

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

Property/District Name: Old Garrett Highway Segments Survey Number: G-IV-A-231

Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project Agency: MSHA

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)

The Old Garrett Highway Segments are recommended not eligible for the National Register. Although construction of the Garrett Highway propelled the county into the automobile age and linked the county seat with the remainder of the state, these segments possess very little integrity of materials, design, workmanship, feeling, and association. Research has not identified any further significant associations with historic persons or events. The segments neither reflect the distinctive characteristics of a particular architectural style nor embody the representative work of a master craftsman or method of construction. The segments additionally do not appear to potentially provide important information for the study of history.

Document on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report

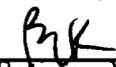
(KCI/MSHA 1997)

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

8/11/98  
Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

  
Reviewer, NR program

   
Date

Old Garrett Highway Segments

G-IV-A-231

Oakland vicinity

1916 to circa 1974

Public

Four former segments of Old Garrett Highway have been identified in the Oakland area. The four segments all parallel the current alignment of US 219.

These sections of Old Garrett Highway document the impact of the automobile on Garrett County's landscape. In 1916, the State Roads Commission completed the Garrett Highway, the predecessor highway to US 219, connecting Oakland to a state road trunkline extending from Ocean City to the Garrett county seat. To increase highway safety, sections of the Garrett Highway were straightened by the late 1940s. All of the segments documented were abandoned by the mid-1970s.

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## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Old Garrett Highway Segments

## 2. Location

street & number Alongside US 219 \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Oakland X vicinity

county Garrett

## 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Maryland State Highway Administration

street & number 707 North Calvert Street telephone

city, town Baltimore state and zip code MD 21202

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel

city, town Oakland liber and folio

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT
- Other:

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count		
				Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>X</u> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>X</u> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>X</u> transportation	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress			
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown			
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use			
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:			
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>		
						<u>0</u>

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

Four former segments of Old Garrett Highway (G-IV-A-231) have been identified in the Oakland area. The four segments all parallel the current alignment of US 219.

The northern-most segment (Photo 6) parallels the east side of the current alignment, angling off of northbound US 219 in a northeasterly direction. The segment consists of a paved section that is still used as an access road/driveway for a number of houses.

A second segment lies at the north end of North Fourth Street along the east side of the current alignment on the outskirts of Oakland. Access to the segment from the south is fenced off (Photo 7) and traffic diverted a short distance westward to the current US 219 alignment. The actual road surface has been removed and the area is overgrown with grass. The northern portion of the former alignment has been planted with pine trees to block entry (Photo 8).

A third section of the former roadway extends southerly from the CSX Railroad tracks east of the current US 219 alignment. This segment is composed of two portions: the northerly one possesses a gravel covering which provides access to a modern recycling center at its northern end (Photo 5). The southern portion consists of a grassy right-of-way enframed by trees and underbrush (Photo 4).

The southernmost segment parallels the west side of US 219 on both the north and south sides of its intersection with Monte Vista Road. Approaching the segment in a southerly direction, the former road surface, covered with gravel, angles to the southwest (Photo 3) and passes in front of one dwelling and a farm complex prior to reaching Monte Vista Road. The gravel road bed turns to macadam in front of the farm complex but ends at a stream crossing. Between the stream and Monte Vista Road only the berm of the former fill section of the road bed remains (Photo 1). South of Monte Vista Road, the former Old Garrett Highway segment is composed of a gravel driveways and fill berms before ending at a tree line (Photo 2).

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
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<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** \_\_\_\_\_ **Builder/Architect** \_\_\_\_\_ **Unknown** \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluation for:

National Register     Maryland Register     not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

These sections of Old Garrett Highway document the impact of the automobile on Garrett County's landscape. In 1916, the State Roads Commission completed the Garrett Highway, the predecessor highway to US 219, connecting Oakland to a state road trunkline extending from Ocean City to the Garrett county seat. This first hard-surfaced road in the county stretched along the Hoop Pole Ridge from Red House south of Oakland northward through the county seat to the National Road, later US 40. The highway provided relatively easy travel between the most heavily-settled regions of the county while accessing two major east-west routes, the National Road on the north and the Northwestern Turnpike on the south. The northern two segments both relate to the construction of the 1916 Garrett Highway alignment. As first constructed, Garrett Highway exited Oakland to the south via South Third Street before following Monte Vista Road to US 219's current alignment. Thus the former alignment south of Monte Vista Road also probably relates to the 1916 alignment.

