

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

Property/District Name: Helen C. Fitzwater House Survey Number: G-IV-A-275

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 Helen C. Fitzwater House, built circa 1940, relates to the continued twentieth-century development of the Mountain Lake Park area as a year-round residential community. Mountain Lake Park was founded in 1881 as a Christian resort community modeled after the Chautauquas begun in New York state in the late nineteenth century. Situated a short distance east of Oakland and adjacent to the B & O rail line, Mountain Lake Park in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries combined religious, educational, and cultural activities into a wholesome retreat. But unlike Deer Park and Oakland where the B & O had built large lodgings for its wealthy patrons, Mountain Lake Park emphasized modest, privately-owned family units, and thus small, single-family dwellings predominated. During the mid-twentieth century, this resort community's emphasis on such small, single-family houses permitted it to convert easily from a summer resort to a year-round residential neighborhood. In 1941 Mountain Lake Park contained over 500 residents. The Fitzwater house is typical of the area's mid-twentieth-century architecture.

Research has not identified any associations with the lives of persons significant to the Oakland area's past or with events that have contributed significantly to broad patterns of the area's historical development. The architecture does not represent a particularly distinctive type, period, or method of construction, nor does it represent the work of a master, possess high artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction. This resource has not yet yielded and is not likely to yield significant information important in history or prehistory.

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

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

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Conner Albano
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

7/17/98
Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

BK
Reviewer, NR program

Date

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Fitzwater House
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600 Oakland Drive, west of D street
Oakland vicinity
Circa 1940
Private

This is a one-story, three-by-three-bay, gable-roofed, gable-fronted rusticated concrete block dwelling with a hip-roofed front porch and a small shed-roofed rear addition. The foundation and walls of the house are built of rusticated concrete block, and the tops of the gables are clad in aluminum siding. The building is topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof with an interior brick chimney. Windows are a mixture of single and paired three-over-one, double-hung wooden sash with wooden trim and red brick soldier arch lintels and rowlock sills. The door openings contain either paneled wooden half-glass door or solid paneled wooden doors with wooden surrounds, and the formal entrances are topped with brick lintels to match the window openings. A small frame pyramidal-roofed shed also stands on the lot. The house faces northeast and occupies a mostly open, level lot about one mile east of Oakland.

The Helen C. Fitzwater House, built *circa* 1940, relates to the continued twentieth-century development of the Mountain Lake Park area as a year-round residential community. The Fitzwater house is typical of the area's mid-twentieth-century architecture.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Helen C. Fitzwater House

2. Location

street & number 600 Oakland Drive, west of D street ___ not for publication

city, town Oakland _X_ vicinity

county Garrett

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

name Helen C. Fitzwater

street & number P.O. Box 248 telephone (301)334-4523

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 78A-2-76

city, town Oakland liber and folio 657/829

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	
___ district	___ public	___ agriculture			
X building(s)	X private	___ landscape	2	0	buildings
___ structure	___ both	___ commerce/trade	0	0	sites
___ site		___ defense	0	0	structures
___ object		X domestic	0	0	objects
		___ education	2	0	Total
		___ funerary			
		___ government			
		___ health care			
		___ industry			
		___ recreation/ culture			
		___ religion			
		___ social			
		___ transportation			
		___ work in progress			
		___ unknown			
		___ vacant/not in use			
		___ other:			
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory		
			0		

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

This is a one-story, three-by-three-bay, gable-roofed, gable-fronted rusticated concrete block dwelling with a hip-roofed front porch and a small shed-roofed rear addition. The house faces northeast and occupies a mostly open, level lot about one mile east of Oakland.

The foundation and walls of the house are built of rusticated concrete block, and the tops of the gables are clad in aluminum siding. The building is topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof finished with a wooden eave and exposed rafter feet. A single interior brick chimney with a projecting clay flue tile rises from the roof ridge. The house is presently painted gray with white trim and a gray roof.

Windows are a mixture of single and paired three-over-one, double-hung wooden sash finished with flat wooden surrounds and drip caps. Window openings on the masonry portion of the building are further embellished with red brick soldier arch lintels and rowlock sills. Single three-over-one double-hung wash windows finished with wooden surrounds light the peak of each gable. Several fixed-sash metal windows light the callar. Wooden storm windows cover many of the window openings. The front entrance, which occupies the center bay on the front elevation, is fitted with a paneled wooden half-glass door. The rear entrance, which is located on the opposite elevation, contains a similar door. A cellar entrance pierces the southeast side of the porch foundation and is fitted with a paneled wooden door. A former garage entrance, located on the same elevation and leading into the cellar level of the main block, contains a wood and glass door. All door openings are finished with wooden surrounds, and the formal entrances are topped with brick lintels to match the window openings.

