Capsule Summary

Survey No.: BA-2875

Name/Address: Abandoned Road Culvert, north of Padonia Road

Construction Date: early twentieth century

Town/Vicinity: south of Texas

County: Baltimore County

Access: Private

Summary Description:

This small abandoned road culvert is located about 15-20 feet west of the light rail tracks north of Padonia Road and spans a now-channelized creek. The culvert consists of two abutments of approximately 5-6 feet in height laid in a random limestone rubble. The rough, small, squarish stones support a concrete deck and wood parapet. The road would have led to houses north of the culvert, which have now been demolished, and to the former Padonia Station of the Northern Central/ Pennsylvania Railroad prior to the culvert's abandonment in the mid-twentieth century. The modest culvert is not distinctive architecturally nor exemplary of an engineering technique. The bank of the creek is retained by stone bedded in concrete. The creek itself has been channelized with concrete.

Statement of Significance:

This abandoned road culvert is a typical modest example of a stone, concrete and timber structure built to span a small watercourse. The culvert was probably built in the early twentieth century and modified with concrete later in the century. The structure is not significant as an example of engineering, nor does it appear the have played an important role in the history of the Padonia or Texas communities, nor is it known to be associated with people significant to local, state, or national history; therefore, the abandoned culvert does not apper to meet the National Register criteria.

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Abandoned Road Culvert

2. Location

street & number north of Padonia Road, east of Beaver Dam Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Padonia/Texas ☐ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Baltimore

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
☐ district	☐ public	☐ occupied	☐ agriculture	☐ museum
☐ building(s)	☒ private	☐ unoccupied	☐ commercial	☐ park
☒ structure	☐ both	☐ work in progress	☐ educational	☐ private residence
☐ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	☐ entertainment	☐ religious
☐ object	☐ in process	☐ yes: restricted	☐ government	☐ scientific
	☐ being considered	☒ yes: unrestricted	☐ industrial	☐ transportation
	☒ not applicable	☐ no	☐ military	☒ other: none

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

name unknown

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. not located liber

street & number folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Cultural Resources Investigations for Proposed Construction of Double Track, North Half, Central Light Rail, Baltimore & Baltimore Co., MD

date 1999

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

city, town Crownsville state MD

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered	☒ original site	
☐ good	☒ ruins	☒ altered	☐ moved	date of move
☐ fair	☐ unexposed			

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

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance-	Check and justify below	
☐ prehistoric	☐ archeology-prehistoric	☐ community planning	☐ landscape architecture
☐ 1400-1499	☐ archeology-historic	☐ conservation	☐ law
☐ 1500-1599	☐ agriculture	☐ economics	☐ literature
☐ 1600-1999	☐ architecture	☐ education	☐ military
☐ 1700-1799	☐ art	☒ engineering	☐ music
☐ 1800-1899	☐ commerce	☐ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy
☒ 1900-	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government
		☐ invention	

Specific dates: post 1900 **Builder/Architect:** unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D ☐E ☐F ☐G

Level of Significance: ☐national ☐state ☐local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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History

The Texas and Padonia areas were once thriving communities with a quarry-based economy. The Northern Central Railroad bisected the area and provided a reliable means of shipment of goods and passenger transportation in and out of the county. Stations were located at Padonia and Texas, and railroad spurs served the quarries. Today the area is characterized by unbridled commercial development, and the residential communities that grew up around the quarries have virtually disappeared. The abandoned road alignment is evidence of the changes in the county, the reconfiguration of traffic patterns by abandonment of smaller local roads in favor of major thoroughfares. Multilane York and Padonia Roads and the newly opened Beaver Dam Road are the focal points of development. Large parcels are being developed into office and industrial parks and large commercial franchises with vast parking lots. The land around the former road is currently under development. The area south of the road, where the Padonia Station once stood, is not yet being developed but is adjacent to actively developing parcels.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Comments:_____

_____ _____

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

_____ _____

Reviewer, NR Program Date

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Kerri Culhane, Rachel Mancini, and Donna J. Seifert
1999 Cultural Resources Investigations for Proposed Construction of Double Track for the North Half of Central Light Rail, City of Baltimore and Baltimore Co., MD. John Milner Associates, Alexandria, Virginia.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property: less than one acre
Quadrangle name Cockeysville 7.5' **Quadrangle scale** 1:24,000
UTM Reference do NOT complete UTM references

zone **easting** **northing**

Verbal boundary description and justification
The boundaries are limited to the structural remains of the culvert.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kerri Culhane/Project Architectural Historian

organization John Milner Associates, Inc. **date** 10/1999

street & number 5250 Cherokee Avenue, Suite 410 **telephone** 703/354-9737

city or town Alexandria **state** Virginia

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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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DHCP/DHCD
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032

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STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS

I. Geographic Region:

- ☐ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- ☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- ☒ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- ☐ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- ☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- ☐ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- ☐ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- ☐ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- ☐ Unknown Period (☐prehistoric; ☐historic)

III. Historic Period Themes:

- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- ☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- ☐ Government/Law
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Religion
- ☐ Social/Educational/Cultural
- ☒ Transportation

IV. Resource Type:

Category: Structure

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): TRANSPORTATION: road-related; culvert

Known Design Source: none

OLD PADONIA ROAD
N/E 698
N/E 697
N/E 696
N/E 695
N/E 694
N/E 693
N/E 692
N/E 691
N/E 690
N/E 689
N/E 688
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scale: vertical 1"=50'
horizontal 1"=10'

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Portion of the USGS Cockeysville, MD 7.5' Quadrangle (1986) showing the location of BA-2875, Padonia Rd Culvert, North of Padonia Road viaduct, Texas, MD.
Cockeysville
Broadmoor
Beaverdam Pond
Warren Road
BA-28740
BA-1829
BA-1832
Project Area
BA-1791
BA-2875
BA-2874N
BA-2874M
Area of Potential Effect
BA-2211
Microwave Tower
Substation
INTERCHANGE
PADONIA
Mays Chapel
Five Farms Golf Course
Golf Course
TIMONIUM
PADONIA PARK
Country Club
State Fairgrounds
Resource previously listed on National Register
Resource determined potentially eligible for National Register
Resource previously surveyed
Resource surveyed by JMA
0
2000ft
0
.5km
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Quadrangle Location

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ABANDONED ROAD CULVERT NORTH OF PADONIA ROAD

BALTIMORE CO., MD

K. CULHANE

8/1999

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VIEW TO WEST

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