George's County, MD
county and state

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s): Modern Period

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Commerce/Trade, Transportation

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function (s): Restaurant, Gas Station

Known Design Source: None

EAST ACCOKEEK
SECT. I.
1670
SOUTH ST.
MAIN BLVD.
FARMINGTON WOODS
'A'
WHISTLING WOOD
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P.47
1670
INDIAN
RD.
P.49
P.50
P 51
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P.194
0.52A
P.52
P.53
P 54
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P 55
BIDDLE RD
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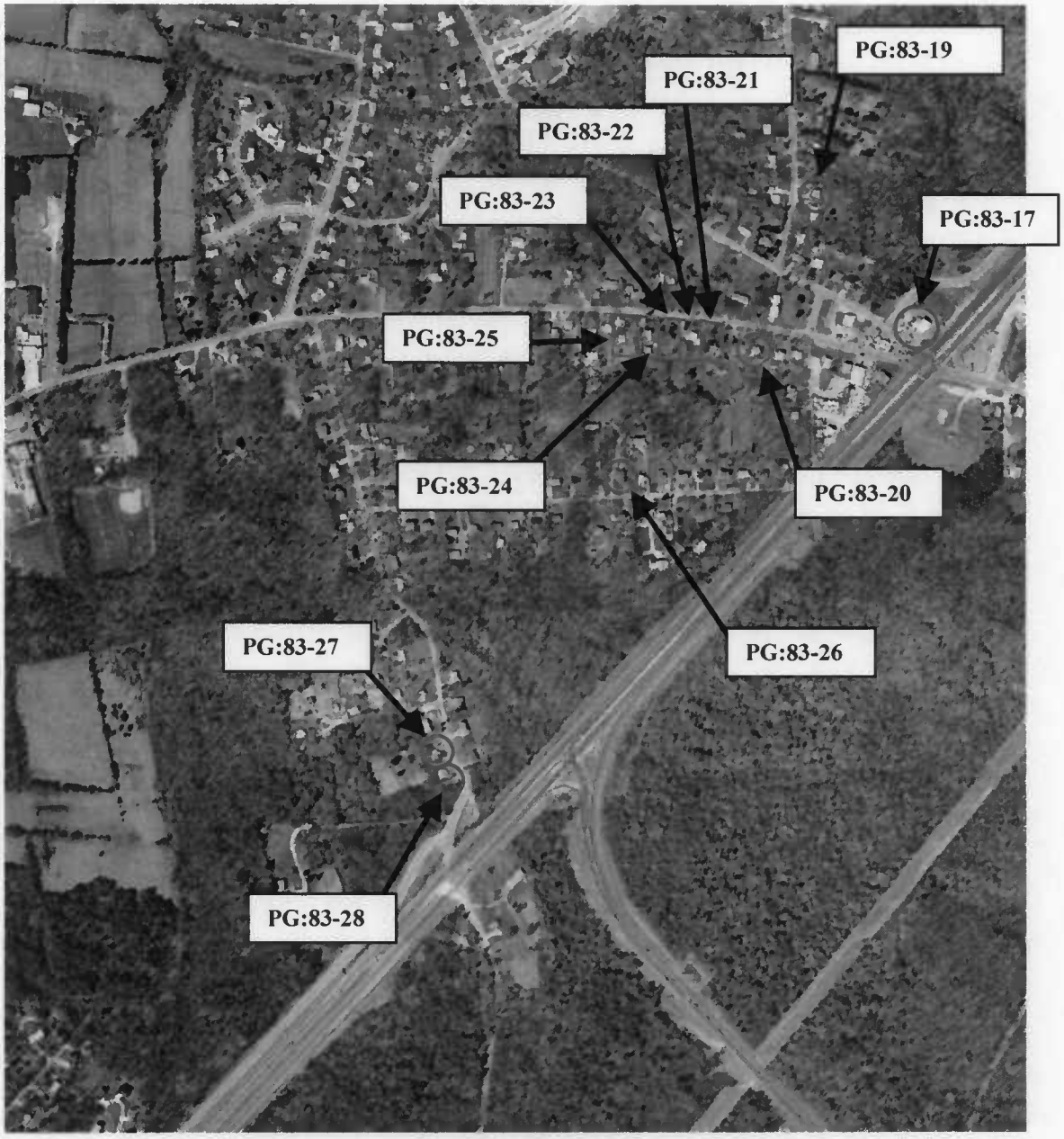
Accokeek, 1998 Aerial Photo