An open-sided hip-roofed front porch spans almost the entire front elevation. This porch rests on a rusticated concrete block foundation and includes a wooden deck, square wooden posts, a closed wood-paneled balustrade and rial, and a set of wooden steps flanked by open wooden balustrades and railings. It is covered with an asphalt-shingled roof. A small shed-roofed rear leanto addition is roughly centered on the rear gable. This addition, which spans about half the width of the rear gable, contains a central door and four one-over-one double-hung wooden sash windows. It is supported on concrete piers masked by a wood lattice skirt. The walls are clad in aluminum siding with wooden corner boards, and the addition is topped with an asphalt-shingled roof.

A small frame pyramidal-roofed shed stands in the westernmost corner of the property. This building is clad in mixture of board-and-batten and vertical board siding and topped with an asphalt-shingled roof with exposed rafter feet. The interior is accessed by a wooden board door and lit by a fixed one-light sash window.

An L-shaped asphalt driveway oriented perpendicular to Oakland Drive runs along the southeastern side of the house and leads to the former garage entrance. An L-shaped concrete sidewalk leads from the driveway to the front entrance. A straight concrete sidewalk leads a short distance southwestward, away from the rear entrance. Low foundation shrubs ornament the front and back elevations of the house. An L-shaped windbreak of conifers borders the northernmost corner of the property, and a line of smaller Christmas-tree-sized conifers extends across the back of the lot. The southeastern edge of the property is punctuated by a narrow stream that parallels the driveway; this stream runs through a concrete culvert and between two low embankments. The house is presently occupied and in good condition.

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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<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 type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates Circa 1940 **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).

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

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

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling and outbuilding

Known Design Source: None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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(See Continuation Sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 0.50 acres

Acreage surveyed 0.50 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 76, Map 78A, Grid 2

