Capsule Summary
SM-740
St. Mary's College Garden of Remembrance
St. Mary's City
Public 1934

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Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-740

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	St. Mary's College Garden of Remembrance
other	

2. Location

street and number	W side of Trinity Church Road, near Kent Hall and Alumnae Lodge	__ not for publication
city, town	St. Mary's City	__ vicinity
county	St. Mary's	

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

name	State of Maryland, St. Mary's College				
street and number				telephone	N/a
city, town	St. Mary's City	state	Md	zip code	20686

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	St. Mary's County Courthouse	tax map and parcel	TM-63, P-3		
city, town	Leonardtown	liber	123	folio	329

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
_____district
__x__building(s)
_____structure
_____site
_____object

Ownership
__x__public
_____private
_____both

Current Function
_____agriculture
_____commerce/trade
_____defense
_____domestic
__x__education
_____funerary
_____government
_____health care
_____industry
__x__landscape
_____recreation/culture
_____religion
_____social
_____transportation
_____work in progress
_____unknown
_____vacant/not in use
_____other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	_____	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
0

7. Description

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Condition

___ excellent ___ deteriorated
x__ 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.

Picturesquely placed on the eastern bank of the St. Mary's River, stands the St. Mary's College Garden of Remembrance. Located on the west side of Trinity Church Road just south of the Alumnae Lodge (SM-738), but west of Kent Hall (SM-739), the garden is positioned on a plateau that descends steeply into the St. Mary's River to the west.

Created in 1934, this colonial revival garden is primarily focused upon the river views that virtually surround it. The primary visual axis of the garden lies just southwest of Kent Hall and looks westward towards the river. From this perspective, the garden follows an axial plan that consists of four essential parts; an entrance patio, a long grass panel, a circular fountain and pool, and lastly a walkway shaded by a brick, column-lined pergola.

The entrance patio is paved with bricks laid in a basketweave pattern and features a semicircular planting bed adorned with an ornamental planter. The garden then moves westward, between a pair of brick posts and onto a grassy panel. The panel is lined with a number of mature boxwoods, holly trees, crape myrtles, azaleas, and other assorted trees and shrubs. A number of benches, facing north and south, oppose one another as the panel proceeds west. The panel then leads to a circular fountain that lies against the backdrop of the expansive St. Mary's River. The aforementioned pergola represents the physical and visual terminus of the garden. It is constructed of a number of plain brick columns that support a wooden latticework that is seasonally engulfed by vines.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
__ 1600-1699	__ agriculture	__ economics	__ health/medicine	__ performing arts
__ 1700-1799	__ archeology	x education	__ industry	__ philosophy
1800-1899	__ architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	__ politics/government
x 1900-1999	__ art	__ entertainment/ recreation	x landscape architecture	__ religion
__ 2000-	__ commerce	__ ethnic heritage	__ law	__ science
	__ communications	__ exploration/ settlement	__ literature	__ social history
	__ community planning		__ maritime history	__ transportation
	__ conservation		__ military	__ other:

Specific dates June 10, 1934, dedicated **Architect/Builder**

Construction dates 1934

Evaluation for:

_____ National Register _____Maryland Register ____x____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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland: 1634-1990. Ridge, Md: Self-published, 1994.

Fausz, J. Frederick. Monument School of the People. St. Mary's City: St. Mary's College, 1990.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	1 acre around garden		
Acreage of historical setting	1 acre around garden		
Quadrangle name	St. Mary's City	Quadrangle scale:	1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The garden is encompassed by a larger property that is part of St. Mary's College on the eastern shore of the St. Mary's River. A more specific description of the property's boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 123, Folio 329.

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.

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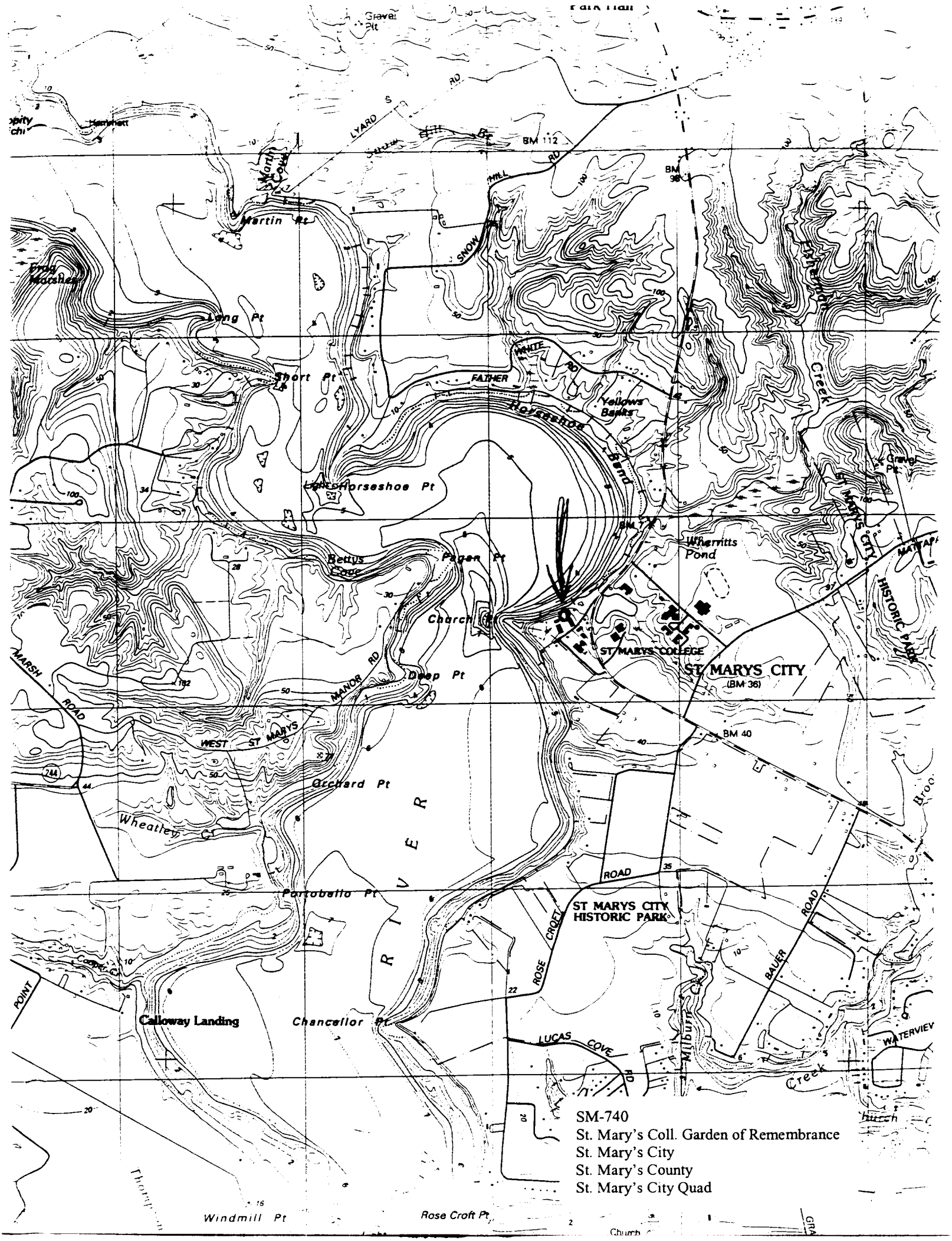

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St. Mary's Coll. Garden of Remembrance
St. Mary's City
St. Mary's County
St. Mary's City Quad

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St. Mary's County, MD
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