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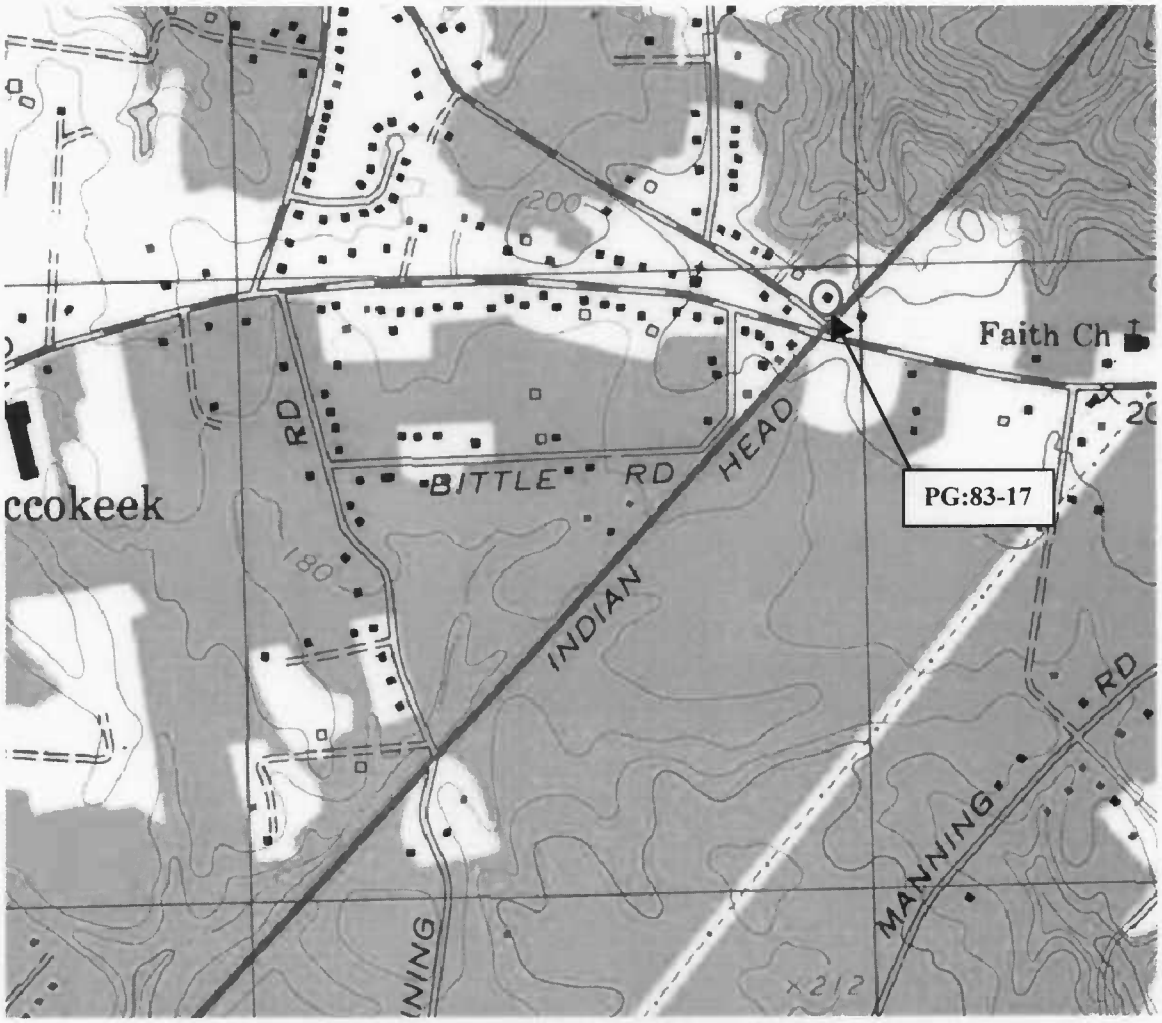
Accokeek/Bryan Point Triangle
Indian Head Highway (MD 210), Accokeek
Mount Vernon Quadrangle



B&J CARRY OUT
DIXIE STYLE BAR·B·Q
CHICKEN
FISH SHRIMP
BURGERS
SUBS PIZZA

B & J CARRY OUT
DIXIE STYLE BAR-B-Q
Coca-Cola
BURGERS
SUBS·PIZZA
OLET

SISKO AUTO REPAIR
BRAKES-WELDING
MUFFLER REPAIR
WATER
MECHANIC
ON DUTY
AIR
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