To increase highway safety, sections of the Garrett Highway were straightened by the late 1940s. Garrett Highway previously entered Oakland from the north on North Fourth Street. By 1948 Garrett Highway entered Oakland from the north on North Third Street and probably abandoned the North Fourth Street segment. In addition Garrett Highway exiting Oakland was reconfigured eastward along Oak Street to Weber Road. Heading south on Weber Road the alignment crossed the railroad tracks and then followed the third road segment described. The former Garrett Highway segment identified north of Monte Vista Road also relates to these late 1940s improvements. All of the segments documented were abandoned by the mid-1970s.

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## HISTORIC CONTEXT:

### **MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870 - 1930

Historic Period Theme(s): Transportation

Resource Type:

Category: Structure

Historic Environment: Rural

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

Known Design Source: State Roads Commission

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of property less than 1 acre  
Acreage surveyed less than 1 acre  
Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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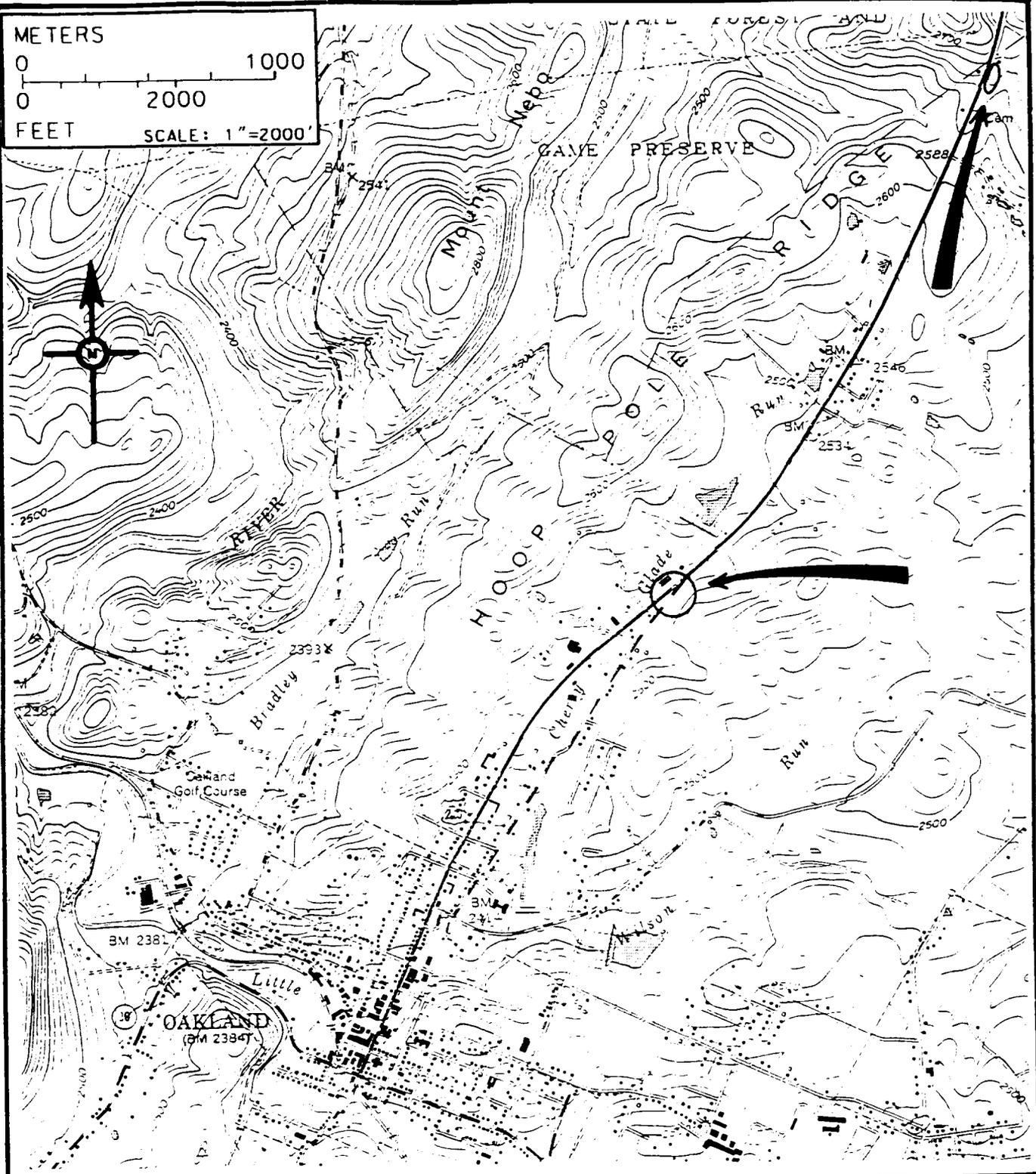
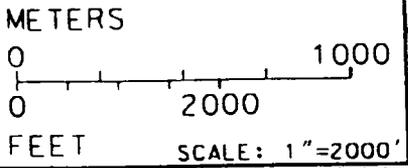
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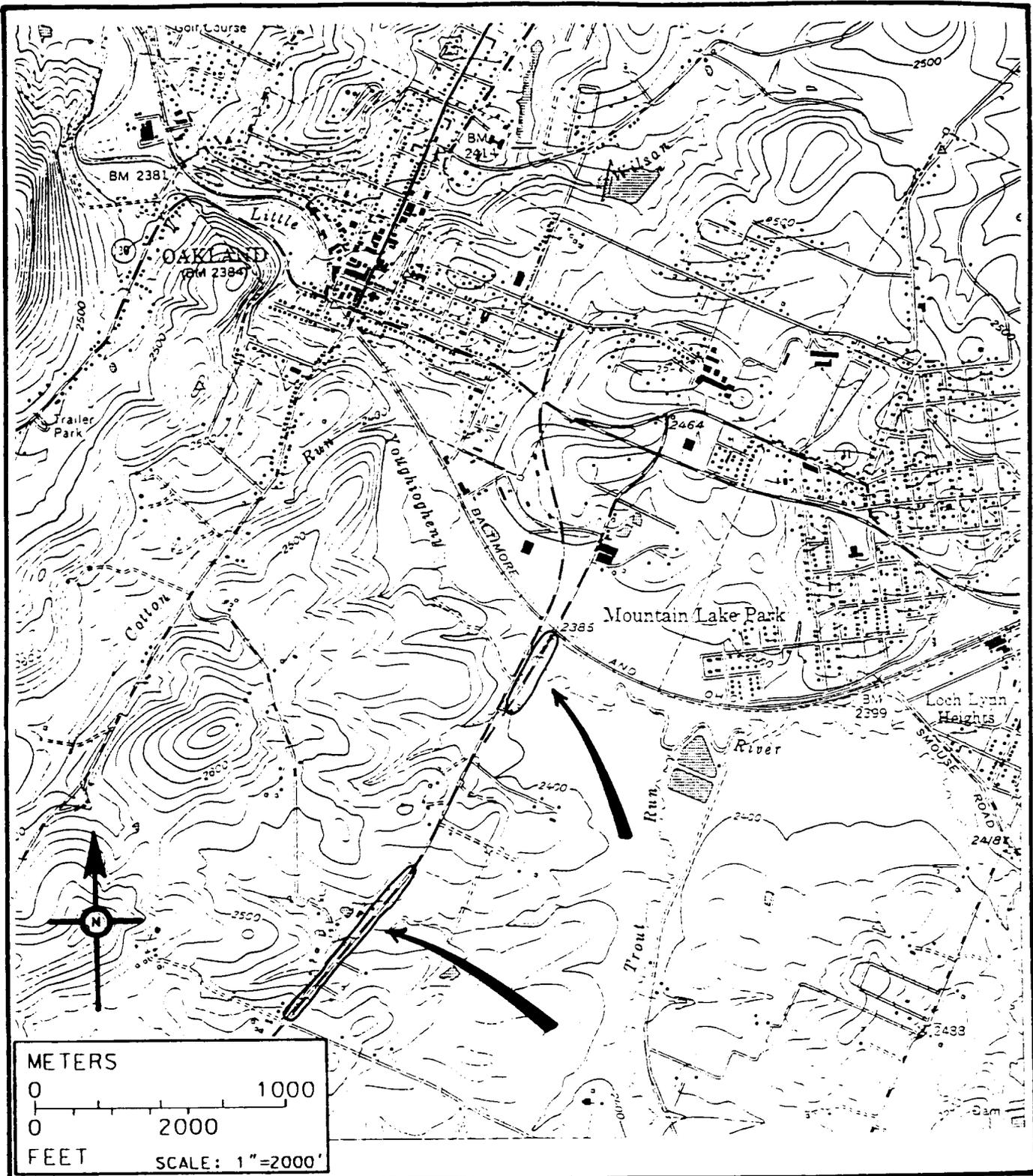
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**Location Map**

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 Old Garrett Highway Alignments  
 Oakland, Garrett County  
 Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)





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