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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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Crownsville, MD 21032
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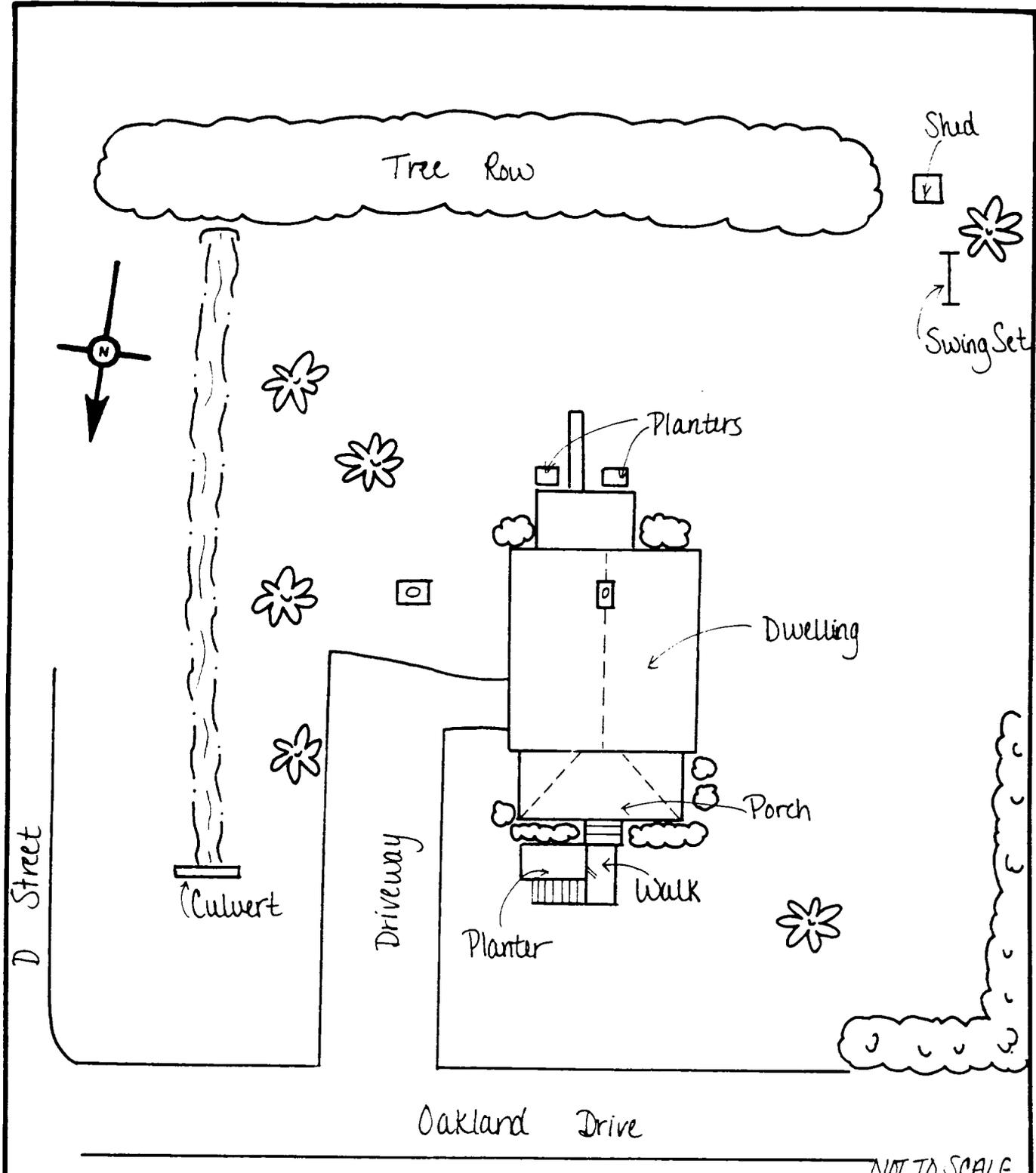
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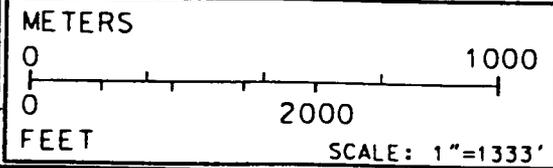
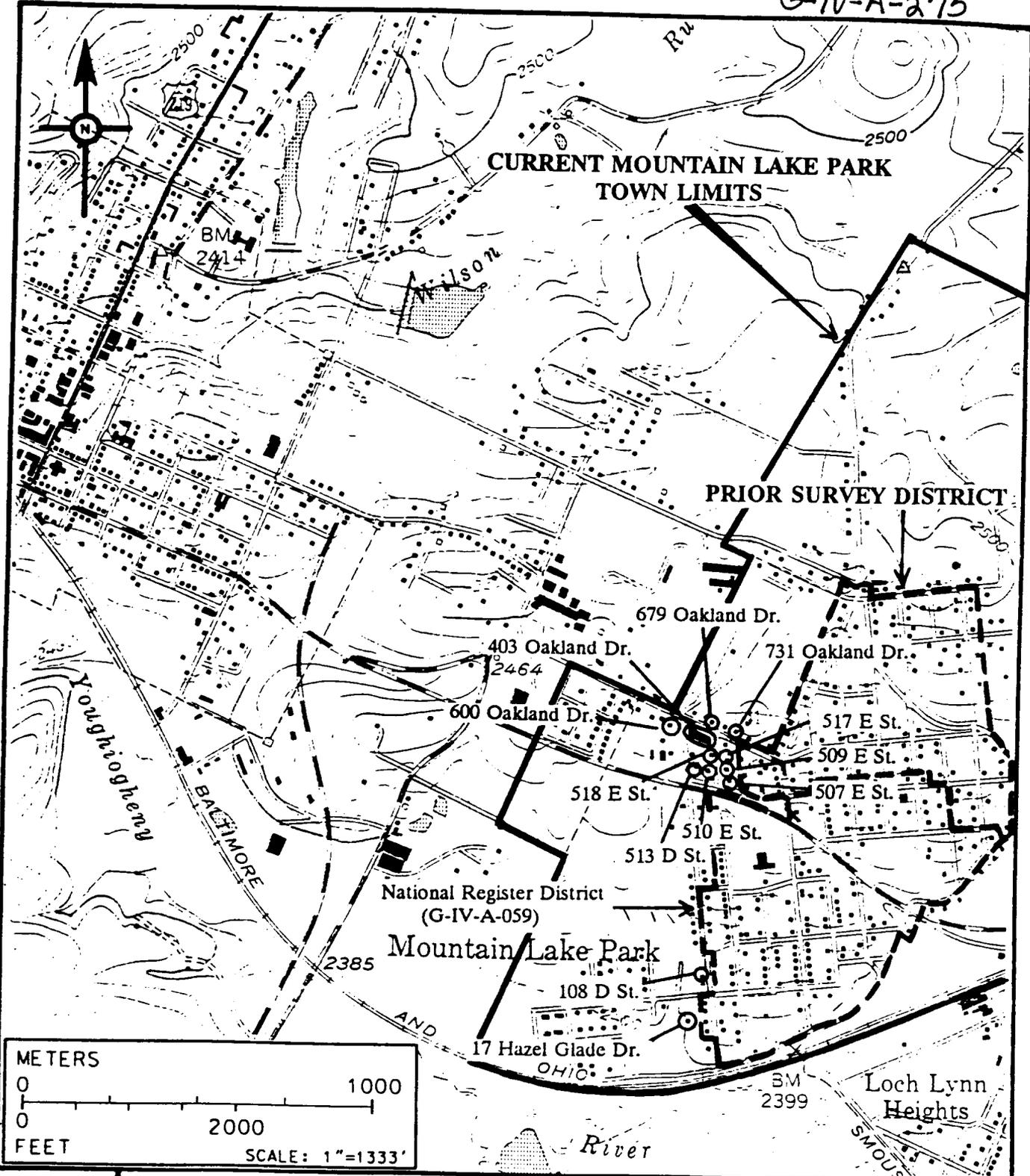
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Resource Sketch Map
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 Helen C. Fitzwater House
 600 Oakland Drive
 Mt. Lake Park, Garrett County



(Addenda to Mt. Lake Park Survey District)
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Enlargement of the Oakland, MD-WVA (USGS 1974) 7.5' Quadrangle map showing the location of historic resources being added to the Mt. Lake Park Survey District previously documented by the MHT.





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